

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Perryman S3682

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State of Tennessee }

 Fayette County}

 On this the 12th day of July AD 1833 Personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions John Pereman a resident of Fayette county State aforesaid aged about seventy 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 the 7th 1832.

Applicant states that sometime in the spring of the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty he entered the service of the united States as a volunteer under the command of Capt George Samuel and was attached to the regiment commanded by Col [Stephen] Moore at the time he entered the service as above stated he resided in the State of North Carolina Caswell County from thence they marched to Hillsborough in Orange County from thence we marched to Cross Creek [now Fayetteville] where we remained some time and from thence we marched across Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River] and went on to the Chair Raw Hills [sic: Cheraw Hills SC] at which place or near there we joined the main army under the command of General [Horatio] Gates in some few days after which presise time not recollected [16 Aug 1780] the American and British armys had an engagement at or near Camden which resulted in the defeat of General Gates an event of much notoriety in the history of the Revolutionary war after which applicant was discharged and returned home havin served three months the time for which he volunteered

Applicant further states that some time during the year A.D. 178 [sic] he was drafted for the time of three months more under the command of Cap Robert Sanford and was attached to the Redgmt of Col Davis Ramsey at which time he resided in the State of Virginia he having removed with his family from North Carolina to Fairfax County state of Virginia from which Fairfax County we marched to Fredericksburg & from thence to Williamsburg Williamsburg where we remained where we remained some short time perhaps untill the British landed at hampton or thereabouts we then marched to some point below Richmond near Asburns Town [possibly Osbornes Landing in Chesterfield County] and from thence we marched to Richmond during which time we had several small engagements with the British but had no general engagement at which place applicant again received his discharge having served three months

Applicant states that both of his discharges have been lost or mislaid Indeed he attached but little or no importance to them as he has no reason to believe that they would at any time be servicable to him, but now that the Government for which he fought has generously thrown open the coffers to her old Revolutionary soldiers he for the first time sees the necessity to have preserved his discharge which would have been conclusive evidence of his services and applicant is thrown upon the necessity of relying upon an old and frail memory to obtain from the Government the kind donation he having no Doctamentory evidence to prove his services neither dose he know of any persons by whome he can prove it he having remove from place to place in persuit of [illegible word] fortune leaving all his friends and relations behind applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state

[signed] Jno Perryman

Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Charles County State of Mereland in what year I know not but I think it was in the year 1763 as well as my recollection serves me.

Have you any record of your age if so where is it

I have no perfect record of my age I only know that I am abot seventy from looking to the occurances that have passed and gone

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

I lived in the State of North Carolina Caswell County when first called into service and in virginia

when last called into service as stated in my declaration after the close of the Revolutionary war I removed to the state of N.C. from there I removed to the state of Kentucky I now reside in West Tennessee Fayette County

Were you called into the service as a volunteer or were you drafted or substituted I was first entered the service as a volunteer and served three months in that capacity I was afterwards drafted and served three months longer makin in all six months as stated in my declaration

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continal [sic: Continental] and militia Regements as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services

I cannot answer the last question more fully than by reference to my declaration in which I endeavoured to give a statement of my services and the officers under which I serve there in many circumstances the shades of which are yet faintly lingering in my old and frail memory but not with sufficient distinctness for me to attempt a statement.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whome was it given and what has become of it

I did receive a discharge which has been lost but from whome I received it I do not at present recollect
[signed] Jno Perryman

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of John Perryman was given the final pension payment up to the date of his death on 14 Apr 1840.