

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Harden Perkins S3680

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Felix Grundy¹ states, that prior to the year 1834, the Declaration and testimony in support of Thomas H Perkins application for a pension as an officer of the Virginia line of the revolutionary Army were placed in his hands – these papers were properly authenticated as he believes, and were presented by him at the pension office in Washington City – they were excepted to for the reasons, which appear upon the books of the office – and returned to him to have the deficiency supplied, which was mainly, a want of specification as to the length of service – this defect was attempted to be supplied, and the impression on my mind has always been and still he is, that I returned the papers, after I received them the second time to the pension office – I know I received the papers from Mr. Perkins a second time, I have searched diligently my papers both at house and at this place, and I cannot find them – if they are not in the pension office they are lost – I also know, that Mr. Perkins is at this time generally called Hardin Perkins, although he writes his name as Thomas H Perkins – he is a man of excellent good character, and for the last 28 years, during which I have known him has always been spoken of and considered an officer of the revolution, he resides in Williamson County Tennessee at the reception of General Lafayette in Nashville Mr. Perkins had a place assigned him by way of distinction as an officer of the revolution –

S/ F. Grundy

¹ GRUNDY, Felix, a Representative and a Senator from Tennessee; born in Berkeley County, Va., on September 11, 1777; moved with his parents to Brownsville, Pa., and in 1780 to Kentucky; instructed at home and at the Bardstown Academy, Bardstown, Ky.; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Bardstown, Ky., in 1797; member of the Kentucky constitutional convention in 1799; member, State house of representatives 1800-1805; chosen judge of the supreme court of Kentucky in 1806, and, in 1807, made chief justice, which office he soon resigned; moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1807 and resumed the practice of law; elected as a Democratic Republican to the Twelfth and Thirteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1811, until his resignation in 1814; member, Tennessee House of Representatives 1819-1825; in 1820 helped effect an amicable adjustment of the State line between Tennessee and Kentucky; elected as a Jacksonian in 1829 to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy in the term ending March 4, 1833, caused by the resignation of John H. Eaton; reelected in 1833 as a Democrat and served from October 19, 1829, to July 4, 1838, when he resigned to accept a Cabinet position; chairman, Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Twenty-first through Twenty-fourth Congresses), Committee on Judiciary (Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses); appointed Attorney General of the United States by President Martin Van Buren in July 1838; resigned in December 1839, having been elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate on November 19, 1839, to fill the vacancy in the term commencing March 4, 1839, caused by the resignation of Ephraim Foster; the question of his eligibility to election as Senator while holding the office of Attorney General of the United States having been raised, he resigned from the Senate on December 14, 1839, and was reelected the same day, serving from December 14, 1839, until his death in Nashville, Tenn., December 19, 1840; chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Twenty-sixth Congress); interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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Thomas Harden Perkins is my wife's father, I attended to the drawing of his petition for a pension, in which it was stated that he entered the Army in the Revolutionary War as Ensign in the Virginia Continental line, that he remained in the Army until he was promoted to a Lieutenantcy and continued in that rank until he left the Army, and that he served in said Army at least eighteen months but how much longer he could not positively state, the petition or declaration was written in conformity with the form and directions laid down or prescribed in such [paper damaged and text missing] by the Secretary of War, and contain the usual formalities, statements and declarations required by that department.

He has often stated to me, when he entered the service Thomas Hutchins was his Captain, that he bore the name of Harden Perkins until he left the Army, that his mother requested he should add Thomas to his name as she wished to complement her brother Thomas Harden – his elder brother and his will appointed him Executor by the name of Harden Perkins under for which will he qualified and acted as Executor – he has sundry old papers now in his possession some of them written by his relations and acquaintances in which he is called Harden Perkins.

All the papers in relation to his services and the depositions of other persons relating thereto, were I believe delivered to the Honorable Felix Grundy to be presented to the pension officer in Washington City, since which I have not seen them, nor do I know where they are, I did believe they were in the pension office, or the possession of Mr. Grundy.

Sworn & subscribed before me one of the Justices of the peace for Washington District of Columbia, this 31st day of June 1836.

S/ B. R. Mossell, JP

S/ Nicholas Perkins



This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 24th day of August 1784, in the name of Harden Perkins, as a Lieutenant of Infantry for £80.6.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To wit. Pay as Lieutenant from first January 1777 to 26 April 1778

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
15th day of June 1836.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Tuesday June 18th 1776

Lieutenant Conaway of Captain Hutchings Company 6 Regiment subscribed the Articles of War, was sis'd [signed?] & rec'd his Cornet Commission – Ensign Perkins of said Company, Rec'd his Commission sis'd [signed?] by the Coty [County] Commd.

A true extract from the Journal of the Committee of Safety page 32

Dr. [drawn?] The United States

In Account with Harden Perkins

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To pay as Lt. from 1st Jany 1777 to

26th of April 1778 126.18.8
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 By Value p money received £46.12.0
 Certificates 80.6.8 126.18.8

Chesterfield Arrangement 10th February 1781
 5th Regiment

Rank	No.	Names	Dates of Commissions	Former Regt.	Present Regt.	Remarks
Ens		Jacob Brown	15 Sept. 1778	0.9	--	prom'd
"		Archilas Perkins	11 " 1780	--	1	
Lieut.	9	William Judiman	June 15 th 1781			McDowal's resignation
"	10	Archilaus Perkins	Novr 24 th			Lewis's Do

I certify that the foregoing are truly excerpted from the Journal of the Committee of Safety, the Book of Settlements of the Officers of the Continental Line, the Chesterfield and Winchester arrangements of said Line.

I also further certify that Archelaus or Archibald Perkins and Harden Perkins are the only Offices of name of Perkins on the Registers of the Continental and State Lines.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond, this 15th day of June 1836

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$211.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia service for one year three months & 26 days]