

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shadrach Pearson (Pierson)¹ S5551

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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District of Kentucky

On this 3rd day of August 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth aforesaid personally appeared Shadrach Pearson aged 64 years resident in said Scott County and State aforesaid – who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War – That he enlisted in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia for the term of three years in the Company commanded by Captain Richard Taylor in the 1st Virginia Regiment in the Continental line in General Muhlenberg's Brigade – That he served as a soldier during the said time of three years after which he reenlisted during the war, in the same Regiment and was taken prisoner at the battle of Charlestown [Charleston] near the close of the war, made his escape from the enemy and again joined the American Army and remained in the Service till the close of the war; That he was at the Battles of German Town, Brandywine, Monmouth Court house, Trenton, Princeton & Stony Point, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support – and that he has no other evidence than he now offers of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me this day and year above written.

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

Nathaniel Mothershead² this day came before me and made oath that Shadrach Pearson served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war 3 years in the first Virginia Regiment under Captain Richard Taylor. Witness my hand this 3 of August 1818

S/ Benj. Johnson

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I do hereby Certify that I inlisted the Bearer Shadrack Pearson as a Soldier in the first Virginia Regt. for three years and that he served out that term as a good and faithful soldier. Given under my hand this 6th day of July 1817.

S/ Richard Taylor, formerly
Capt. in the 1st Virga Regt

¹ BLWt14129-100-Pvt. Issued Aug 8, 1795 No Papers

² FPA W8472

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this 6th Day of July 1817
By
Richard Taylor former
Cap^t in the 1st Virginia Regt.

State of Kentucky SS

On this 26 day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said State as will appear by an act of the general Assembly of said State passed for the establishment of said Courts Shadrach Pearson aged about sixty-six years resident in Bourbon County in said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he served in the first Virginia Regiment of Regular troops commanded by Colonel Reed and that he was a private soldier in Captain Richard Taylor's company belonging to said Regiment. He states that the said Regiment was afterwards commanded by Colonel Hendricks; Co. Richard Parker also commanded said Regiment. He also states that he belonged to the said Regiment when it was taken by the British at Charlestown [Charleston, May 12, 1780] in South Carolina. The Regiment was then commanded by Colonel William Russell - He states that he enlisted about the 8th day of August in the year 1776 as a private soldier in the company commanded by said Richard Taylor and that he helped to take the Hessians at Trentown [Trenton December 26, 1776], he was also in the battle at Princetown [Princeton January 3, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and at the siege of Mud Island [September 26-November 16, 1777]. He states that he was at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and at the storming of stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. He states that he has received a pension from his Government that he drew at one time from Co. Richard M Johnson \$50 at 2 other times he drew from the United States Branch in Lexington State aforesaid the sum of \$48. The number of his pension certificate he states to be 2818 - And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to

provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

50 acres of land in the state of Ohio worth \$50

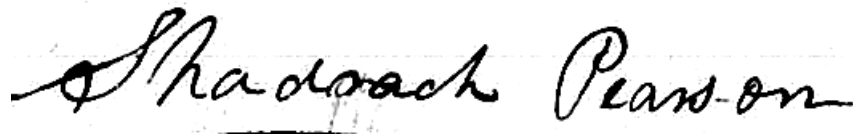
1 mare worth \$50 – 25 hogs little and big worth \$25

1 cupboard and ware at \$7 – 1 table 2 wheels 6 old chairs 1
hackle, 8 pieces of pewter ware all worth \$9 one pot and ball
at \$3 – Two old plows 2 wedges, 2 old axes, 2 old hoes all
worth \$9: Two pair of shears at 25 cents a piece 5 knives
7 forks at \$1.00 due me from Samuel Hedge \$30

I stand indebted as follows I owe David Thomas \$47.67. The firm of Wilson & Owings \$12 M. Hart \$8 – Peter Chouchman \$15 – Benedick Couchman \$8 – James Triplett \$6 – He states that his usual occupation is that of a farmer and his ability to pursue it is such from his age and infirmities he is unable to do but very little – He states the number and names of his family residing with him as follows Rachel Pearson my wife is about 58 years of age she being unable to support herself from the sickliness of her constitution she having been on well more or less for the last 13 years, Casendanea Pearson a daughter about 15 years old very well able to support herself, Henry C. Pearson 13 years of age able to support himself – he states that his wife and himself are incapable of supporting themselves without the aid of the Government except by private or public charity.

Signed

S/ Shadrach Pearson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shadrach Pearson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first name "Shadrach" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Pearson".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 3, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Shadrach Pearson (Pierson) S35551

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 22 Dec 2020.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Certify that Shadrack Pearson served as a soldier in the Virginia Continental line through a considerable proportion of the Revolutionary war.

Given under my hand this 20th day of Dec'r 1804 – Kentucky

Test Tho Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450]
Tho Martin late Lt. Colo Com't
Poseys Detach[men]t.
Continental Army

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tho Posey". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

I do Certify that Shadrack Peerson enlisted as a soldier with me & in my Company in September 1776 for during the War and I have good reason to believe continued till the close of the War. He continued in my company 'till I was promoted & left the Grand Army for Pitsburg when I joined Colo John Gibsons Regement. I considered a good & willing soldier

Given under my hand & seal this 19th day of March 1807

Teste Rich'd Taylor [Richard Taylor S46514]
W. D. L Taylor Late Maj'r 9th Virg'a Reg't
Zachary Taylor Con'l Line

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rich'd Taylor". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

NOTE: Richard Taylor was father of Zachary Taylor, 12th President of the United States, but the signature of the Zachary Taylor who witnessed the above document does not match that of the former President.