

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pemberton Sr. S16223

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State of Kentucky Lincoln County Court to wit

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Lincoln County now sitting John Pemberton a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-two 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 June 7th 1832.

That he served as a soldier in the Virginia militia fourteen months during the revolutionary War – that is two months in the year 1779, six months in the year 1780, and six months in the year 1781 as follows. He was called out and served a two months tower [tour] of duty (from the County of Albemarle where he resided in the fall of the year 1779) under Captain Mars Leck or Leah [probably Mark Leak or Leake], Ensign George Merritt [?] – The name of the Lieutenant not recollected. He was marched down to cabbin point [Cabin Point] on James River below Petersburg, where he remained with the company, as a guard the greater part of the two months. Colonel Stubblefield commanded the place where he was stationed. They had no fighting with the enemy during this tower.

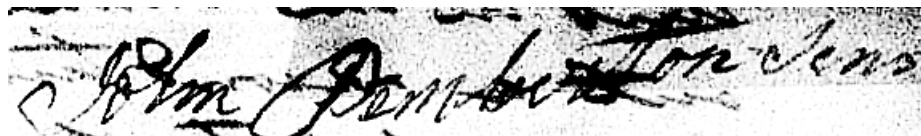
In the spring of the year 1780, he was called out and served a tower of duty of two months under Captain Bennett Henderson & Lieutenant James Garland from the same County (Albemarle). He was marched down below Richmond and maneuvered about a good deal under Baron Steuben as Commanding General. He thinks the name of the Colonel of his Regiment was Feebaker [Christian Febiger] – They had no fighting and he does not recollect any circumstance of public note which occurred in the detachment. After returning home and staying about a week, he was again called out and served another tower of two months under Captain John Wharton. This tower was also taken up in marching about through the lower parts of Virginia. He does not recollect either the General or Colonel who commanded during this tower. When this tower expired he returned home to Albemarle and was in about two weeks called out on another tower (the 3rd of this year) under Captain John Henderson. This tower was about the last in marching about through the lower parts of Virginia. They had no fighting and he does not recollect remaining any length of time stationed – He states General Lawson [Robert Lawson] was the commander.

In the spring of the year 1781 he was called out and served a tower of duty of two months under Captain Francis Walker and in the same year he was called out a 2nd time and served another tower of duty of two months under Captain James Woods. During both these towers he was in the Army commanded by the Marquis Lafayette.

He was called out the 3rd time in this year and served a two months tower of duty under Captain Benjamin Harris and was marched to Yorktown where he joined the Army under General

Washington and served during the siege of that place and was present at the surrender of General Corn Wallace [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] – and after the surrender of Cornwallis he assisted in guarding the prisoners by Noland's ferry on the Potomac [River]. He has no discharge having been generally relieved by other companies of militia taking place of the one to which he was attached. He does not know of any person in the County or within a convenient distance who has a personal knowledge of his service except Joshua Fry who acted as Lieutenant in his company at the Siege of York.

S/ John Pemberton Senr.

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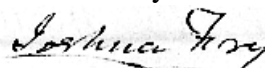
[f p. 36: Walter Anderson, a clergyman, and Robert Elder gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Mercer County Sct.

On this 6th day of October 1832 personally appeared before me David G. Cowan Justice of the peace and a Justice of the County Court of Mercer County above named Joshua Fry Esquire of Garrard County in said State aged seventy-two years who being duly sworn saith – that sometime in the month of September 1781, early in the month as well as I now recollect John Pemberton of Lincoln County Kentucky now here present was called into service as a private in the Company of Militia commanded by Benjamin Harris Captain in Colonel Holt Richardson's Regiment of General __ Lawson's Brigade of Virginia Militia, Albemarle County Virginia. – I served as a Lieutenant in the same Company. We marched from Albemarle to Williamsburg where we joined the Army and thence to York Town. After the surrender of York Town we marched with prisoners to Noland's Ferry on the Potomac on the way to Frederick Town Maryland. At the River the Maryland Militia received the prisoners from us, and we were discharged on the 4th of November 1781 from service at said Ferry near Leesburg, about one hundred fifty miles from our residence in Albemarle. The time said Pemberton was absent from home was two months. I was detained a few days longer – and further saith not.

S/ Joshua Fry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joshua Fry", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[f p. 30: On April 13, 1839 in Decatur County Indiana, the veteran applied for transfer of his pension benefit from the Kentucky agency to the Indiana agency. In this document he refers to himself as being in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Harris in a Regiment commanded by Holt Richardson. He states that his reason for moving to Indiana was to be with his son Thomas Pemberton. The identity of the veteran was certified to by Thomas C. Pemberton.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas C. Pemberton", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service for 14 months as a private in the Virginia service.]