

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pettijohn [Pettyjohn] S3669

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State of North Carolina Chowan County Court} December Term 1832

On this eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful Justices of the County Court of Chowan, now sitting John Pettijohn a resident of the said County of Chowan and the State of North Carolina, aged Eighty years and upwards, 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 named officers, and served as hereinafter stated -- In the month of October in the year 1778 he was drafted for three months in the County of Perquimans and State aforesaid -- that by virtue thereof he was enrolled as a private soldier in a Company of Militia whereof William Barber was Captain, John Creecy Lieutenant and Henderson Austin Ensign -- that on the first day of January 1779 he as a private aforesaid marched with said Company for the Town of Edenton and on that day crossed Albemarle Sound for the Town of Augusta in Georgia, at which place he with the aforesaid Company arrived on the 8th day of March of the said last mentioned year and continued there to perform his duty as a private soldier in said Company until the 15th of April in the said year of 1779 when he was discharged and returned home -- General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was commander at Augusta -- the names of the other field officers if this affiant ever knew them he does not now remember.

That in April or May of the year 1780 or 1781, but which of these months or years is not by him now remembered he was drafted for three months in Chowan County in the State a private Soldier in the Militia -- that he was attached to Captain Charles Haughton's Company -- Lovick Swain was the Lieutenant -- that shortly after being drafted he was marched to the North West Bridge in Virginia where this affiant served as a private soldier and Carter [?] -- that he was under the command at the North West Bridge of General Gregory [Isaac Gregory], __ Dozier [Peter Dauge] Colonel -- that in going up from the Army at Northwest Bridge to the American Guard at Portlock's [?] Bridge this affiant with twelve others amongst whom was Lovick Swain the Lieutenant and Samuel Rea a private, was captured by the British and retained by them for 13 days when he was some time in the month of July in the year aforesaid discharged upon parole by the British -- that he then returned home to the County of Chowan in the State of North Carolina where he has resided ever since -- this affiant further states that he does not know not what particular name the several Regiments to which he was attached were designated other than that they were called the North Carolina Regiments -- he further states that he has no

documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his 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 the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Edwd Hoskins, Clk

S/ John Pettijohn, X his mark

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I Zebulon Pratt residing in the County of Chowan do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with John Pettijohn who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration, and that I believe him to be 80 years of age and that the whole of his declaration is correct and that I have heard John Clements who has been dead more than 20 years say that he and said Pettijohn were together as private soldiers in the War of the Revolution and that they were taken prisoners at the North West Bridge by the British.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Edmd Haskins, Clk.

S/ Zebulon Pratt



[Delight Nixon and Joseph Jackson also gave a standard supporting affidavit -- in addition they state that they have heard Samuel Rea, who died last January, state that he was in the service at the North West bridge during the revolutionary war with Pettijohn and that he and Pettijohn killed a heifer and Pettijohn sold the hide. Attestation dated December 18, 1832]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 15 days in the North Carolina militia.]