

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Pittenger S38305

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State of Kentucky Spencer County: SS

On this 26th day of March 1834 personally appeared before Samuel Marshall a Justice of the [Peace] in and for Spencer County and one of the Judges of the County Court of said County Abraham Pittenger aged 72 years & after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June in 1832.

This declarant states that he was residing in Culpeper County State of Virginia when he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. That in the year of 1778 a draft was ordered in said County of Culpeper for a tower [tour] of three months when he the said declarant was drafted for the above stated period and served as herein stated. He states they rendezvoused at Culpeper Courthouse in the month of August 1778 and he was marched from said place of rendezvous under the command of Captain Richard Nolls and was attached to Colonel Dicks Regiment whose Christian name he at this time does not recollect. He states they marched across the rapid ann River [Rapidan River] at a place called fries ford and from thence he states they marched to a place called the grounsqurrel Bridges [Ground Squirrel Bridge], and from thence he states they were marched near Richmond where he states he was stationed for some time but how long he does not at this time remember. But after being there some time he states they received information that the British had left that section of the Country. They were again marched up the Country and he was discharged verbally by his said Captain Nolls and returned home in the month of November 1778. This declarant further states that in the year of 1781 a draft was again ordered in Culpeper County for a tower of 6 months when he the said declarant was again drafted into the Service for the above stated period and served as is herein stated. That they rendezvoused at Culpeper Courthouse in the month of February and was marched from said place of rendezvous under the command of Captain Jimison [Jamison?] and Colonel Stanton and he states they crossed the rapid ann River at a place called the Jeremana [?] ford from thence he states they marched by Bowling green and from thence he states they were marched to Richmond and he states they were marched from thence across James River and he states that after crossing said River and marching about through the Country for some days they were marched to Chesterfield Courthouse he states about that time that the British took possession of peatersburg [Petersburg] he states that they while they were at Chesterfield Courthouse that he and some others of Captain Jimisons Company joined mager [Major] Boises [Boice?] Battalion of Light infantry and he was attached to Captain Boids [Boyd's?] Company his Lieutenant he thinks was by the name of woodley [Woodley?] He states that after he had joined this Company that he in that Battalion was kept constantly on guard in durig [and during?] Their stay at Chesterfield he State they were sometimes marching towards the River of nights for

fear the British would make an attack upon them in the night after some days he states they left Chesterfield Court house & marched up the River some distance and crossed over the River from thence they marched to Richmond where he states they met with some other forces who he thinks was under the command of General meuelingburg [Peter Muhlenberg] but he is not certain as he was there but a few hours when he states that mager Boises Battalion of infantry was marched below Richmond a few miles where they encamped for some time he states during his stay here he was constantly and active employed in marching and guarding the Country he states that some days before his time of service had expired that he was marched down the Country some distance and then they were again marched up the Country and crossed over some Bridges that was over some marshes they were called the Long Bridges he states he was verbally discharged by his mager Boice near these Bridges in the month of August 1781 and went home. This declarant further states that in the month of September a draft was again ordered in said County of Culpeper when he the said declarant was again drafted into the Service for a tower of 3 months and rendezvoused at Culpeper Courthouse in the month of September 1781 and was marched from said place of rendezvous under the command of Captain gilison [Gillison?] and Colonel Jameson to rich to Richmond and from thence he states they were marched to mobin hills [Malvern Hills] where he states they were stationed a few days from thence he states they marched to Williamsburg and stayed all night from thence he states they marched to York town when he states that he was take and stationed as a guard to the landing and to help to load the wagons with munitions of war he states he was employed here for some days and then marched to York town again where he states he remained until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and after the surrender of Cornwallis he states he did guard a part of the Prisoners that was surrendered by Cornwallis to Winchester Barrix [Winchester Barracks] where he states he was stationed as a guard over said Prisoners until his 3 months had expired when he was verbally discharged by his said Captain gilison in the month of December 1781 and went home he states that he has no docurmy [documentary] evidence of his service nor knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said service he states that from old age and bodily infirmity he is unable to appear in open Court to make his declaration he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not recorded on the Pension Roll of the agency of the United States or any State or territory.

A/ Abraham Pittenger

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abraham Pittenger". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. The name "Abraham" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, while "Pittenger" is written in a slightly smaller, more compact hand. There is a small flourish or mark at the end of the signature.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of March 1834

S/ Samuel Marshall, JP SC

Answers to the questions put by the magistrate

I was born in Summeset [Somerset] County State of New Jersey the year of 1762 and I have record of my age in my father's Bible and when I was called into the service I was living in Culpeper County State of Virginia where I lived until the year of 1798 when I moved to Kentucky in Spencer County where I now live how were you called into the service I was 3 times drafted twice for 3 months and wants for 6 months and I was 3 times verbally discharged once by Captain Richard Nolls and once by mager Boice and once by Captain gilison and on my first tower there were no regular officers where I served and only the one Regiment commanded by Colonel Dick and own my 2nd tower there was Captain Jameson and Colonel Stanto [sic]

mager Boice Captain boid and general mewlinburg and own my 3rd tower there was general Washington General Lafayette General Wayne of the regulars and of the militia there was Colonel Jimison General Stevens that I knew

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]