

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Peden S30649

Margaret Peden

f37SC

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State of Alabama, Fayette County: County Court in Vacation December 1st 1832

On the 1st day of December 1832, personally appeared in vacation before me, Walter Haskins, Judge of the county court of Fayette County, Alabama, Samuel Peden of said county and State, aged about 79 years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Spartanburg District South Carolina some time about the last of October 1775, under the following named officers, to wit, Captain Andrew Berry [sic, Andrew Barry], who was commanded by Col John Thomas and Genl Richardson [Richard Richardson] and marched from Spartanburg District to the Congaree [River], from thence to the big Cain Brake [sic, Cane Break Creek] on Reedy River and there defeated the Tories [December 22, 1775] which was called the Snow Camps and returned home and was discharged by Col. Thomas about the last of December 1775. He again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer some time in July, 1776 under the same officers in Spartanburg District and marched from thence to the Indian Town called Eatherstoy [sic, probably Estatoee], from thence to the Keowee fort, then back to Spartanburg under Genl. Williamson [Andrew Williamson] sometime in September 1776 and was discharged by Col. Thomas. He again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer about the middle of February 1779 under Captain Andrew Berry [sic, Barry], Col. Thomas, and Genl. Williamson in Spartanburg District and marched from thence to Augusta, thence to Orangeburg, South Carolina, thence back to Augusta, thence to the Salt Patches, thence to Dorchester, thence to Parker's ferry on Edisto [River] to guard the ferry, thence back to Spartanburg South Carolina and was discharged by Col Thomas some time about the middle of May 1779. Again I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer about the first of March 1780 and was commissioned or brevetted as an Ensign and served as such under the command of Capt. John Berry [sic, Barry], Col. Thomas, and Genl Williamson in which time we marched on several routes after the Tories in South Carolina and twice into North Carolina and about May thereafter I was brevetted as a captain and served as such under the same command and was stationed near the Broad River, and marched to Musgrove's Mill and there had a Scrimmage with the British and Tories [August 19, 1780¹] and marched from thence

¹ Col. James Williams was in command of the SC militiamen at Musgrove Mill. Isaac Shelby commanded men from the "Overmountain" area of NC (now Tennessee) and Elijah Clark commanded men from Georgia at Musgrove Mill. It is probable that Peden was under Williams at Musgrove Mill.

through the upper part of S. Carolina and joined Genl Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] command near the Catawba [River] and then marched to the Cowpens, thence down the Broad River to the Cherokee ford and thence to King's Mountain, thence back to S. Carolina, thence to Story's ferry on Broad River and thence to the Black Stocks [sic, Blackstock's Plantation] and was in the battle of Black Stocks [November 20, 1780] and then retreated to Waford's [sic, Wofford's] Iron Works where I was taken with pains in my limbs and was in the army at intervals when able to attend until some time in March 1781 and was discharged about that time on the Catawba River. All of which discharges and commissions are lost or mislaid so they cannot be found. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on any pension roll of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Peden²

[Isaiah Vanhose & William Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Fayette County: County Court in vacation June 17th 1833

On this 17th day of June 1833 personally appeared in vacation before me Walter Harkins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County Alabama Samuel Peden of said County and State aged about 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Spartanburg District in South Carolina some time about the last of October 1775 under the following named officers to wit Captain Andrew Berry [sic, Andrew Barry] who was commanded by Colonel John Thomas and General Richardson and marched from Spartanburg District to Congaree from thence to the big Cane Break [Creek] on Reedy River and there defeated the Tories which was called the Snow camps and then returned home and was discharged by Colonel Thomas about the last of December 1775. He again entered the service as a volunteer sometime in July 1776 under the same officers in Spartanburg District and marched from thence to Indian town called Catherloy [?] and from thence to the Keewee Fort thence back to Spartanburg under General Williamson sometime in September 1776 and was there discharged by Colonel Thomas. He again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer some time about the middle of February 1779 under Captain Andrew Berry Colonel Thomas and General Williamson in Spartanburg district and marched from thence to Augusta thence to Orangeburg South Carolina thence back to Augusta thence to the Saltcatcher [sic, Salkehatchee] thence to Dorchester thence to Parkers ferry on Edisto to guard the ferry thence back to Spartanburg South Carolina and was discharged by Colonel Thomas some time about the middle of May 1779. Again I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer about the first of March 1780 and was commissioned or brevetted as an Ensign and served as such under the command of Captain John Berry Colonel Thomas and General Williamson in which time we marched on several routes after the Tories in South Carolina and about May thereafter I was brevetted a Captain and served as such under the same command and was stationed near Broad River and marched to Musgrove's Mill and there had a skirmish against the British and Tories and marched from thence through the upper part of South Carolina and

² Signature is in handwriting a difficult to that of the body of the document, consequently I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran

joined General Sumter's command near the Catawba and then marched to the Cowpens thence down Broad River to the Cherokee Ford and thence to King's Mountain thence back to South Carolina thence to Shirys ferry [sic, Shirer's Ferry] on Broad River and thence to Blackstock's and was in the Battle of the Blackstock's and thence retreated to Wofford's Iron Works where I was taken with pains in my limbs and was in the Army at intervals when able to attend until sometime in March 1781 and was discharged about that time on the Catawba River. All of which discharges and commissions are lost or mislaid so they cannot be found, and that I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person living at this time whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service, and from the effects of old age, loss of memory and bodily infirmity etc. I am not able to state with precision the exact length of time which I served in each engagement but feel satisfied that I served the full length of time as mentioned above and for such service I claim a pension. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Walter Harkins, Judge

S/ Samuel Peden



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[Lwellen Moore, a clergyman, and William Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. 1st In Ireland in the year 1754

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

A. 2nd At my house in my family Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. 3rd in Spartanburg South Carolina since the war I lived 3 years in North Carolina the balance of my life until 1818 & lived in South Carolina since that time I have lived in the State of Alabama and now live in Fayette County Alabama

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

A. 4th I volunteered each Term of engagement

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. 5th General Sumter, general Lincoln, general Moultrie & General Williamson

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

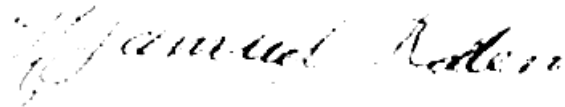
A. 6th I was discharged each time of engagement by Colonel Thomas and they are all lost or mislaid as they cannot be found

7th Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. 7th I received a Brevet as Ensign signed by Colonel Thomas and Captain Mary took protection, I was appointed Captain in his stead by Colonel Thomas

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State of Mississippi Kemper County: Before me an acting Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared Samuel Peden a resident of said County who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below (to wit), from the time he entered the service in October 1775 under Captain Andrew Barry until he was discharged -- was not less than two months; in his 2nd tour of duty under the same officers from the time he entered the service in July 1776 until he was discharged in September thereafter was not less than two months. In his 3rd tour of duty from the time he entered the service in February 1779 under the same Captain until he was discharged in May thereafter was not less than three months. In his 4th tour of duty from the time he entered the service in March 1780 under Young Colonel John Thomas until he was discharged in March 1781 was not less than twelve months during said tour he was not able to render but little service for two months (to wit) January & February 1781 for this 4th tour he acted as Captain on brevet under said Colonel John Thomas not less than ten months actual service faithfully rendered and for such services he claims a pension he hereby relinquishes his claim to a pension as an officer in said service and claims it as a private soldier sworn to and subscribed this 20th day of December 1834
Before me S/ William Watson, JP S/ Samuel Peden



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State of South Carolina Greenville District: Before me William H. Armour an acting Justice of the peace for said District and State personally appeared Alexander Peden³ and James Alexander⁴ Esquire who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that they are well acquainted with Samuel Peden who was formerly a citizen of Greenville District South Carolina and from hence he moved to Fayette County Alabama and is now a citizen of Kemper County Mississippi and that they knew him to serve a 6 weeks tour under Captain Andrew Berry in 1775 also another tour of 2 months against the Indians under the same Captain in the year 1776 also another tour of 3 months under the same Captain in the year 1779 also another tour of 11 months the commencement of which was under Captain John Berry Colonel Thomas and was appointed Ensign and during said tour of 11 months Captain John Berry took protection and quit the service and Samuel Peden had the command of the company until the Spring of 1781 at which time he quit the service on account of ill health, said services were rendered in behalf of the American cause. Sworn to and subscribed this 30th of September 1835 Before me

S/ Wm H. Armour, JP

S/ Alexander Peden

S/ James Alexander

[p. 4: On April 4, 1836, Margaret Peden filed in Kemper County Mississippi for the pension due her husband who had departed life December 26, 1835.

³ [Alexander Peden S21417](#)

⁴ [James Alexander W9327](#)

Margaret Lee

[fn p. 15 South Carolina Comptroller General's Office certificates of payments made to Samuel Peden.]

State of South Carolina
To Samuel Peden Lt.
For military duty in Roebucks Regiment,
since the fall of Charleston for Andersons
returning amt. to Currency $\$895.00$
Exp. $\$58.11.5$

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$104.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant Captain in the South Carolina militia for 10 months and as a private for 7 months in the South Carolina militia.]