

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Peters S16506

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Georgia Oglethorpe County } In the Superior Court September Term 1818

Jesse Peters came personally into open court & made oath that on the eighth day of October 1776 this deponent was recruited in the County of Wilkes by Captain John Dooly who was recruiting for the Continental line, & after his enlistment was attached to the company of Captain Burwell Smith of the 3rd Regiment of the Georgia Regular Troops, this deponent does not at present recollect the name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment. That he enlisted for the term of eighteen months & faithfully served the same, as will appear by his discharge hereto annexed. And this deponent further saith that he is now old & infirm & from his reduced circumstances, requires the aid of his country for his support.

Sworn to in open Court this 17th of September 1818

S/ Isaac Collier, clerk

S/ Jesse Peters, P his mark

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State of Georgia County of Carroll } SS

On this second day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary for said County Jesse Peters a resident of said County & State aged eighty-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration or statement in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with John Dooly a recruiting officer and served in the 3rd Regiment of the Georgia line under the following named officers Colonel Scrivin [sic, James Screven] Colonel White & Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne], Captain Burrell Smith Captain Oddleson [perhaps, Lt. Benjamin Odingsell] & Captain Nash [perhaps Clement Nash]; and continued to serve 2 years and 11 months as a private and was discharged by General Locklin McIntosh [sic, Lachlan McIntosh] at Augusta in 1779, he resided in Wilkes County in Georgia when he enlisted, he marched through the Country from Wilkes County to Savannah thence to Tiby Island [sic, Tybee Island] thence on an expedition on board the Congress Rogally [sic, *Congress*, a row galley] -- under Captain Unogate [John Newdigate] to the mouth of the St. Mary's River thence back to Savannah thence to Sunbury thence to Midway Meeting house thence to Purrysburg South Carolina thence to Augusta Georgia and joined General Ash [sic, John Ashe] and was at Ashe's defeat at the mouth of Briar Creek -- he made his escape & joined General Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] at

Black Swamp, thence to Augusta -- he was then marched through South Carolina in pursuit of the British Army to Stono ferry and was in the a battle at that place [June 20, 1779] after which he marched back to Augusta & was discharged as above stated. That he has been previously on the pension roll under the act of 1818 and has been struck from the same. That he resided in Oglethorpe County in this State when his first application was made & resides in this County now. That he sent his discharge to the department at the time he first applied & supposes it on file there. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State --

He answers to the interrogatories ¹as follows one. In Craven County North Carolina in the year 1753; 2nd he has record of age but lost it in revolution; 3rd in Wilkes County (or the territory now forming it) in this State, has lived since in Wilkes, Oglethorpe & Walton and now in Carroll County all in Georgia sd: 4th he enlisted in the service voluntary; 5th General Lincoln Colonel Malmedy and Captain Perry recollects no more but what is stated in the body of Declaration; 6th he received a discharge from General McIntosh which he sent to the war department by Mr. Cobb of the House of representatives from this State in his former application & has never seen it since; 7th William S. Parr & Joseph Little -- no clergyman in his power to procure.

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

S/ Jesse Peters, P his mark

[William S. Parr & Joseph Little gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Jesse Peters do swear on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that I was enlisted by Captain John Douley [John Dooly] the 8th of October 1776 for the term of Eighteen months and no longer and I do further swear that I have not been Enlisted by him nor any other person since. Sworn the 14th of August 1779 before me

S/ John Wreat

S/ Jesse Peters, P his mark

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The Bearer Jesse Peters a Soldier of the Third Georgia Regiment is hereby Discharged from the Service he having served faithfully during the time of his Enlistment for which he is entitled to every advantage & Emolument promised in such law [?] by his Country -- and to prevent every Imposition here follows the Description of the said Jesse Peters aged 27 years about 5'9" high, florid Complexion red hair, blue Eyes, born in Craven County State of North

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Carolina & a Carpenter by Trade.

Given under my hand at a duster the 19th day of August 1779

S/ Lachn McIntosh, Br. Genl.

Issue Warrant for 230 Acres on the
above in Jackson County

[illegible signature—not the same as above]

The Name of the Person as soldier in the third Georgia Regiment in the War of Independence. He having served faithfully during the time of his Enlistment by which he is entitled to every advantage & Pardonment promised in such Laws by his Countrymen and to prevent every Controversy here follows the Description of the said Person aged twenty seven Years about three feet nine inches high. Hair blackish or hair black Eyes brown in Craven County State of N. Carolina, a Carpenter by Trade.

Given under my hand at Augusta
the 19th Day of August 1779.
Lachn. McIntosh, Br. Genl.

Issue Warrant for 230 Acres on the
above in Jackson County

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Georgia service.]