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Pension application of Hugh Pierce S32445

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State of Georgia County of Habersham

On this fifth day of November in Eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Court of ordinary of said County now sitting Hugh Pierce a resident of said County and State aged Eighty three years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain this benefit the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of this United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he lived when called into the service on Lawson's Fork in Ninety Six district in South Carolina he entered the service as a volunteer in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five under John Lawson Lieutenant, John Wood Captain, William Henderson Major, and \_\_\_ Thomas [John Thomas, Sr.] Col he served for two months and was regularly discharged. He again entered the service in the said State and district the second of July seventeen hundred seventy six months as a volunteer under the same Captain and Lieutenant William W. Wofford Colonel he was out this tour of six months and was regularly discharged he again entered the service in the year 1780 as he thinks under Captain McPeters served for Three months and was regularly discharged he was at the taking of the fort on Congaree he again entered the service in 1781 under Capt. John Henry he served then two months, and was regularly discharged all of his discharges he has lost he again entered the service served for two months under Samuel Lacy in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Thomas Neel he served for two months and was discharged he is acquainted with many persons in his neighborhood who could testify as to his veracity and their belief of his Revolutionary service to wit Benjamin O'Bannon, General Benjamin Cleveland, Gen. W. B. Wofford, Col. James Blair and many others he was born in Frederick County Virginia the year he does not remember precisely since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Spartanburg District South Carolina from Spartanburg he removed to Franklin County Georgia then to the County of Habersham where he has resided ever since he has no record of his age in his possession.

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 Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan C. Chastain, C.Cor

S/ Hugh Pierce

In open Court aforesaid Benjamin O'Bannon<sup>1</sup> who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith on oath that he was well acquainted with Hugh Pierce the present applicant for a pension in the Revolutionary War that he knows he was in the service of the United States for two years or upwards under difficult engagements that he was in Company with the said Hugh Pierce in several scrimmages in Scouting parties but they were not in many general engagements together and that he has been acquainted with the said Hugh Pierce ever since.

Sworn & subscribed In Open Court the date above written.

S/ Jonathan C. Chastain, C. C. Or

S/ Benjamin O'Bannon, X his mark

Georgia, Habersham County

An Amendment to the Declaration of Hugh Pierce filed in the Clerk's office of the Court of Ordinary for said County on the Sixth day of November Eighteen Hundred and Thirty two, to procure the benefit of An act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 for Revolutionary Services; Makes this further declaration before the Inferior Court of Said County to avail himself of said benefits. That he can prove his services by Sherwood. Holcombe & Benjamin O'Bannon, a certificate of one of them is in the original Declaration, the other is very old and if he comes to court his will be attached to this amended declaration.

1st. I was born in Frederick County State of Virginia. I believe in the year seventeen hundred and forty Nine.

2nd. My Sister who lives in Jones County Georgia has the record of my age made by my mother.

3rd. I was living in Spartanburg County, South Carolina when called into Service. I lived in Spartanburg Dist after the War, until I moved to the State of Georgia and then settled in Franklin Cty Said State and now live in Habersham.

4th. I Volunteered in Spartanburg district under the authority of the State of South Carolina

5th. There were no regulars in the Services Save some few from N Carolina under Of Col Polk [Thomas Polk] and. Robert Lanier. There was with us Col. Neil [sic, Neel], Col Brandon, Col. Williams [sic, Andrew Williamson] & Col Thompson & Col Cashaw [sic, Kershaw?] & Gen Richardson was commander in chief—We fought the Tories and run them into a Cane brake & took them prisoners & there was a deep snow on the ground. The Tories were under the command of Col Robert Cunningham.<sup>2</sup>

6th. I was a common soldier and got a discharge from General William Henderson who was a Major at the time the Tories were taken. It was Lost or mislaid many years ago never expecting it would be of any Service to me.

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<sup>1</sup> [Benjamin O'Bannon S31886](#)

<sup>2</sup> Applicant here appears to be describing the so-called "Snow Campaign" of late 1775 and early 1776 fought in the backcountry of South Carolina in and around Ninety Six.

7th. I am known to General Cleveland & General Wofford both of who have been in the Legislature of this State: they would testify to my good character and credibility and to their belief of my being a revolutionary Soldier—together with many others.

S/ Andrew M. Norris, C.I.C

S/ Hugh Pierce

Personally appeared in open court Sherwood Holcombe,<sup>3</sup> and made oath that he was acquainted with Hugh Pierce when in the revolutionary Service in the State of South Carolina and has no doubt that he served as he states in the original & this amended declaration, and he knows further that he served under a Captain Mass against a party of Tories.

S/ Andrew M. Norris, C.I.C.

S/ Sherwood Holcombe, X his mark

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State of Alabama Jefferson County: On this 26th day of August A.D. 1834 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the County Court of said County, Hugh Pierce, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 85 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.

He entered the service as a private in the month of December 1775, and served as herein stated, under the following named officers; The officers under whom he served whose names he now recollects, were General Richardson, Colonel William Wafford [sic William Wofford], Major William Henderson & Captain John Wood. Soon after he entered the service, General Richardson whose headquarters were then at Hollingsworth's Mills in the upper part of South Carolina, sent a detachment against a party of Tories under Cunningham, who were embodied at a place called the Cain Brake [Cane Brake] on Reedy River in the State of South Carolina, to which detachment this applicant belonged. The detachment was successful in the expedition, and took upwards of 100 prisoners. In this tour he served 2 months but was not in any engagement except the one above mentioned.

After that he was not called on again until the summer of 1776, in July of that year, he again entered the service and was soon after ordered to march against the Cherokee Indians who were at that time committing depredations on the frontiers of Georgia; In this expedition he encountered many dangers and hardships, and was present at the severe Battle fought at Timothea, more commonly known by the appellation of the Ring flight, at which 300 of the Americans were opposed by a much larger number of the Indians and kept their ground until they were reinforced by the troops under the command of General Williamson; soon after this the Indians fled, leaving a number of their dead and wounded on the ground. The officers under whom he served in this tour (which lasted 6 months) worth the same as above mentioned.

In the early part of the year 1777, his term of service having expired for that time, he returned home, (he lived at that time in Spartanburg District State of South Carolina and soon after removed to York District in the same State, at that time called Camden, and continued there until about the month of February 1781, about that time he was again called into service to act against a party of British & Tories who had possession of a Fort on the Congaree River at a place called Granby, his officers in this expedition were

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<sup>3</sup> Sic, Sherwood Holcomb FPA W7794

Colonel John Moffitt, and Captain John Henry the name of (the Major he does not recollect), General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] had the chief command, and was present at the surrender of the Fort, which was soon taken, together with a quantity of Military Stores and some prisoners, he thinks upwards of 200, in this tour he served not less than 4 months and returned home. In September of the same year he was called out against the Tories but the news of the surrender of Cornwallis being received soon after he was not engaged in any active service. He was a private in all the above mentioned service. This applicant further declares that during his term of service he was not engaged in any civil pursuit but was a volunteer in the State Militia in each Term of service.

He was born in Frederick County in the State of Virginia in the year 1749, and removed from there to York District South Carolina (then called Camden) from there he removed to Spartanburg District in the same State; at which place he lived when he first entered the service, He removed from there back to York in 1781 as above mentioned, from there after the War to Georgia Habersham County and from there to Jefferson County, Alabama where he now lives. He received a regular discharge from Colonel Henderson, which he has lost, and cannot now procure it. He has no documentary evidence in his possession to prove his services the statement of the witness who can testify to his services is hereto annexed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Hugh Pierce

State of Alabama, Jefferson County: Personally appeared before me H M Carithers an acting Justice of the Peace of said County, William Hartgrove, who being duly sworn as the law requires makes the following statement in relation to the foregoing application. He was acquainted with Hugh Pierce the person whose name is signed to the foregoing declaration, during the Revolutionary War and that about the year 1775 or 76, said Pierce was in the service of the United States against the Cherokee Indians, and on his being sent against a body of Tories at the Cain Brake on Reedy River under Cunningham. He also recollects of his going with the troops who took the Fort at Granby on Congaree River from the possession of the British & Tories, about the year 1781. The names of the officers who commanded in said Tours he does not recollect, except that General Lacey was sometimes in command of that part of the Country where said Pierce served, and that General Greene was commander in chief at the surrender of the Fort above mentioned this affiant further states that the said Pierce was generally believed by those with whom he was acquainted to have been a soldier of the Revolution. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 25th of August 1834

S/ H. M. Carithers, JP

S/ William Hartgroves, X his mark

State of Alabama Jefferson County: Personally appeared before me Hugh M. Caruthers an acting Justice of the Peace of said County John Brown Senior of said County, who being duly sworn according to law deposes and saith that he was in the reinforcement under General Williamson at the Battle against the Cherokee Indians called the Ring fight mentioned in the foregoing declaration, and that he was acquainted with a person attached to the troops by the name of Hugh Pierce and believes him to be

the same person who has subscribed the foregoing declaration, further your deponent says that he this affiant is himself a pensioner, on the Roll of the Agency of Mobile Alabama.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 26th day of August 1836

S/ H. M. Carithers, JP

S/ John Brown