

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Eli Peterson S30646

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County: Sct.

Be it known that on this 24th day of August 1835 before the Court for the County aforesaid personally appeared Eli Peterson a resident of said County aged about 75 years who being duly sworn upon his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he served in the Revolution the following tours under the following named officers & in the following manner. In the spring of 1780 as he believes, he was drafted for 3 months to go out after the Indians. They rendezvoused at one Peppers [Peppers?] on New River and marched down the River [to] Parris's fort [probably Pearis' Fort]. We were marched to the Fort by a man by the name of Davies Ensign of [the] Militia Company, were stationed at the Fort about a month, & then ordered by Colonel Parris [probably George Pearis or Peary] to march, Davies took command of us as Captain and marched us to the head of Sandy [River] and scoured the Country there & on to Guy andotte [Guyandotte River] and Wolf Cr. [Creek] & Pine Cr. and back to New River below Culberson's bottom [Culbertson's Bottom] and up the River again to the Fort and there stationed there until our tour was out & 15 days over and he was discharged by Colonel Parson in writing which discharge he has long since lost. He started from home this tour directly Corn was planted and returned in peach time having been in actual Service three months & 15 days. In the same fall he was called out again whether by draft or otherwise he does not now distinctly recollect. He marched out and served this tour under Captain Burns [perhaps James Burns], one Jenkins left [? lieutenant?] they rendezvoused at New London on New River and marched up the road towards Wythe [County] but turned into North Carolina and scoured the Country about the Adkin [Yadkin River] until the two months were out, during this tour we had an engagement with Torltons [Banastre Tarleton's] horse and some foot Soldiers. We had to run through the Adkin and find [our way] back. We had a man by the name of Johnston wounded after this we were discharged without any writing having been in actual [service] not less than two months.

In the latter part of the following winter or the fore part of the spring he was drafted for 3 months & rendezvoused at the house of Captain English [perhaps either David Inglis or William Inglis] who went out with them as their Captain a man named Wall [perhaps Adam Wall] was Lieutenant Cloyed [Joseph Cloyd] was his Colonel, marched to N. C. Surry County and scoured the County & on to Smith's & David rivers after the British and Tories, never stationed but a day or two at a place until the 3 months were out & were discharged on the Charles Town [Charleston] road by his Colonel having been in actual service full 3 months.

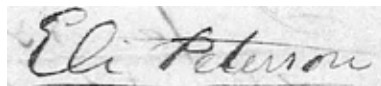
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marched thro Surry NC again and traveled over much the same country again as in the last mentioned tour, his whole service was pretty much in the same Country being all in the defense of the frontiers. During this trip they surprised and took 7 or 8 British at a still house and sent them with a guard to General Green [Nathanael Greene]. We scouted on the waters of Davis & Smith and through Surry County until the tour was out & we were discharged by Colonel Cloyed at a sort oath Tavern house on the Charleston road having been in actual Service not less than 3 months.

In September as he believes 1781 however just before Wallace [Cornwallis] was taken [October 19, 1781], he was drafted for 3 months to guard the lead mines on New River and went out under Captain Jenkins and was stationed there as a guard but was discharged before his time was out, having heard that Wallace was taken. He was discharged by his Captain after having served as he believes one month or six weeks he will say not less than one month. He will further state that he rendered a great deal of neighborhood service after Indians & Tories, that he has not mentioned, a few days at a time. And Services out in actual Service amounts to not less than one year & 15 days as set forth above.

He was born in the year 1760 in Pennsylvania about 25 miles from Philadelphia from there he moved to Montgomery County Virginia where he lived when he entered the service, remained until after the revolution, he then moved to Kentucky where he now lives. He was a militia man as he considered during all his services. He never received but 2 written discharges one from Colonel Parris & one from Colonel Floyed [sic] & they are both lost. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove it. The Reverend Richard Colyer & Elijah Pumphy can testify as to his character. He hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of any agency of any State whatever. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Eli Peterson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eli Peterson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

[Reverend Richard Colyer, a clergyman, and Elijah Pumphy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: the claim was initially rejected but later allowed for a 6-month service.]

[Veteran was pensioned at a rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]