

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Peck S31301

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State of Kentucky Mason County Sct.

On this the 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court, now sitting, William Peck, a Citizen and resident of said County of peace in & State aforesaid, aged seventy-three [? – words written over and largely illegible] 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 seven, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer, in the County of Frederick, State of Virginia, under Captain Marquis Calmes who commanded a Company in Colonel William Darks [also spelled William Darke's] Regiment in General Stevens [Edward Stevens'] Brigade and served a tour of four months – That they rendezvoused at Berry's ferry on the Shenandoah River, from thence they marched to Fredericksburg, where they remained several days, fixing & repairing arms &c – from thence they marched to the main Army under General Lafayette, which they joined at the Maubon Hill [Milburn Hill's] – from thence they marched to Richmond, thence to Mensies' [?] ferry – and thence to Williamsburg – and left the Army at a place called the Old Magazine – having received in order to [word written over and illegible, may have been intended to be the word "draw"] provisions – which was considered a discharge, the provisions being designed to take them home. – That he entered the service as aforesaid on the 11 May 1781 – and left the Army on the 11th September afterwards –

In addition to the officers above named he recollects that William Calmes was the 1st Lieutenant of his Company, that Johnson Easton was his 2nd Lieutenant & that Jeremiah Redmon was the Ensign – he also recollects that Captain John Bell & Captain Nathaniel Ashby commanded Companies in the same Regiment & Brigade.

He also recollects that – Southall was Brigade Major – and George M. Bedinger was acting as adjutant or a Major. He also recollects that General Lawson [Robert Lawson] commanded a Brigade which was near he is.

He also states that he was drafted on the 7 May 1782, under Captain Alexander Simrall [?] to serve a tour of two months at Winchester, Virginia. That he served out the term at Winchester Barracks, and was relieved by a succeeding Class, that he received no discharge – but certificates authorizing him to draw provisions which was a discharge –

He states that he was born in King George County Virginia on the 20 February 1764 – that he has a record of his age in the family Bible of his father, not now in his possession – which was transferred to a Bible now in his possession; that he resided in Frederick County, Virginia when he was in the service – After the revolution he resided in Frederick till 1807 – and then he removed to Kentucky – and settled in Mason County – where he now resides.

He states that Captain James Ward, Charles Ward, Moses Fowler, John Solomon, David Would

who can state his claim to respectability & his service in the revolutionary war.
He states that he knows of no one whose testimony he can procure to prove his services that he has no documentary evidence of them.

He hereby relinquishes all 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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Peck



[James Ward & Charles Ward gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Kentucky Mason County – Sgt.

This day personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Mason County Court, now sitting – John Peck, being first duly sworn Deposeeth and saith that he is sixty-six years of age – and was large enough during the latter part of the revolutionary war, to recollect that his Brother William Peck was in the Service of the United States – that he well recollects the time when his Brother started from home – that the soldiers lay at Berry's ferry on the Shenandoah River several days – that he this affiant went to Berry 's ferry to see his Brother, but got there too late, the soldiers having set off a few hours before he arrived. That he cannot state how long his Brother served but he recollects that he was gone a considerable time and returned home not long before the British prisoners were brought to Winchester Barracks. He recollects that his Brother served in the same year of the Surrender of Cornwallis – because that surrender was much talked of at the time.

This affiant also states that he recollects that his Brother William serve a tour at Winchester Barracks – after the taking of Cornwallis at little York, but the length of time he served this affiant cannot state but can state that it was after the prisoners passed on to Winchester – because he remembers well to have gone to the road to see the prisoners passed.

His father lived about two miles from the road along which the prisoners passed.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court – day & year aforesaid

S/ Marshall Key, Clk.

[Facts in file: veteran died February 13, 1837 leaving a widow whose name does not appear in the file. There is no family data in this file other than the affidavit of his brother transcribed above.]

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