

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Perkinson S38296

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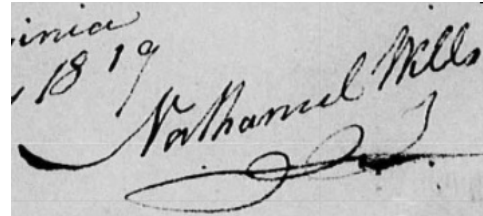
Town of Petersburg to wit

On this 2nd day of May 1819 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the general Court personally appeared James Perkinson aged about fifty five years, resident in the said Town of Petersburg who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said Jas Perkinson enlisted in the state of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Cap't. White (last by Cap't Watts [John Watts BLWt2431-300]) of the first Regiment of Lt. Dragoons of the Virginia line on continental establishment commanded by Colo. Anthony White [Anthony Walton White W6477]. That he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States more than nine months & untill the end of the war when he was discharged from service at Lawrence's Ferry [possibly Leneud's Ferry] in the state of South Carolina, that he was in the battle near Savannah with the Indians [possibly at Sharon GA, 24 May 1782], that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, & has no other evidence of his services. James hisXmark Perkinson

Honable Judge Parker. Sir

I do herby certify that James Perkinson was a Soldier for the War & serv'd in the same Reg't with to wit the first Reg't. of Cavalry Commanded by Colo Anthony W White and I think He was discharged by Major [John] Swan [VAS2026] at Laurences Ferry on Santee River in S Carolina on or about the 10th of May Mr Perkinson was in the 2nd Troop comanded by Capt John Watts now Colo Watts of Bedford County Virginia Petersburg 1st May 1819

Nathaniel Wills [R11645]



This 28th day of September 1819, personally appeared before me, Richard E. Parker, Judge &c. James Perkinson, who in order to amend his annexed declaration, (having been first duly sworn) declares, that his remembrances of dates is very indistinct, that he cannot accurately recollect the day on which he enlisted or that on which he was discharged, that however he has ascertained those dates by enquiry of Nathaniel Wills, who was a soldier in the army with him, to whose annexed affidavit he begs leave to refer for greater certainty. He further declares that he was honorably discharged, and that his discharge has been lost or destroyed. Rich'd E Parker

N.B. The above declarant seemed very old and ignorant

Nathaniel Wills being duly sworn deposeseth and saith that he was in the army with James Perkinson, who enlisted on the 5th day of April 1781 and was discharged on the 10th day of May, 1783. that the discharge then given was to be final unless they were ordered to rejoin the Army; that afterwards by act of Congress and a Proclamation of General Washington issued in pursuance thereof, the discharge was made final.

Sworn to before me.

Rich'd E Parker

District of Petersburg, Virginia

On this 17th day of March 1821 James Perkinson personally appeared in open Court, being a

Court of record established as such by an Act of the General Assembly, passed in May 1784) for the town of Petersburg, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows.

First for 18 months under Gen'l. Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben]; Afterwards in the Southern Tour under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and there under Captain John Watts in Colo. Washingtons [William Washington's] Reg't. of Cavalry —

[Date of original] Declaration not recollected. Pension Certificate No. 15, 308.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of James Perkinsons property —

Nothing: totally destitute, & without any occupation, having been brought up a farmer, but without land, & now unable from age and infirmity to do anything for my support being now about 62 years old. No Family.

James hisXmark Perkinsonris.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Perkerson, James.]

I do Certify that James Perkerson enlisted for the war in the first Reg't of Light Dragoons the 12th day of July 1780 [illegible] serv'd till the whole of the Continental Troops was dis[charged]

Exam[ine]d Genuine

John Harris [W1422] Lt

Thos. Meriwether Com'r.

1st Reg't L. Dragoons

July 30, 1784.

July 28, 17[84]

Copy Edmund B Lacy

For a Valuable consideration I do Assign to Wm Reynolds the full ballance of pay, bounty of Land & Gratuity allow'd me for my services as a sold'r who enlisted for & serv'd to the end of the war in 1st Reg't L Dragoons. Given 31 July 1784

Teste Ed. Valentine

James hisXmark Perkerson

Copy Edmund B Lacy

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse (<http://revwarapps.org/b81.pdf>) lists the following: James Perkinson/ age 15/ height 4' 10¼"/ light hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ farmer/ born and residing in Chesterfield County where he enlisted for 18 months as a substitute on 26 July 1780/ sized 8 March 1781. A different size roll also compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 (<http://revwarapps.org/b69.pdf>) includes the following: James Purkinson/ age 18/ height 4' 8½"/ farmer/ born and residing in Chesterfield County/ light-brown hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 15 Sep 1780 for 18 months.