

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Purcell S16230

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State of Indiana County of Knox: SS

On this 8th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Amory Kinny, President Judge of the Circuit Court of said County, now sitting, Edward Purcell, an inhabitant of Green County, Indiana, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he was born in Hampshire County, State of Virginia in the month of March, in the year 1859, according to a family calendar: That in the year 1774, or 1775, he served as a Militia man in said County & State 2 tours of militia duty, under Captain James Parsons, against hostile Indians on the Ohio [River] near Wheeling, and was absent from home in said campaigns over seven months: that in the year 1781, he was drafted in a company commanded by Captain Neill, under Major Williams; that they marched across the mountains to the main South branch of the Potomac [River] and drove the Tories, destroyed their property, returned and was discharged; that in the said year, he was again drafted for six months, to serve under the same Captain Neill, with whom he marched to the Siege of Little York, and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]; that he then marched to guard the prisoners that he obtained a written discharge, which however, he has long since lost; that he removed from said County of Hampshire, in Virginia, to the North Western Territory, in the year 1797, and now resides in Green County Indiana; that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person but William Purcell, whose testimony he can procure with a personal knowledge of the services related. 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.

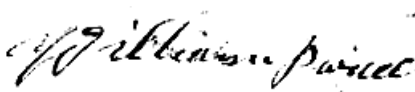
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court

S/ A. Kinny

S/ Edward Purcell, X his mark

On the day and year aforesaid personally appeared in open Court William Purcell,¹ who on his oath declares that Edward Purcell the above named applicant for a pension is known to him from his youth; that said Edward is known in the family to have been at the time he has stated, and he knows that said Edward performed 2 tours of militia duty before peace was proclaimed in the struggles for Independent; that he, this deponent, was in service, in a different Company from Hampshire County, at the same time, and he firmly believes the said Edward rendered the services he has related.

S/ William Purcell



¹ FPA 16229

[Thomas McClure & Samuel Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 8: Power of attorney dated July 12, 1851 signed by Jesse Purcell in which he states he is one of the heirs at law of Edward Purcell late of Sullivan County Indiana deceased who was a revolutionary war pensioner. His relationship to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia militia.]