

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Petty S17016

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State of Alabama } SS

Madison County }

On this 29th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit court now sitting William Petty a resident of the county of Madison and state of Alabama aged sixty eight 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 entered the service of the United States under Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford Colonel [Martin] Armstrong and Capt. Absolom Bostick [Absalom Bostick, pension application R1039] who was his immediate commander he marched from Surry County N. Carolina as a drafted Militiaman through Salisbury from there to Cheraw Hills [SC] and somewhere in the neighbourhood of Rugely's Mills [Rugeley's Mill] he joined Gen'l. Gates' [Horatio Gates's] army with which he remained until a few days before the engagement in which Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. he was detached with about 300 men under the command of Major Elisha Isaacs to reinforce Gen'l. Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] whom he joined in the neighbourhood of Camden and remained until his defeat [at Fishing Creek, 18 Aug 1780]. in this campaign he was in service about three months - after the close of which he was engaged in scouting parties untill he again entered the service as a substitute for a man whose name he has entirely forgotten. he however recollects that he was commanded by Major Francis Hargrove and Capt. Pendleton Isbell after the close of this last campaign he was engaged in guarding legislature of N. Carolina he was almost continually engaged in scouting parties which at that time was considered a very [illegible, possibly "perilous"] service. he served more than six months but how long he does not know. during the first campaign he thinks Major Micajah Lewis and Major John Armstrong were in the same tour and in the regular service. he further states that he was frequently sent as express. he has no documentary evidence of his service. 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,

William hisXmark Petty

Interrogatories propounded to William Petty an applicant for a pension for services in the War of the Revolution

Inty 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the county of Fauquier or Stafford - State of Virginia I do not know which - on the 13th day of March 1764.

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

I have a record in my family bible which I made myself from what my parents have told me.

3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you live now?

Ans. I lived in Surry county N. Carolina when I entered the service and continued to live there untill the close of the revolutionary war. I then moved to Wilkes county N. C. and lived there untill the year 1817 when I moved to Madison county Alabama Territory now state of Alabama and have lived there ever since and still do.

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

Ans. I was once drafted and once a substitute but have entirely forgotten for whom. he was a stranger to me when I engaged as his substitute. I knew him afterwards but cannot recollect his name. I was at that time 16 years of age.

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 our service.

Ans. I cannot state more particularly than I have done in my declaration to which I refer in

answer to this interrogatory.

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

Ans. I never did receive any discharge. it was at that time considered of no value.

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of our services as a soldier of the Revolution. Drury Allen & Sam'l. Chapman are present any others to whom I am known I believe will do the same [signed] Wm Petty

NOTE: On 30 may 1835 Lucy Petty assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension due to her late husband, William Petty, from the last payment until his death on 26 Sep 1834.