

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Pierson¹ S3695

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County: SS

On this 27th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting, Charles Pierson, a resident of Franklin County & State of Tennessee aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, take 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 herein stated.

Entered the service as well as he recollects in the month of September 1779, being then a resident of Brunswick County, Virginia, as a regular soldier, having enlisted to serve seven months, in Captain Hardy Taylor's Company of he thinks the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Edrington [Edwin Etherington?]. We marched to Halifax, on Roanoke River – here we joined Colonel Caswell's [Richard or William Caswell] Regiment, the whole commanded by General Thomas Eaton; from thence we marched to Kingston [Kinston] in North Carolina where General Ashe [John Ashe] took the command – & marched by the way of Camden & Georgetown to Charlestown in South Carolina, & from thence to Augusta, in Georgia, where we arrived on the 14th of February 1780. He was in the battle of Brier Creek [March 3, 1779] in Georgia, in which we were defeated – Many of the American troops collected after the defeat at Purysburg [Purrysburg] in South Carolina – where I was discharged – & not expecting it was of any value, it has been lost or mislaid – & then returned home.

After my return home, a call was made on the North Carolina militia & one Lewis Price being drafted for a three months tour of duty, employed the applicant as a substitute. Having taken said Price's place, he was attached to Captain Thomas French's Company of Militia (having removed from Virginia to Rutherford County North Carolina). The company was marched to Moncks Corner in South Carolina & before joining the Army at Charleston, was surprised [April 14, 1780?]² & made prisoners – Were put on board a prison ship & detained seven weeks in the mouth of Ashley River. After the fall of Charleston, we were released on our parole & returned home. The prison ship in which we were confined was called "The Swan."

In a few months afterwards, he substituted for eighteen months in place of Miles Allen in Captain Nash's Company at Halifax in North Carolina where Captain Nash continued in the recruiting service. He moved from place to place recruiting until they arrived at Little York, a few days before the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. We were not attached to any

¹ I believe this is the same man as [Charles Pearson R8244](#)

² Perhaps the engagement on that date as described in

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moncks_corner.html

Regiment & were soon after discharged having served 8 or 9 months –

He has no documentary evidence in his possession or power to prove his said services or any part thereof nor does he know of any person now living, in his power to procure, by whom he can prove the same.

He was born in the County of Brunswick & State of Virginia, about the year 1762, according to the best account he has of his age, having no record evidence – from thence removed to Rutherford County, North Carolina, as before stated – returned to Brunswick County Virginia, & lived there 18 months & then moved to Chatham County North Carolina, where he resided until about 18 years ago, when he removed to this County & State, where he has resided ever since –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

He omitted to state having forgotten that in addition to the Services before detail, he volunteered as a private in Captain William Douglass's Company of Mounted Riflemen a short time before Hillsborough was taken by the Tories. After they fled from Hillsboro, Captain Douglass pursued them, & overtook them at Jonathan Lindley's Mill on Cane Creek Orange County North Carolina where we had a severe battle [September 13, 1781]³, in which the vile Tories were defeated with great Slaughter – Having served the full tour he was discharged. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 27th of November 1832

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ Charles Pierson, X his mark

[George Roberts, a clergyman, & John Jones Esquire gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html