

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Peake S32439

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State of Kentucky Logan County: SS

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Logan County aforesaid now sitting John Peake a resident of said County of Logan in the State of Kentucky aged seventy-seven 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia in the year 1756 he has no written record of his age, but has repeatedly seen the day & date of his birth registered in his father's family Bible.

In the year of 1775 or 1776 he cannot at this remote period state which, he enlisted in Captain Henry Lee's Company of Dragoons, Said Lee was afterwards Colonel in said Fauquier County in the State of Virginia: in the Town of Dumfries in Prince William County in the State aforesaid he was stationed during his continuance in the Service of the United States in said Troop which to the best of his recollection was for six months he was taken sick & thereby became disqualified for service, and was discharged by said Captain Lee, but that said discharge which was in writing is now lost or mislaid so that he cannot now obtain it: John Bellfield [John Bellfield] was Lieutenant in said Company at the time of his enlistment and Henry Peyton was Cornet.

In September of the year 1777 having partially recovered his health volunteered in a Company of Militia in said Fauquier County in the State of Virginia for a three months tour of duty in the Service of the United States: said Company was commanded by Benjamin Harrison, John Hathaway was Lieutenant. We rendezvoused at Fauquier Court house and was there placed in a Battalion or Regiment commanded by Major Martin Pickett. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of September to the best of his recollection he marched under said Major Pickett's command for the headquarters of General Washington which was then in the neighborhood of Germantown. On our march we met an express who gave account of the Battle of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11 1777] and he reached the Camp at headquarters the day after the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777]. He will here observe if he is mistaken in dates he is not mistaken in regard to the fact just stated of his reaching headquarters & meetings said express but believes it was in the year 1777. He continued in General Washington's Army during the balance of the time of his said three months tour of duty and at the end thereof having faithfully performed his said three months tour of duty the time for which he volunteered he was discharged by said Major Pickett and returned with him to Virginia being a resident of the same County to wit Fauquier. He did not receive a written discharge this circumstance arose perhaps from the fact that all of the Officers named above lived in the same County with this declarant.

He knows of no person by whom he can prove his said service except his sister Sally Peak [sic] whose affidavit is hereto attached.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Peake



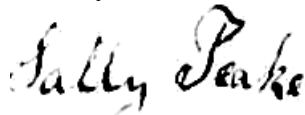
[f p. 9: John Littlejohn, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Logan County

The affidavit of Sally Peake taken at her place of residence in the said County of Logan in the State of Kentucky this first day of January 1834.

This affiant saith she is the Sister of John Peake who is about to make application for a pension under the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 that she knows from the family record that her said Brother was born in the year 1756, and further he enlisted under Captain Henry Lee of the Cavalry, and likewise that the said Captain Lee gave him a written discharge in consequence of his bad State of health, but the length of time which he served under the said Captain Lee she cannot ascertain, she also saith that after he had partially recovered his health he enlisted in a volunteer Company in Fauquier County Virginia, and served a Tour of three months in the Continental Army, that after his return he was taken with a severe spell of sickness and was attended by a Doctor several weeks.

S/ Sally Peake



[f p. 15: On May 3, 1837 in the Sangamon County Illinois, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Illinois agency.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Cavalry and for the 3 months in the Infantry, all in the state of Virginia.]