

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Pierce S14168

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

County Court November Term 1832

On this 13 day of November 1832 Personally appeared in Open Court before the worshipful Justices of the County Court of Cumberland County State of Kentucky now sitting Francis Pierce a resident of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky age 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the early part of the year 1779 he thinks in the month of January or February as an enlisted soldier in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia he cannot positively state whether it was on Continental or state line he enlisted under Captain Garland Burley, Thomas Porter Lieutenant, John Taylor Ensign he was marched from the Albemarle Barracks where he enlisted, to Augusta County State of Virginia having been attached to Colonel Frances Taylor's Regiment previous to his starting from the Albemarle Barracks, having guarded a number of British prisoners from Albemarle to Augusta where he remained for some time, the precise time he cannot state, was marched back from Augusta to Albemarle Barracks with said prisoners having remained there some time and it being reported that the British Army was approaching he was marched on again guarding said prisoners to Winchester State of Virginia where he remained for a considerable time and until he was Honorably discharged by his Captain all this time he was attached to no other regiments except Colonel Taylor's, he states positively in the aforesaid tour he was in actual service more than two years, he further states that he has lost his discharge but How, When or Where he Cannot state, he has no documentary Evidence of his services nor does he know of any person whose Testimony he can procure to establish the same he has no register of his age, but he believes from the information of his parents that he was born in the month of August 1760 as that is the first and only date of which his parents ever mentioned. ~~He was Born~~ Born in Caroline County State of Virginia on the before mentioned date, and at about the age of 10 years was by his parents moved to Orange County Virginia where he resided when he enlisted having gone to Albemarle Barracks for that purpose. After the close of the war he married and in about one year moved to the State of North Carolina Wilkes County where he remained until about 1801 when he moved to and settled in Cumberland County Kentucky where he has ever since resided. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Francis Pierce, X his mark

[Champ Ferguson & Strother Long gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]