

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Pickerill S3703

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State of Ohio Brown County: SS: Court of Common Pleas July Term 1832

On this 25th day of July 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of common pleas for the County and State aforesaid Samuel Pickerill a resident of the State of Ohio and County of Brown aforesaid aged about seventy-two years to the best of his recollection who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States at Dumfries in the State of Virginia in the fall of 1776 under Captain Gallahue [Charles Gallahue, Capt. 11th Va. Regt., killed May 23, 1777 at Sag Harbor] for three years in the first Virginia State Regiment and was transferred from Captain Gallahue's Company after serving there a short time, to the company commanded by Captain Thomas Uel [Thomas Ewell?] and was then appointed a Drummer [sic, drummer?] in which appointment he served out his three years, Colonel Brent [William Brent?] commanded the Regiment and Major Thomas Meraweathers [Thomas Meriwether], they first marched to Williamsburg where board Dunmore Governor of Virginia lived after staying there a short time, was marched to the Valley Forge on Schoalkill [Schuylkill River] and there took up winter quarters, and the British lay in Philadelphia, and we had frequent fights with them in small parties, about the first of July following when the British left Philadelphia we were ordered to pursue them and we overtook them at Monmouth [Monmouth Court House, June 28, 1778] where we had a Severe Battle and beat the British. General Muhlenberg commanded the Brigade he belonged to on that day, he was then marched to the White Plains in New England, after the Battle at the White Plains¹ [October 28, 1776], they were then marched back across the North River to a place called the Clove mountains, from there they marched to Stony Point under General Anthony Wayne and took that place [July 16, 1779] in the night. They burned the Fort and took the Cannon to West Point, they reentered near Middle Brook [Middlebrook] and they were marched to and fro to different Places until his term of three years was expired and he was discharged in Alexander [Alexandria] Virginia, that he was appointed a drummer in about one month after he was enlisted and served out his time of enlistment as a Drummer, that he had a written discharge but as he was a single man at that time and worked out at different places, his discharge washed up in washing his jacket. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

¹ Possibly a mistaken reference to the engagement on December 5-8, 1777 at the White Marsh in Pennsylvania. The sequence of events would make it more plausible that the engagement was the one at the White Marsh as opposed to the one at the White Plains.

S/ Samuel Pickerill

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a drummer for 3 years in the Virginia service.]

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

[Note: I strongly suspect that the following document indexed under the name Samuel Pickral relates to the above veteran.]

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