

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Petty S1710

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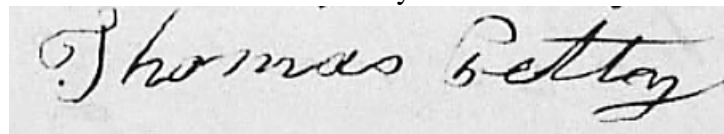
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State of Tennessee Dickson County } SS

This Third day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 Thomas Petty aged 68 years old personally appeared before the County Court of Dickson and being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, to wit; that he was born in the State of Virginia & was taken by his parents in his infancy as he is informed to Bute County North Carolina that he was born on the 31st of March 1765 as he has seen on his father's Bible Record & as copied by him from it & as he was informed by his parents & believes to be true -- that his parents removed afterwards to Union County in the State of South Carolina -- That he first entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man for a tour of three months in Union County & was placed under the command of Captain Robert Montgomery under General Henderson [William Henderson] & went to the siege of Ninety Six & remained there till the British was reinforced & we were compelled to leave there & shortly after the term of three months had expired the company was discharged & went home -- we were in a variety of skirmishes with the British during the siege but no general battle -- some time after he again entered the service of the United States he thinks now as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Crawford in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Fayer [?] for a tour of three months & marched to the Congaree where they were stationed as a guard to that part of the Country against the British & Tories where we continued until the 2nd term of service expired when he was again discharged & sent home -- he was again drafted on another tour for three months in Union County in the Company commanded by Captain Montgomery & marched to Orangeburg & was at the taking of that place under the command of General Brandon [sic, Colonel Thomas Brandon] -- he was in the front guard under the command of Major Snipes when the attack was made on Orangeburg -- after the taking of Orangeburg he was dismissed & returned home his term of service having expired -- he was again shortly after entered the Service under the command of Captain Arrington [sic, William Harrington] whether as a volunteer or a drafted Militia man he does not recollect & marched under the Command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] in an expedition against the Indians & went to the Indian nation & had a skirmish with the Indians in which several of them were killed & after the expiration of the three months he was discharged & returned home after this he again volunteered for a tour of three months & marched to Bacons Bridge & then to Ashley River where we remained a considerable time but how long he does not now recollect nor is he able to recollect what officers commanded in that expedition it was a

short time before Cornwallis was taken [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] but the precise time when this or either of the other expeditions were undertaken he does not recollect -- having served in the whole fifteen months -- he received discharges for each of the preceding tours but they have all been lost or destroyed by time and accident. He has none of them now in his possession. There is no living witness in the section of Country where he now lives by whom he is services can be proven -- he supposes there may be some of his old comrades yet living in South Carolina but does not certainly know whether the fact be so or not -- he has no written evidence by which his services can be proven -- after the war was over he continued to reside in Union County South Carolina until 1807 when he removed to the County of Dickson in the State of Tennessee where he has ever since resided. He also declares that he is not on the pension roll of the United States or any agency or of any State -- he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or other benefit from the United States for said services except the provision made by the act of 1832.

S/ Thomas Petty

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Petty". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court this 3rd of April 1833

S/ Field Farrar, Clerk of Dickson County Court Tennessee

[David Gray, a clergyman, and Isaac Walker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Additional Declaration of Thomas Petty

The said Thomas Petty being first duly sworn makes the following additional declaration to the one heretofore made by him. That in his first tour of duty under Captain Montgomery, he was attached to some Regiment, the officers of which were strangers to him he does not recollect their names he was personally acquainted with General Henderson --

In the 2nd tour under Colonel Fayer & Captain Crawford, he also recollects that John Montgomery was the adjutant, who was a relation of his Captain Robert Montgomery who commanded him in the next expedition -- in the next expedition his Captain was Robert Montgomery & the Regiment was at that time commanded by Colonel Brandon, who after that time became a general. The Colonel was the highest in command at the taking of Orangeburg -- he also recollects Major Snipes who commanded the front guard in which applicant was stationed on that day -- in the next campaign against the Indians under General Pickens the Regiment was commanded as he believes by Colonel Brandon he is confident he served 2 campaigns under Colonel Brandon but is not certain whether this campaign was commanded by Colonel Fayer or Colonel Brandon -- he served 2 campaigns under each but is not certain which served as Colonel in the first campaign -- in the next tour of 3 months he thinks he was commanded by Fayer to Bacon's bridge where they joined Colonel Washington [William Washington] but he cannot now remember the name of the inferior officers except Lieutenant Mayfield -- the declarant further states that he is several Tories were performed after the siege of Ninety Six in South Carolina but he cannot specify the years -- his memory has become by reason of old age & infirmity very little to be relied on he finds frequently now greatly difficulty in calling to mind the names of his acquaintances & neighbors & is not by any means certain that the officers above specified served in the different companies exactly in the order as stated but he has stated them to the best of his recollection. The applicant also submits the affidavit of Colonel Nesbitt which he has lately ascertained as a confirmation of his declaration.

/S/ Thomas Petty

Sworn to & subscribed in open court
S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County } Colonel John Nisbett aged 77 years being personally present in open Court & being first duly sworn declares that he became acquainted with the applicant Thomas Petty in the campaign on the Congaree when they were stationed as guards He has been well acquainted with him since his residence in Dickson County & knows him to be the same individual who served in the campaign on the Congaree -- he also believes him to be 68 or 69 years of age.

S John Nisbett

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Nisbett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court
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S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

[Benjamin Hardwicke, a clergyman, and John Nisbett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the South Carolina militia.]