

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Tarter S38419

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State of Kentucky, Pulaski County Court

On this 17th day of March 1834, personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Pulaski County, State of Kentucky, now sitting as a Court, Peter Tarter, a resident of Pulaski County State of Kentucky aged about Seventy Six 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 provision made by 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, that while a resident of the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina the day month or year not now Remembered, but he well recollects, that it was about two months before Cornwallis besieged and took the city of Charleston,¹ he was drafted to serve eighteen months in the Company of Captain Jacob Mooney, belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Hamright [sic, Frederick Hambright] to serve against the British and Tories, after being rendezvoused he was marched to Mecklenburg in North Carolina, and the troops to which he belonged were stationed there for several months during the time he was stationed at that place, we had several skirmishes with the Tories, that were embodying themselves and were committing Depredations in that region of Country, and many Tories were taken prisoners and were as prisoners detained at said place, during the time he was stationed at said place, he was ordered to serve in the Company of Captain Taylor under the Command of Colonel Campbell of the Regular Service, and during the time the troops to which I belonged remained at said place, the Tories were tried at the Moravian Towns in said State where many were sentenced to receive stripes and one of them named Ezekiel Rice was ordered to be hanged, and was accordingly executed the troops to which I then belonged was from thence marched to Pittsylvania County State of Virginia, to disperse Tories and to prevent them from joining the British Army and was from thence marched to the Lead Mines [Chiswell Lead Mines] on New River in said State of Virginia, and was stationed at said lead mines to guard and protect the same, from the British & Tories at which place, he remained stationed for several months from thence was marched to the Flower Gap Mountain between Virginia & North Carolina to suppress the Tories, who had been committing outrages upon the persons and property of those who were friends to the American Revolution, there we had a Battle with the Tories and they were defeated, their property was taken and from thence we were marched to a place in North Carolina called the Hollows from thence we were again marched to the mountain country in pursuit of Tories, but on the march we learnt the Tories had left their encampment, we were then marched back to Harper's Ferry on New River where the Army met with Colonel Crockett of the Virginia Militia who was then in command, my feet having become so inflamed and swollen, from long & frequent forced marches, I was unable to continue with the Army, and was permitted to rest a few days at the house of an uncle and after a few days he was sufficiently recovered to join the company

1 Charleston fell on May 12, 1780. Since applicant states later in this declaration that he was 17 years old when he first entered service, that would place his birthdate as March 10, 1763.

again at the Lead Mines, where the company was stationed and at which place, he continued in the service, until the 18 months for which he was drafted, had expired and his service completed, making up also the time he lost in resting to recover from the inflammation of his feet at which place he was discharged from the service by his officers and received a discharge in writing for 18 months service, signed by Captain Isaac Taylor which discharge has long since been lost.

Afterwards in a short time after he was discharged as above [stated], the time not now recollected, a resident of Wythe County, State of Virginia a call was made by Government for Soldiers to serve against the Indians and he volunteered to serve in the Company of Captain Findley, for the term of 12 months, was under the command and belonged to the Regiment of Captain Isaac Shelby, after being rendezvoused was marched to the Long Island on Holston River. I was marched in the company of Captain Scott, Captain Findley from some cause did not march with the Regiment, he remained in service at said place, until a treaty was held and peace concluded with said Indians. He cannot now say exactly how long he was engaged in the Service but not less than two months, was discharged from Service, Received a discharge signed by Captain Scott, which he has long since lost. I then returned to a place between the Holston River & Watauga to transact some business for my Father with a Man by the name of Nicholas Motton. The County in which he lived not now Recollected, as also the day month or year from long lapse of time, is not now recollected, when I substituted myself to serve for said Nicholas Motton who had been drafted to serve 12 months, in the company of said Captain Scott, against the British, after joining the company aforesaid as a Substitute aforesaid, we were marched through Wythe County Virginia, in a direction to Bedford County and after marching about 100 miles towards the Main Army, we were compelled to stop, in consequence of a great fall of Snow, at a place not now Recollected, remained there 10 or 12 days, when we were discharged by our officers until further orders. He states that he served and was actually engaged as a Substitute not less than five weeks, when he was discharged or furloughed he received a writing from Captain Scott which has long since been lost, and he was not ordered again into the service by his officers.

Afterwards the time not now recollected, while a resident of Wythe County Virginia, he was drafted in the Company of Captain Love, to serve a tour of two months to Guard and protect the frontiers against the Indians, the Company was stationed at Maxwell's Station on the head of Clinch River he remained in the Service at said place until he served fully said two months, he was then discharged from the service by Captain Love, but received no discharge in writing.

He has no Documentary evidence whatever of his services and knows of no person, whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, for the last 14 years, he has been deprived of sight by the loss of both his eyes, had he not been so unfortunate, he believes he could have procured positive Testimony to his services, but being entirely deprived of Sight, he has traveled none and mixed very little with society, and his early acquaintances are dispersed. He is known to Seburn Crutchfield, a Clergyman, residing in his neighborhood, and George S. Burton & Robert Sayers, the latter, as who are also residence of his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency in any State or Territory.

He was born in the State of Pennsylvania, the County not recollected, being very young only seven or eight years old, when his Father moved from the State. He was born on the 10th day of March, the year he does not know, he has no Record of his age, and states his age from his present Recollection of information as to his age from his Parents, he was according to the information he had received in his 17th year when he entered the Service the first time as stated in his Declaration.

He was living at the place stated in his Declaration, when called into service. After the Revolutionary War he lived in Wythe County Virginia until he removed to Kentucky and settled at his present place of residence in Pulaski County, where he has lived something upwards of 28 years and in which County at said place he still resides.

He was called into the Service in the manner stated in his Declaration.

He has stated in his Declaration above, the names of the officers who were with the troops where he served, the Regiments and the general circumstances of the Service where he served.

He received discharges in writing for his Terms of service, except the last, Signed as stated by him above, which have long since been lost.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Tarter, X his mark

[Seburn Crutchfield, a clergyman residing in Wayne County, Georgia S. Burton & Robert Sayers, residents of Pulaski County, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]