

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Petry (Petrey) S17010

f24VA

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Virginia Fayette County to wit

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Fayette County now sitting Martin Petry a resident of said County and State of Virginia aged seventy-seven [? last digit unclear] years and 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1833.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, that he was drafted & called out under the command of Captain James Head in Orange County & State of Virginia in which County he then resided for the term of two months, he was marched to Faquire [Fauquier] County & aided in Guarding Burgoyne & the prisoners taken with him to Albemarle Barracks & guarding them after they were delivered over to Colonel \_\_ Taylor [Francis Taylor]. After the expiration of said two months service he was discharged & returned home to his father's house in Orange County & State of Virginia which he thinks was in the year of 1777 – he remained there till sometime in the year 1778 from there he went to Rockingham County State of Virginia & sometime in that year he entered the Service under the Command of Captain William Nalle for the term of three months & was marched to a place called Andrew Warwick's Fort which was in daily expectation of an attack by the Indians he was stationed at the Fort during this term of Service guarding it against the depredations of the Indians he was then marched back to Augusta County and discharged at Colonel Smith's during this term of service he fought no battles, he then returned back to Rockingham County where he resided & remained there a short time during which time he was again drafted and called out under the command of Captain Robert Cravens [Robert Craven] for the Term of three months this he thinks was in the year 1779 and marched to a place called Tejarts Vally [Tygart's Valley] against the Indians & to Guard John Warwick's Fort on arriving at the Fort the command of the Fort was assigned to Captain Cravens that he was stationed there during this three months service which is proven by the affidavit of ~~John Rains~~ Christian Peters<sup>1</sup> & hereto annexed he was discharged at the expiration of said three months but was then and there pressed and detained for the term of one month more and put under the command of Lieutenant Joseph Hinkle as a spy to traverse the Country from Tegarts Vally to the Monongahela River a Country entirely uninhabited by the whites, after the expiration of this month's Service he was marched back to Augusta County and discharged at Colonel Smith's he then returned to Rockingham County where he had formerly resided and remained there till sometime in the year 1781 & was then drafted under the command of Captain Jeremiah Buisely [probably Capt. Jeremiah Beasley] for

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<sup>1</sup> [Christian Peters S5898](#) [I didn't find an affidavit by this veteran in this file].

the term of two months which time of service he was principally engaged in assisting in collecting Beef Cattle for the support of the Army which term of service is proven by the affidavit of John Rains & hereto annexed after serving out the two months he was dismissed from there he went to Albemarle County where he was again drafted under the command of Captain John Miller for the term of one month & marched to Richmond Virginia there attached to General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army but was in no memorable Battle during his month's service. At the Expiration of this month's Service he was discharged & returned home to his father's house in Orange County & State of Virginia where he had left his wife & in the same year was drafted under the command of Captain George Waugh for two months he was marched to Williamsburg and there joined General Mathews' Regiment from there he was marched to a place called the Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hill's] from there to a place called the Hickory Neck Church a part of this two months he was attached to a scouting party under the command of Colonel Caul [?] to record nor the Country between Birant forts [Bryant's fort?] & the British he again joined his own Company and was marched to Yorktown and was stationed on the opposite side of the River when Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781] after which time he was discharged & returned home to Orange County Virginia. He was in the service of the United States one year & ten months, he received different Discharges but time & misfortune has entirely obliterated them. He has no other documentary evidence to prove his Services by and he does not know of any person living that he can prove further services by.

He was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1757 in Orange County & State of Virginia according to the Registry kept by his father in his family Bible but he does not know where that register is and he knows of no other. In the year 1785 he removed from Orange County to Rockingham County Virginia and resided there four years he then removed then to Montgomery County Virginia & resided there eight or ten years. From there he removed to Giles County Virginia now Fayette County where he has been living about twenty years 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. He received no commission in the Army. He is known to Gipson James, Joseph Harper Esquire & William Blake Esquire persons residing in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity & of the General belief of his having been as a soldier of the revolution.

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Gipson Jarrell

S/ Martin Petry, X his mark

[Gipson Jarrell, Joseph Harper and William Blake gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I John Rains of the County of Fayette & State of Virginia do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Martin Pettery of the County & State aforesaid in the year 1781. I believe him to be 75 years old or probably more and that he was drafted in that year and served under Captain Jeremiah Beasely from Rockingham County for the term of two months which term I served with him & I have every reason to believe that the said Pettery served different other times in the Army of the revolution afterwards as I afterwards heard that he served at other times & at other places I being attached to the regular Army after serving the two months under Captain Beasely with him I doth further certify I have been acquainted with the said Martin Pettery since the close of the Revolution and that I do believe that his statement on oath are entitled to credit in every respect. Given under my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1834.

S/ John Rains

*John NainB*

[Note: On July 21, 1835 in Fayette County, Virginia, the veteran filed another application substantially identical to his first application in its description of his services and other information. I elected not to transcribe this second application.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia service.]