

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrose Pitman S30655

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State of Kentucky Laurel County Sct.

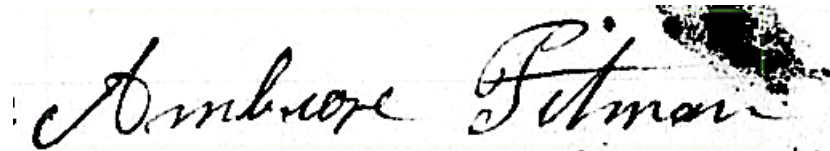
Be it remembered that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1840 before the undersigned Lemuel Hibbard a Justice of the Peace for the County of Laurel & State aforesaid Ambrose Pitman, aged, being born the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1750, a resident Citizen of the U. S. and County aforesaid came before the undersigned and made the following declaration, being first duly sworn, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress entitled "An [Act] to provide for certain persons engaged in the Revolutionary War, passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832",

That on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the State of Virginia in the County of Stafford, he was drafted as a private for the term of \_\_ months as a private in the militia of said state in the Army of the U. S. in the Revolutionary War, in the Company commanded by Captain William Alexander, Thomas Bowing Lieutenant and William Bruce Ensign, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Garrard, formally Governor of Kentucky. Shortly after being drafted, the Company rendezvoused at Falmouth Town in said County one mile above Fredericksburg, home the Rappahannock River where he was appointed by his Captain aforesaid and orderly Sergeant in said Company. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after organizing at Falmouth the Company marched to Williamsburg in said State, and camped within one mile of the same, where they remained several weeks, when Major Grig marched the Chaps [?] and joined General Washington at York in said state of Virginia the day before the siege open at the Capture of the enemy under the command of Lord Cornwallis. Colonel Garrard then leaving the Command to Major Grig, or perhaps Greg, which he cannot distinctly recollect, He continued to serve in said Company until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], as orderly Sergeant, when he with his company was detached as a guard for the Prisoners to Winchester in Virginia: but before reaching their his term of service aforesaid having expired, he was (within sight of Williamsburg) discharged by Colonel Edmonds under whose command his Captain's Company aforesaid had been placed. He received an Honorable discharge in writing, which though he has long since lost. At the siege he often saw General Washington, General Lafayette (whom he understood had the command of the Virginia militia) General Nelson, then Governor of Virginia: in whose company he spent an evening, Colonel Meriwether, and various other officers being so many and so common that he cannot recall names.

Previous to this term of service as aforesaid in the County of Lancaster in Virginia after the declaration of independence he volunteered as a private for no time specified under Captain Robert Chin [Robert Chinn] as a [indecipherable word or words] as he understood under orders from the Govr. of Va [?] and marched to the mouth of Cuntoman [Corrotoman River?] in said County to guard the Country, on this trip he cannot say how long he was in service, but believes it was upwards of three weeks – After this he moved and settled in Stafford County aforesaid

where he enrolled himself as a minute man in the Company commanded by Captain William Alexander as aforesaid under the engagement he served by different tours four in number, all upon the Potomac River in watching in guarding against the enemy; the precise length of time thus served as a minute man he cannot precisely specify, but he is confident and knows particularly that it was upwards of three months and a half but not four months. In these latter trips four, in number, two of them were served under Captain Alexander, the two others under different other officers appointed by the Colonel of the County, whose names at present he does not remember; For all these services he never got any discharge, but was discharged verbally. The reason why he has not applied sooner for a pension is that "he has always felt too proud spirited" (his own language) but being so old, and decrepit, not having walked without assistance for upwards of twenty years, in consequence of affliction by Rheumatic Pains, he has become convinced that it is a duty he owes to himself to apply for assistance.

S/ Ambrose Pitman



In Lancaster County State of Virginia from thence he moved to Stafford County in said State, then to Culpeper in said State and after the close of the Revolution in the year 1794, he moved to the state of Kentucky, where he has ever since resided. He had no commission save that of a Sergeant at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis as aforesaid. He had no discharge save as stated above – the date of his birth he has the register of his father, now in his possession, from which she has [indecipherable word or abbreviation] made the statement as to his age. He further declares that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the \_\_ day of 1818; That he has not received any pension or annuity from the United States or any State on account of Revolutionary services; and he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity on account of Revolutionary services. He further states that when he entered the service as aforesaid (and the whole time he served as such) as a minute man it was as aforesaid as he understood and believed was in the service of and by the authority of the state of Virginia.

S/ ~~Ambrose Pitman~~

[G W Price, Jarvis Jackson and David Weaver, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

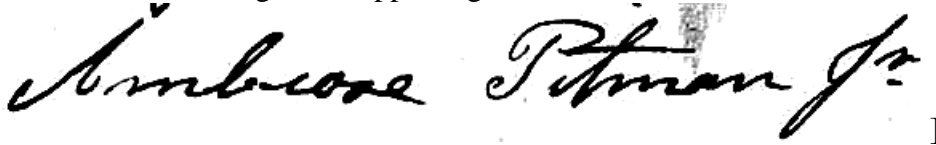
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Be it known that on the 8 of September 1840 Ambrose Pitman a resident Citizen of the County aforesaid this day appeared before the undersigned Lemuel Hibbard an acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and upon his Oath in due form of Law made and subscribed to the following declaration in addition to his previous one alluded to and referred to by the letter attached by the Commissioner of Pensions, to wit, J L Edwards, dated June 18, 1840 directed to the "Honorable John White, House of Representatives" in explanation and in answer to the letter aforesaid he will now say (though his memory is bad being 90 years old the 9<sup>th</sup> of November next as per his father's register) and unable to attend court that his tour to York Town in Virginia at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis after entering the service he served upwards of three months and ten days when he was discharged in consequence of sickness when he was guarding the prisoners. Before this in the State of Virginia in Lancaster County, within less than two years before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, he served as a "minute man" as stated in his former

petition, he first served under Captain [name blotted out], who was as he was told a Captain by a appointment by the State of Virginia and was so told by said Captain a "minute man" for the term of 8 weeks. This Tour was performed in watching the British on the Rappahannock River. My other tour under Captain Alexander who was likewise a "minute man" commissioned as such by the State of Virginia: to guard the Potomac River, and served something upwards of 40 days. This was after his Tour under Captain Chin and was in Stafford County in Virginia where he had removed after serving under Captain Chin in Lancaster County, Virginia: He served several other small trips, about ten and 15 days at a time as a militia ("minute man") and was upwards of nine months in the service as aforesaid. The Tour to York Town he entered the service and served during the time as "orderly Sergeant" and so received his discharge which he has long since lost as before stated in his previous petition. As stated in said previous petition he is in the same disabled condition as he was in his previous petition. From his great age and affliction the Ser. [?] of Pensions must be aware that he cannot give particulars, dates &c as he could wish. Signed this 8 of September 18 [paper cut and text missing]

S/ A. Pitman, X his mark

[Ambrose Pitman, Jr., gave a supporting affidavit

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