

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pell S16503

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State of Indiana Harrison County: Sct.

On this 9th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Circuit Court for the County of Harrison and State of Indiana, it being a court of record, and now sitting, William Pell, a resident of Boone township in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-three 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, the said Pell, entered into the service of the United States in the Army of the American Revolution as a private soldier, on the first day of July 1778, at the County of Hampshire State of Virginia, and served a tour of six months as a substitute for one Jacob Doll ending on the first of January 1779 in a company commanded by Captain Abraham Johnson belonging to the 13th Virginia Regiment which Regiment was at that time commanded by Majors Vanmeter [probably Jacob Vanmetre] and Scott. This applicant further states, that his company with the other companies composing the aforesaid Regiment marched under command of the above named field officers until after they had arrived at the West side of the Allegheny Mountains where this applicant was placed in a company commanded by Captain Robert Cunningham. Here, this applicant states, the Regiment to which he belonged namely: the 13th Virginia Regiment, joined the Monongahela Militia under command of Colonels Crawford and Stinson. We then continued our march together until we joined the regulars under General McIntosh and Colonels Broadhead, Gibson and McIntosh (son of the General) on the bank of the Ohio River one mile below the mouth of big Beaver where we built Fort McIntosh in the month of October 1778. We then left the Fort and went in pursuit of the Indians residing between the Ohio River and the lakes with the intention of burning and destroying their towns, and after crossing the Tuscarowas River [Tuscarora River], in a large prairie we met the Indians who were coming to meet us with a flag of truce; we effected a treaty with them and passed on to the Muskingum [River], and a few miles down it we halted and built Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] in the latter part of November 1778. After building Fort Lawrence we directed our march back to Fort McIntosh and on our way lost many of our men who perished with hunger, fatigue and cold. This applicant states that he, with the troops reached Fort McIntosh in the last of December between Christmas and new year where he received his discharge by Captain Robert Cunningham and went home to Hampshire County Virginia where he then resided.

About the first of June 1781 at the County of Hampshire State of Virginia this applicant states that he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Neill and served a six months tour commencing as aforesaid and ending the first of December 1781. His field officers during this term of service were Colonel Edwards and Major McGuire. During the former part of this tour of service he, the said

William Pell with the company and Regiment to which he belonged was employed in watching the motions of, and opposing Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] who was then committing depredations in different parts of Virginia, and laying waste the country. About the middle of October he states that they began to direct their March towards General Washington's headquarters then at Little York, and on their way thither passed through Winchester, Falmouth, Fredericksburg and Williamsburg, but before they reached Little York they met General Washington's main Army returning from the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and was ordered back over nearly the same route as a guard over several thousand of Cornwallis' prisoners who were sent to different posts for safekeeping, and that he assisted in guarding some of said prisoners to Winchester Barracks in Frederick County Virginia where he remained until he received his discharge, at the time above mentioned, signed by Captain Neill and returned home to Hampshire County Virginia. This applicant states that he was born in Kent County in the state of Maryland, on the 1st day of January 1760 as he has been informed by his parents but he has no record of his age; during the revolutionary war he resided in Hampshire County in the state of Virginia & until the year 1790 when he removed to Kentucky and resided until about the year 1819 when he removed to the state of Indiana in which state he resided until the year 1831 when he again moved to the State of Kentucky and resided there until the 3rd day of March 1833 when he removed back to Harrison County State of Indiana where he now resides. He states also that he received written discharges from the respective captains under whom he served as above stated, but that they are now lost or destroyed, and that he has no documentary evidence of any part of his services, nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove the same. He states here to the court the names of John Madden _____ gentlemen of his vicinity by whom he is known and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

S/ William Pell, X his mark

[Jonathan Paddocks, a clergyman, and John Madden gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: The veteran died January 17, 1839, survived by a widow whose name is not stated in the file. The file does not contain any family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the Virginia service.]