

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wicker S11853

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State of Alabama Barbour County: Circuit Court Fall Term 1837

In open court, before the Honorable Anderson Crenshaw presiding judge of said court on the 28th day of September 1837 being the third day of the term aforesaid personally appeared William Wicker now and for ten years last past a resident citizen of said County in said State aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn in open court doth on his oath make the following declaration (in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832). That he was born 22nd of December 1760 in the State of Virginia, County not recollected -- has no record of his age -- he removed with his father to Anson County North Carolina at the age of five or six years where he remained ten or twelve years & thence removed with his father to Chesterfield South Carolina at the age of about fifteen: there he resided when he entered the service as hereinafter stated.

In January 1777 this declarant being in his seventeenth year was drafted in the revolutionary war as a private soldier together with his father Robert Wicker, Richard Dees and Samuel Gaskins neighbors under Captain John Blakeney a militia officer then a citizen of Chesterfield South Carolina. This declarant after a march with said command southward over two hundred miles requiring a considerable time said near one month was stationed at Haddrell's Point near Charleston South Carolina where he remained in camp about one month, and was then discharged by his said officer. He does not recollect whether said discharge was in writing & if so the same has been lost by time & chance -- at least two months were spent in this service. Some regular officers were at same time stationed at Haddrell's Point but this declarant does not recollect whether said Captain Blakeney's command was connected with them or under any higher officer.

During the summer of 1778 this declarant volunteered under Captain Theodorick Webb a militia officer of Anson County North Carolina for the purpose of suppressing the Tories on the line between North & South Carolina; during that summer this declarant was out under said Webb in frequent excursions from one to three weeks at a time, at least three months altogether was spent in this last service: This declarant was in no regular battle during this time but

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frequently they chased & dispersed the Tories & once this declarant remembers taking two prisoners.

On the 1st June 1781 this declarant volunteered under Captain Claudius Piggus<sup>2</sup> who was then under General Marion & with his Army Captain Piggue was then and Colonel Richard Richardson's brigade -- Marion was then stationed at Ford's ferry on Santee River, at which place we chiefly kept our head quarters till we marched to Thompson's Mills on the Congaree [River]; the evening following we left for the Eutaw Springs with intention to attack the English forces; on our way we joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]; early the next morning (8th September 1781) we arrived at the Springs & engaged the enemy -- the battle lasted two hours & four minutes -- This declarant was in that engagement from beginning to end & fought with his fellow soldiers but received no wounds. Captain Piggue was wounded in the leg, our Lieutenant Solomon Holmes was killed Colonel Richards horse shot under him, also Colonel Washington's horse was killed & himself taken prisoner by the Irish volunteers -- These same were after taken by our forces near the brick house. The English kept the ground but retreated towards Charleston next day -- of our men 252 killed & wounded -- of the British near 1000 in all killed & taken prisoner. This declarant received no regular discharge in writing but was sent home with his brother-in-law Thomas English who was wounded in the battle. Some length of time was spent in going home with the wounded; so this declarant spent in that last mentioned service at the least three and one half months.

This declarant knows of no persons now living who can testify to the services before mentioned or any of them. Declarant remained in Chesterfield three to six years after the peace. Then settled in Columbus County Georgia one year & then removed to Washington County Georgia, where he lived seventeen years thence he removed to Wilkinson County Georgia whence he removed to Barbour County Alabama some ten or twelve years ago where he now lives -- That he is now seventy-seven years of age -- he never as he knows of received any written discharge from the Army but knows he could have received an honorable discharge that he applied for one. He is known to Joel Sims a clergyman and William Beauchamp & Robert Gibbens all of whom are his neighbors who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution: The said William Wicker also hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court

S/ D. McDonald, Clk

S/ William Wicker

[Joel Sims, a clergyman, William Beauchamp and Robert Gibbens gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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(answers) when the said applicant William Wicker made & subscribed the following answers, to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> he was born 22nd of December 1760 in the State of Virginia -- County not recollected

2nd he has no record of his age.

3rd when called into service declarant was living in Chesterfield district South Carolina -- 3 to 6 years after the peace declarant removed to Columbus County Georgia & lived there one year then removed to Washington County Georgia, and lived there 17 years thence removed to

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<sup>2</sup> This man's name is variously spelled in the documents in which reference is made to him. The spelling of his last name varies from Peggus, Pegues, Peggue

Wilkinson County Georgia, then removed to said Barbour County Alabama 10 or 12 years ago where he has resided ever since

4th first service was drafted & 2 last times volunteered.

5th was under militia officers Captain John Blakeney, 2nd Captain Theodorick Webb, 3rd was under Captain Claudius Piggue under Colonel Richard Richardson & General Marion.

6 received no discharge in writing

7th known to Joel Sims the nearest clergyman & William Beauchamp & Robert Gibbens neighbors who certify.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service in the South Carolina militia as a private.]