

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Pitchford S30654

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State of Kentucky Allen Circuit Court November Term 1832

On this the 24th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Asher W Graham, sole Judge of said Court in the Court house of said County in Court Sitting Daniel Pitchford Senior a resident of said County of Allen and State aforesaid aged seventy-one years the 25th day of July last, 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 7, 1832.

That he was drafted into the service of the United States to serve a tour of duty as a militia man in Chesterfield County State of Virginia in March 1779 and served as a private in Captain __ Gills Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Creed Haskins and Colonel or General Nelson, that applicant shortly after the draft together with others composing said militia company repaired to Bermuda Hundred the place of Rendezvous, from thence he marched with said company to Williamsburg, from thence to Little York and from thence in June 1779 to Hampton where they remained several weeks for the purpose of guarding the coast against the British who were in Hampton Roads sometime about the last of June they were marched back [to] Williamsburg and then discharged applicant having served some small time more than three months under an in virtue of his draft aforesaid. During his stay at Hampton, the British made an attempt to land, but were repulsed.

In July following applicant engaged to drive and did drive a Wagon employed in hauling forage &c for the division of the American Army commanded by General Charles Scott in which employment he continued till sometime the next year; applicant then moved from Chesterfield to Mecklenburg County Virginia and then in February 1781 he again entered into the service of his Country as a volunteer in Captain Smith's Company of Volunteers in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Montford, the company rendezvoused at widow Abbott's near Skipwith's ferry on Roan Oak [Roanoke River], from thence marched up the River to Boyd's ferry to reconnoiter the enemy and prevent his crossing if possible from thence the Regiment marched to Taylor's ferry below there crossed the Roan Oak, marched into Carolina and joined the Division of the American Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the High Rock Ford of Haw River, after the junction with General Green the Army moved on to Guilford Courthouse where they arrived on or about the 13th day of March as well as applicant recollects. Applicant states that he performed service all the time as a private in said Company and fought in the Battle between the Americans and British at Guilford [March 15, 1781] the day after General Green's arrival at that place, upon the retreat of the American Army from Guilford applicant repaired to the place appointed for their rendezvous near the Iron Works about ten or twelve miles from Guilford, where the Americans under General Green remained until the British had left Guilford and

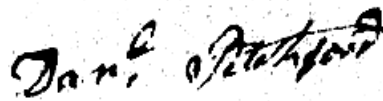
directed their march for Wilmington, General Green pursued the British under Cornwallis as far as Ramsey's Mill on Deep River where he came up with the enemy, but Cornwallis continued his march & General Green continued the pursuit. At Ramsey's mill Colonel Montfort's Regiment left the main Army and proceeded to Hillsboro where they were discharged sometime in May 1781 applicant having served in said Company and Regiment as a soldier from the time of his enlistment in February up to that time, in all about three months and three weeks to the best of his recollection.

Returned from last mentioned tour, applicant removed to the adjoining County (Lunenburg) where he was drafted sometime in August or September 1781 to serve a three months tour as a militia man, in the company [commanded] by Captain Joseph Geeter commanded applicant served only about ten days under Captain Geeter the company Rendezvoused at Lunenburg Court house and proceeded own in the direction towards Williamsburg and Of York, but this applicant became disabled by the Rheumatism and was discharged by Captain Geeter about the 10th day after he had joined the Company. This applicant confidently states that he served as a Soldier in the Revolution at least 7 months. That he never left the Army at any time without being discharged by the commanding Officer But that he has no recollection of having ever received a written discharge from any Officer. After the Revol: War applicant moved to Granville North Carolina from thence to Pendleton County South Carolina, and from thence to Long Creek where he now resides in Allen County Kentucky. Applicant knows of no person whose testimony he can procure in this matter; save the individual whose deposition is hereto appended. Applicant has often spoken of his having been a Soldier of the Revolution, and as he believes has been generally reputed and considered in his neighborhood to have served in the Revolutionary War. Applicant was born in Chesterfield County State of Virginia on 25 July 1761 as the family Register in his possession shows and as he believes. For his reputation for truth and of having ever been reputed a Soldier of the Revolution he relies on the statements of those who have long known him whose certificates a company this his declaration of service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Danl. Pitchford




I Eli Pitchford a resident of Allen County and State of Kentucky being first duly sworn according to law depose and say that applicant Daniel Pitchford and himself are brothers that in or about the year 1779 deponent lived with their father William Pitchford in Amelia County Virginia, and applicant lived with his uncle Jesse Stiles in Chesterfield County (Virginia) deponent was then but a small boy but amongst his earliest and clearest and most durable recollections are the following (to wit) The recollection of hearing his father about that time state that he had to go and fight to the British at or near Williamsburg unless he could get his son Daniel (the applicant) to go in his place that his father stated that he would go into Chesterfield and try to get Daniel to go and left home with that intent as he said. On the return of his father, he remarked that he had been disappointed that Daniel (the applicant) had to go in his own place, and he also would have to go in his own place or words of the foregoing import.

The recollection of seeing his father shortly after equipped with his blanket, knapsack & with his Gun on his shoulder, his taking leave of the family and marching off to fight the British as he stated is so indelibly imprinted on this mind as never to be effaced. This deponent has no personal knowledge of applicant's having served as stated by him; but he well recollects hearing his brother often make the same statements to him and others that he has made in the foregoing declaration, that said statements have most, if not all of them, been made by others in the presence and hearing of this deponent and have never been in the slightest degree contradicted so far as he has ever heard. This deponent further states, that applicant's volunteering and marching under the command of Colonel Montford as stated by him aforesaid, his being in the battle of Guilford and discharged at Hillsboro in North Carolina were minors of notoriety in Virginia and never controverted so far as he ever heard. There is one circumstance by him particularly remembered (to wit) That the fate of said applicant was a matter of great concern with the whole family, the news of the Battle had reached them in Amelia; Several who had been in that engagement had returned and they could not learn what had become of the applicant after the discharge of Montford's Regiment at Hillsboro their father prepared to go in quest of him and was about to set out when applicant returned home, much debilitated from sickness and fatigue.

This deponent further states that he recollects hearing of applicant's being drafted to serve and his marching under Captain Geeter of his return and of his being disabled by the Rheumatism for a long time. Applicant has always been reputed and believed to be a Soldier of the Revolution and that reputation and belief has never been questioned as far as this deponent hath ever heard or believes. Deponent have frequently examined the family Registry in the possession of the applicant and from that, it appears that he was 71 years old in July last and the same is entitled to full credit and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Eli Pitchford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eli Pitchford". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Zadock B. Thackston, a clergyman, Daniel A Porter, Robert H Paris, Joseph Pulliam & Eli Pitchford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky County of Allen Sct.

I Daniel Pitchford do amend my preceding declaration by adding thereto the following responsive to the Objections to the admission of my claim to a pension forted to me by the Department of War (to wit) Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Allen and State of Kentucky Daniel Pitchford who being duly sworn, 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 and in the following grades: For three months and five days, I served as a private soldier under Captain Gill. For three months fourteen days I served as a volunteer private soldier under Captain Smith. For ten days I served as a private soldier under Captain Joseph Geter making in all 6 months 29 days and for such service I claim a pension.

This applicant upon his said calf oh further deposeth and saith that the service as a Teamster mentioned in the preceding is not in the above calculation of service nor was it

intended to have been included in the first declaration as by an examination thereof he thinks will readily be discerned. In answer to the 6th interrogatory prescribed by the Department of War, he the said declarant on his oath deposeth and saith That he has no written discharge from any of the services above set out herein, that he has no recollection of ever having had any written discharge from any Officer under whom he served: but that his recollection and firm belief is that in every instance he and the other soldiers with whom he served were paraded and addressed by the Commanding Officer and dismissed verbally.

Subscribed and Sworn to by the said Daniel Pitchford the 27th day of April 1833 before
me

S/ Robert H Paris, JP

S/ Danl. Pitchford

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service.]