

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Peter Groover S31717
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State of Georgia, Franklin County

On this 23rd day of July in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid, now sitting, Peter Groover a resident of Captain Vaughan's district of said County & State, aged 70 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 under the following officers & served as herein stated, to wit.

That he served in the Militia of the State of North Carolina and entered said service in the year ___ just before the defeat of General Gates in the State of South Carolina about 16 miles South West of Camden S. C., was in the said Battle & served three months at that time under Captain Trice and Major Armstrong, and General Gates. That immediately on the expiration of the three months aforesaid he served another Tour of three months under Captain Johnson who was under the Command of General Butler & was stationed in Salisbury North Carolina, that immediately after this last mentioned Tour he served 12 months under Captain Donoho & Major Armstrong & Colonels Murphy and Dixon & General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. That he was in the battle at Eutaw Springs in South Carolina & was afterwards stationed at the High hills of Santee in South Carolina, while there the news of Peace was received & he was discharged on his way home from Santee. That he served irregularly at many other times making in all three or four years & was in several skirmishes, but no other regular Battles. He served the first six months above recited as a private and the last twelve as a Corporal & afterwards served as a Sergeant in the Light horse under Captain Cowan.

1. He was born about the year 1762 does not know that there is any record of his age.
2. When he entered the service he was living in Orange County North Carolina from thence he removed to the County of Franklin State of Georgia, where he has resided ever since.
3. There was an order for one man among every 16 to go into service and he entered the service as a substitute for the 16 the last 12 months, the two first tours of three months each he was a substitute but does not recollect for whom.
4. While he served Captain Donoho was promoted to Major, Captain Bush was an adjutant to his Battalion, Colonel Lytle an officer in the regular Army was with them so last 12 months, does not recollect other officers except those heretofore enumerated.
5. He received a Discharge from Colonel Dixon which he has since lost. He does not recollect

dates with sufficient accuracy to swear to them, but presumes the date of his commencement of service (Gates defeat) will be sufficiently certain.

6. He is personally known to Nelson Osborne a preacher & to Jacob Redwine both of whom can testify to his veracity & the latter to his having seen deponent in the service.

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 any agency of any State within his knowledge or belief.

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

S/ Thos. King, Clk

S/ Peter Groover, X his mark

[Nelson Osborne, a clergyman, and Jacob Redwine gave the standard supporting affidavit and "... Jacob Redwine further saith that he saw & knew said Peter in the service of the Country in the Revolutionary War."]

[Veteran died July 11, 1841.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$79 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 21 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]