

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Peden S21417

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State of South Carolina, Greenville district

On this the 30th day of June 1835 personally appeared in open court before the chancellor of the Court of Equity now sitting Alexander Peden a resident of Greenville District, state of South Carolina, aged 79 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he served in all five tours making one year and four months, under Colonel Thomas Senior [John Thomas], Col. Thomas Junior [John Thomas] & Col. Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck], Captains Andrew Barry and Capt. John Barry. The first tour he served in the winter of 1775, as a volunteer under Captain Andrew Barry and Colonel John Thomas Senior, for six weeks in what was called the "Snow Camps." It was an expedition against the Tories. He marched off to the "Cane Brake," now in Greenville District, thence to Raeburn's Creek, and there was dismissed at a place called the "Snow Camps." They did not fall in with any of the Tories. There was a large body of the militia together several thousand.

The second tour he served two months in the summer of 1777 (sic, 1776) under Captain Andrew Barry and Colonel John Thomas Senior in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians. They marched into the nation, burnt their towns and cut down their corn, but had no fighting or skirmishes with the Indians of consequence. In this tour he went as a volunteer. The militia were marched back and dismissed.

The third tour was in the year 1779 under Col. Thomas Junior and Capt. Andrew Barry on the Indian line in the upper part of South Carolina. In this tour he served much time but does not recollect exactly, not less, however, than two weeks. He was stationed at man's house called Silversides [?] on the Indian line.

The fourth tour he served under Captain John Thomas Junior and Captain John Barry for six months as a volunteer in the year 1780. The militia in the upper part of the state of South Carolina was ordered out for the relief of Charleston. This deponent started with his regiment under Col. Thomas Junior—but before they got to the place called Granby they learned of the fall of Charleston & returned to the upper country—After remaining some time in the upper part of the State they were forced to leave & moved into North Carolina as the greater part of the people took "protection." In North Carolina they met with Colonel

McDowell's regiment but returned into South Carolina again and immediately afterwards was in the battle of "Musgrove's Mill" [August 19, 1780].

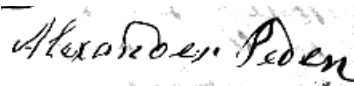
The fifth tour was under Colonel Roebuck & Captain John Barry in the year 1781. In this tour they were employed in securing the country from Tories and in protecting the inhabitants against the Indians. They had several little skirmishes with the Tories during this tour & time of considerable importance are on Enoree River.

He resided in Spartanburg district South Carolina when he entered the service of his country. He volunteered in all five of the tours which he served. He was injured in the battles of Musgrove's Mill and two others with the Tories on Enoree River. He did not leave the State of South Carolina except when he marched into North Carolina during the Battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. He was under Captain Barry scouting after the Tories which prevented his being in that engagement. He didn't serve with any continental regiments nor did he become acquainted with any regular officers. He has no "documentary evidence." James Alexander, Ensign, who is on the pension roll, is now living & can prove the greater part of his services and this affidavit is herewith sent.

He was born in Ireland in 1756 and move to America, when 16 years old. He has a record of his age at home in his family Bible. He was living in Spartanburg when called into service and has lived in South Carolina ever since. He volunteered each time. He never received any written discharge. He is known in his present neighborhood to James Alexander, David Morton, John H. Harrison who can testify as to the character & their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Alexander Peden



Before me

S/ William Choice, C.E.G.D.

[Samuel B. Lewers, a clergyman, and Waddy Thompson, Jr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Greenville District: Personally came before me James Alexander¹ being duly sworn and saith on oath that he was well acquainted with Alexander Peden in the Revolutionary war and that he knew the said Peden to enter the service of his Country in the fall rope the year 1775 and served a 6 weeks Tour of duty against the Tories under Colonel John Thomas Senior and that he knew him to serve a 2 month Tour of duty against the Indians in the year 1777 under the said Colonel Thomas and that he knew him to serve a small Tour of duty against the Indians in the year 1779 and that he knew him to serve a 6 months Tour of duty under Colonel John Thomas Junior in the year 1780 and that he also knew the said Alexander Peden to serve another 6 months Tour of duty under Colonel Benjamin Roebuck in the year 1781 and that he knew the said Peden to serve about one year and 4 months in the service of his country in the Revolutionary War and that he was with the

¹ [James Alexander W9327](#)

said Peden in 2 engagements against the Tories during that time, and that he has been well acquainted with him ever since and that he is a man of Respectability and of Truth, Sworn to and subscribed before me the
June 3rd 1835

S/ James Alexander



S/ Brasher Henderson, JP

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South Carolina Greenville District: Personally came before me the subscriber a justice of the Peace in & for the District of Greenville Alexander Peden who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he did render the services stated in his Declaration & in the way therein stated -- Samuel Peden,² this deponent's brother, was a Lieutenant in Captain Barry's company very often had command of the company. At one time Andrew Barry took "Protection" & those of his company who did not do so served under Lieutenant Samuel Peden. In this way the deponent supposes that mistake occurred and that in consequence of Barry's company being frequently under the entire command of Peden it was stated that his services were rendered in Peden's company But the fact is that Samuel Peden was nothing more than a Lieutenant -- This deponent and his brother Samuel Peden were together throughout the revolutionary war & his brother could very well certify to his services.

This deponent did serve as a horseman the last 12 months of his services & his neglecting to state it in his declaration was because he did not suppose it material. The fact is that the greater part of the militia service rendered during the revolutionary war in South Carolina or at least in the upper part of the State was performed on horseback. Those who were not equipped for fighting on horseback dismounted & fought on foot when an engagement came on. But this deponent was equipped for fighting on horseback -- he had a pair of pistols sword & gun --

In consequence of old age this deponent may not recollect correctly the precise dates of his services but to the best of his recollection his last services of 12 months were performed in 2 tours of 6 months each in the years 1780 & 1781 as stated in his declaration. The certificate of his services from the Comptroller's office may however be more correct if it differs from this statement. The statement made by this deponent was also corroborated by the affidavit of James Alexander, who is knowing to all of his services & who is himself now receiving a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed this August 24th 1835

S/ Alex. Peden

S/ Rich'd Thruston, JQ

[p 27: South Carolina Comptroller Generals listing of services abstracted as follows:
351 days horseman duty in Captain Samuel Peden's company in Colonel John Thomas' Regiment 1780]

[Facts in file: Veteran died January 21, 1841, place not stated.]

² [Samuel Peden S30649](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$89.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Infantry for 12 months and 14 days and as a private in the cavalry for 11 months and 16 days, all in the South Carolina militia.]