

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Force S31036

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State of Kentucky Henry County

On this 7th day of January 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Henry County State of Kentucky, now holding Court for said County (it being a court of record) Peter Force Senior a resident of the County of Henry & State of Kentucky aged 90 years on the 25th day of October 1834 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated -- That he belonged to a company of North Carolina militia in the service of the United States the company was raised in North Carolina in the County of Surry -- members of the Company were numbered & each one was compelled to enter the service of the United States by rotation as they were called upon that he volunteered & entered the Company -- as a volunteer -- That in March 1776 he was called upon as above stated & entered into actual service, as a private & served as a private that he entered & served under Lieutenant John Morgan & Captain McAnally [Charles McAnally] -- that his company joined several other companies in the aforesaid County of Surry near the Moravian towns & that a Regiment was then formed and was commanded by Colonel Joseph Williams -- they marched to a place called Flour Gap [Flower Gap] in the edge of the State of Virginia, where some Virginia troops joined them. We then marched through a part of Virginia to the Cherokee Nation of Indians that there was about 1500 troops in all -- of the Virginia officers he recollects Colonel Armstrong -- when they arrived in the Nation the Indians had gone off & we had no fighting we remained there some time & then returned to North Carolina & encamped near the Blue Ridge remained there until July 1776 at which time & place he was discharged by Colonel Williams in writing -- which discharge he has lost -- that he served four months & a few days -- & claims for four months only.

2nd Tour-- That in October 1776 he again entered the service of the United States in the same manner that he first entered & that he entered & served as a private in the militia of North Carolina under Lieutenant Mark Harden & Captain John Morgan -- that he has Company was joined by several other companies at Shallow Ford on Yadkin River in Surry County -- the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Winston & was engaged against the Tories in Surry County Generally had no fighting -- then he was discharged verbally by his Colonel a few days before Christmas -- that in this tour he served two months.

3rd Tour-- in the month of April 1777, he again entered the service in the same manner as above stated under Captain Morgan & his company joined some other troops in Surry County & were stationed on the Yadkin River generally -- made short tours in the County, there was in Regiment of us & were called out to defend against the Tories had no fighting -- & was discharged in Surry County verbally by his Captain -- & having served two months -- He performed other services in this year but cannot recollect certainly about [one or more indecipherable words] of them & of course cannot claim for them --

4th Tour-- In the last of February 1778 he was again called upon & entered the service under Captain Morgan in the same manner as above mentioned -- & served against the Tories & had occasional skirmishes with them -- that the company were sometimes joined by other companies & were sometimes out of the County & was discharged verbally by his Captain in June 1778 in said County -- having served a little more than three months -- but claims for three months only.

5th Tour -- That in September 1778, he was again called upon -- the Tories having done much mischief -- that he entered under Captain Morgan & served until November 1778 -- all the time in the County of Surry -- & was discharged on the Yadkin River in November as aforesaid verbally by his Captain having served two months

6th Tour-- that in March 1779 -- He entered into a new Company which was formed in said County -- under & by the authority of the United States -- the company was formed in Surry County & consisted of 85, which Company was bound to go into actual service whenever called upon & were exempt from draft & were, by the condition, down to serve whenever called upon as aforesaid during the war -- The Company was commanded by Captain Henderson [Pleasant Henderson] -- this company was intended to act against the Tories -- & were not to be compelled to march out of the State of North Carolina --

That in March 1779, he joined the company in Surry County at the Pena Mountain & that the company continued in actual service against the Tories most of the time in said County until June 1779 -- when he was permitted -- by his Captain verbally to return home -- having served three months --

7th Tour-- That in September 1779 he was again called upon & joined his said Company in the same manner as last above stated under Captain Henderson and continued with the Company until November 1779 when he was discharged for the time verbally by his Captain in Surry County -- that the company was engaged against the Tories -- in this tour he served two months --

8th Tour-- In April 1780 -- he was again called upon & entered his company in the same manner as above stated under Captain Henderson & continued in actual service until July 1780 -- they were all the time in said County of Surry & was discharged in July in said County verbally by his Captain -- that he served three months and this Tour.

9th Tour-- In October 1780 he was again called upon & entered the service as above stated under Captain Henderson & remained in it until December 1780 when he was discharged by his Captain verbally in said County -- that the service was rendered in said County of Surry -- He served two months --

10th Tour -- In April 1781 -- he was again called upon & entered the service as aforesaid under Captain Henderson & remained in actual service in said County until June 1781, when he was again verbally discharged by his Captain in said County -- having served two months

That in each of the tours -- after he entered the new Company in March 1779, he entered & served under Captain Henderson -- and that his company was not at any time attached

to any Regiment -- and that in each tour from the beginning of his service he entered & served as a private --

That during the time that he was serving in Captain Henderson's company -- they had several skirmishes with the Tories -- one on the Yadkin River -- and one at Surry Court House -- The company was sometimes stationed on the Yadkin River -- sometimes at Surry Court house -- sometimes marched to into the adjoining Counties -- and were always acting against the Tories --

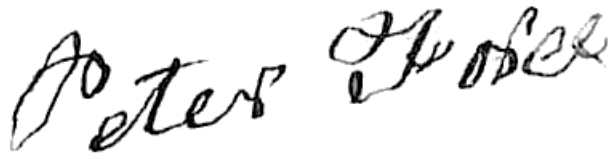
He also stated that the company was called into service & acted in it by the authority of the United States -- and that from the nature of the service there were no regular Troops engaged where he served.

That at each time that he entered the service he resided in the County of Surry & State of North Carolina -- and there he was born on the 25th day of October 1744 in Cumberland County and State of Virginia and that he has now in his possession a record of his age -- which he transcribed from a record of his father's -- which shows that he was born as above stated -- That after the war was over the County of Surry was divided & that he resided in Stokes County North Carolina until 1779 [sic] at which time he removed to the State of Kentucky and has resided at the same place in the County of Henry ever since -- & that he is known in his present neighborhood to J. W. Brite [?] & Thomas Brown who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person he can procure who can prove his services.

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

If any portion of the above services requires proof -- he asked a pension only for the portion of which does not require proof -- as he has no evidence -- Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Force

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Force". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Peter Force".

[J. W. Brite, a clergyman, and Thomas Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]