

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pettigrew (Petigru) S21421

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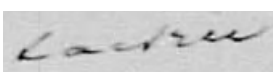
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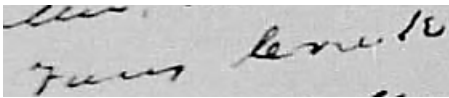
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State of South Carolina Abbeville District

On this twenty eighth day of October in the year of our Lord 1834, personally appeared in open Court at Abbeville Court House before the Honorable Andrew P. Butler one of the Judges of said State William Pettigrew a resident of the District & State aforesaid, aged seventy-six 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the State of Virginia on the 26th of February 1758. That he resided in the District and State aforesaid when called into service and has resided there ever since the Revolutionary war, and now does reside there: That in 1776 he marched against the Indians under the command of Lieutenant William Luckie [?]<sup>1</sup> of Captain Alexander Noble's company and served three months: In 1777 he served against the Indians one month under Major Pickens [Andrew Pickens]. In 1778 he again served under Major Pickens to months against the Indians and traversed the Indian Country on the Ockmulgee [Ocmulgee] River. In February 1779 he with 24 other privates under the command of Lieutenant Joseph Calhoun were dispatched to McGowan's Block House eight miles above Cherokee Ford on Savannah River, from which they retreated before the Tory Colonel Boyd [James Boyd] with a force of 5 or 600 men: on their retreat they were reinforced by Captains Anderson [Robert Anderson], Haskins and Miller: on the 11th of February they attacked the Tories at Furrs Creek [?],<sup>2</sup> and after a skirmish of two hours were compelled to retreat: they were joined by Major Pickens, again attacked the Tories and defeated them on the 13th [sic, 14<sup>th</sup>] of the same month, where Colonel Boyd, of the Tories was killed<sup>3</sup>: they then returned to the Block House above named and were there stationed 2 months. Shortly after this they returned from McGowan's Block-House under command of Major Pickens, marched [to] a town in the State of Georgia, joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army and marched to Stono Ferry [June 20, 1779] in South Carolina, after the retreat from which before the British, the militia was discharged: On this last expedition he served two months. In the same year under the command of Major Pickens and General Williamson

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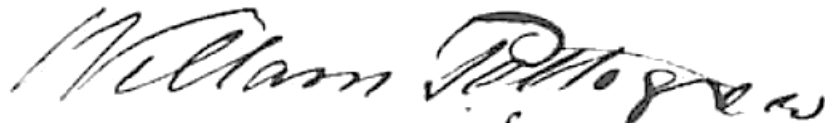
<sup>2</sup>  Few's Creek?

<sup>3</sup> Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

[Andrew Williamson] he marched through the Indian Country across the Sharp Mountain, as far as Coosa River and destroyed two Indian Towns, the names of one he remembers, was called by the whites: "Big Shoe [indecipherable word]." <sup>4</sup> In the spring of 1780 he marched under the command of Lieutenant Thomas Farrow to Seneca Fort and was there two months: In the summer of the same year, after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], Colonel Pickens called his Regiment together at Cow head where we surrendered our arms to Colonel Richard Paris, a Tory officer, and took British protection: that he then returned home and remained until General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] laid siege to Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] where he was one of the first to join the camp of Colonels Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and Anderson [Robert Anderson] and remained in service until the British abandoned Ninety Six: That he was never drafted, but always volunteered, and at Stono was a substitute for his brother Ebenezer Pettigrew: He never held a commission and never had a written discharge. That he was not employed in any civil pursuit during the time when his services were performed. That he has a record of his age in a family Bible now in his possession. I am acquainted with the Reverend Moses Waddell, Joshua Hill Esquire, Edward Collier Esquire, Alexander Houston Esquire and William Calhoun of my neighborhood who can attest my veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution: and that I am the father of James D. Pettigrew of the City of Charleston, and of Lieutenant Thomas Pettigrew of the United States Navy, and of Charles Pettigrew a Lieutenant in the United States Army now stationed at the Arsenal in the City of Washington. That he knows of no living witness that can be found of his services.

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.

S/ William Pettigrew



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jas Wardlaw, C. Clk

[Moses Waddell, a clergyman, and Joshua Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the South Carolina militia.]

[Note: A note in the file indicates that in a letter dated 1834 the veteran made reference to his sons James L Pettigrew of Charleston, Thomas Pettigrew, a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and Charles Pettigrew, a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed at the Arsenal in Washington DC. That letter is not contained among the documents in either the Fold3.com or Ancestry.com versions of this pension file.]

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