

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Pearson S32440

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The State of Indiana Fountain County Sct

In the Fountain Circuit Court Term of September 1833

Personally appeared before the Honourable John B Porter president judge of first judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana and the honourable Robert Millford one of the associate judges of the Fountain Circuit Court in open court Thomas Pearson a resident of the county and State aforesaid aged ninety two years who being first duly sworn according to law doath on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an Act of Congress Passed June the seventh Eighteen hundred and Thirty two That he enlisted in the Armeey of the united States in the pennsylvania line with and served in the company commanded by Captain William Rippey in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six in the month of February in the County of Carlise [sic: probably town of Carlisle in Cumberland County] and State of Pennsylvania. The regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel Irwin [sic: William Irvine] and the time for which he enlisted was one year was marched to Philadelphia and from thence to join General [John] Sullivan who was then stationed at the mouth of Surrell river [sic: Sorel River in Québec] after we got there I was sent under General [William] Thompson with eighteen hundred men to go against the Brittish at the three reverses where we were defeated [Trois-Rivières, 8 Jun 1776] and I was taken prisoner and I continued a prisoner from the eighth of June untill the twenty second day of July when I made my escape and Returned home to Philadelphia where I was taken sick before my term of service expired which detained me in the army about one month longer than the time for which I enlisted I volunteered a second toor in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven in the Spring of the year in the City of Philadelphia in the company commanded by Captain Howard Regiment commanded by Colonel Hampton was at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and also at the battles of Princetown [sic: Princeton NJ, 3 Jan 1777] and trento [sic: Trenton, 26 Dec 1776?] and was with General Washington at the Valley forge [winter 1777-78] and continued being occasionally in the service for about two years I cannot state the exact time of my service under this engagement as I was in and out of the service but believe it was at least fifteen months I enlisted a third toor in the fall of the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine in the County of Rockingham and state of Virginia for the term of eighteen months under Captain Woodson [Robert or possibly Hughes Woodson] Colonel Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford] of the Virginia line Marched to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] and lay there ten months and then went to guard the Baggage waggons of the said Virginia troops to Camden [SC] went from there with a view to go by Munks [sic: Moncks] Corner to Charlestown but before we got there heard that the place was taken by the Brittish [surrender of Charleston, 12 May 1780] when we retreated to the Congaree river at Laniew's ferry [sic: Leneud's Ferry on Santee River] from thence we retreated and were overtaken by the brittish near the hanging rock [at Waxhaws Settlement 12 miles N of Hanging Rock] where the two armies met and we were defeated [29 May]. Shortly after the battle I was sent by Colonel Bluford home with a young man by the name of Samuel Gillmore who lived in Rockingham County Virginia and never again joined the service At that time I had about six weeks of the time for which I enlisted to serve The whole of my services to the best of my knowledge and belief are as follows first tour Thirteen month Second tour fifteen months Third tour Sixteen and a half months That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and he declairs that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state Answer To the first question I was born in England in the Month of May 1741 Answer to 2 Q I have had a record of my age but it is lost. Answer to third question I was living in the County of Carlise Pa. in Philadelphia and in Rockingham County Virginia when I was called into the service. Since the war I have lived in Virginia on flint River in Tenasea [sic] on Stone River in Maryland and Indiana and I now live in Fountain County Indiana 4q I was called into service by enlistment and volunteering as above stated Answer to fifth I have stated my services & circumstances as possible above Answer to 6 question I never Received a

discharge or a Commission 7q I am known in my present neighborhood by Mitchel C Black and
Wm Lawson who can testify to my character for truth and varasity That he does not know of
any evidence by whome he can prove his service
Sworn to and Subscribed this 12th day of Sept'r 1833 Thomas hisXmark Pearson