

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Peace S38996

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South Carolina

At a court of General Sessions and Common Pleas began to be holden at Spartanburgh [Spartanburg] court house in and for the District of Spartanburg on the Second Monday after the fourth Monday in October being the 6th day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty.

Present his Honor Judge Nott

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District: To wit

On this Sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty, personally appeared in open court, to wit the court of General Sessions and Common Pleas, being a court of Record for the said District, John Peace, aged Sixty Six years resident in the District aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to the Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit. In the Winter of 1776 & 7 he served a Tower [sic, Tour] of Three months in the company of Captain George Crawford under the command of Col. John Wood. On the 1st January 1777 he joined Genl. Washington's Army in the Jerseys, and was in the action at Princetown [sic, Princeton, January 3, 1777], a few days afterwards he returned home and was discharged. On the 28th day of April 1778 he enlisted for the Term of Three years with Capt. Daniel Stull at Hagerstown, in the Seventh Maryland Regiment commanded by Col John Gunby, and joined the main army at the Valley Forge. He acted as a Corporal at the Battle of Monmouth court house [June 28, 1778], and was then appointed Orderly Sergeant, and shortly afterwards was appointed Sergeant Major. He commanded a Platoon at Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], and also at the Battle of Guildford] Court House [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781], about the 28th day of April 1781, he was discharged at Woolcock's Iron works on Deep River in No Car by Capt. William Beaty [William Beatty] and Col O. H. Williams [Otho Holland Williams] of the first Maryland Brigade. He was then appointed to commissary of Forage under General Carrington [?] of the Maryland line, and served in that capacity until September following. He afterwards joined the Militia Light horse company of Capt John Cohoun [John Calhoun] under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], where he served almost one year and then returned to the North.

The declarant further swears, that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring himself within the provisions of the act of congress entitled 'an act to provide for certain persons 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 he has no, nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income, other than what is contained in

the Schedule here unto annexed and by him subscribed.

The declarant further swears, that he is possessed of no property, either real or personal except his clothes, Pen knife and Inkstand, that he follows the occupation of School teaching, and will ere long be compelled to abandon that pursuit, as he is already too blind to pursue his occupation without great inconvenience, and that from age and infirmity he is unable to support himself any other way. He further Swears, that his wife has been deprived of the use of her reason since the year 1808, and has since that time been a constant charge to the care of his family, who are, Elenor Peace born 3rd August 1786, not married - John Peace born 16 April 1791 a farmer, able to support himself, Mary Peace born 21st May 1793, unmarried, Joseph Peace born 18th December 1794, a farmer able to support himself, Patrick Peace born 23rd July 1797, married, William Peace born 28th July 1800 a farmer, and James C Peace born 6th May 1803 a farmer. The family of the Declarant have a small farm, on which they live and with difficulty and great economy, support themselves and their invalid Mother, but are unable, without privation to themselves to contribute to the support of the Declarant.

Sworn to and declared the day above mention before.

S/ John Peace

S/ Abm Nott

I am of opinion this total amount in value, of the property contained in the above schedule does not exceed Twenty Dollars.

S/ Abm Nott

The State of South Carolina

I Elisha Bomar clerk of the court of General Sessions and common Pleas for Spartanburgh District certify that the foregoing oath, and the schedule thereunto annexed are truly copies from the Records of the said court, and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property of the Declarant as stated in the schedule, does not exceed Twenty Dollars. On Testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the said court on this 12th day of December 1820.

S/ E. Bomar

Clerk of the Court of General Sessions and
Common Pleas for Spartanburg Dist

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Auditor's Office, Annapolis, Feby 24th 1820

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that John Peace enlisted as a Corporal in the 7th Maryland Regiment, on the 28th day of April 1778 and was discharged on the 1st Nov 1780 present.

S/ Thos Karney, Aud. S.M.

The applicant was appointed to Q. M. Sergt on the 2nd day of March 1780. Srgt Major in
May 80

S/ TK

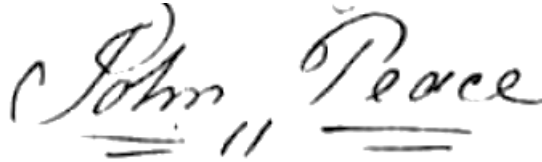
South Carolina

To wit

On this Eleventh day of April, one Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty before me and the Judges of the courts of General Sessions and common Pleas for the said State, personally appeared John Peace aged Sixty five years, resident in Greenville District in the said State, he being by me, first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration,

in order to obtain the provisions made by the late Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" - That he the said John Peace enlisted for the term of three years on the 28th day of April Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and seventy Eighth in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain Daniel Stull, of the Regiment commanded by Col John Gunby in the Line of the State of Maryland on the Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve the said corps as in the service of the United States until the 28th day of April Anno domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-one, when he was regularly discharged from the service at a place known by the name of Woolcock's Ironworks on Deep River in the State of North Carolina, by Capt William Beatty and Col Williams - that he continued with the Army until after the Siege at Ninety-six [May 21-June 19, 1781] and when discharged was Sergeant Major in the first Maryland Brigade - that he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his Support - and that being far removed from his Revolutionary friends and co adjutors [?],¹ he is unable to produce any other Testimony of his said Services. Declared and sworn to this day and year aforesaid

S/ John Peace

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Peace". The name is written in a fluid, connected style with some underlining.

S/ David Johnson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 11th, 1824 service as a Sergeant Major in the Maryland Continental line for 3 years.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to John Peace
Audited Account No. 5774

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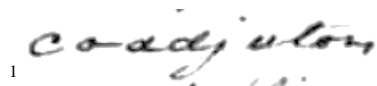
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I do hereby Certify that the Bearer John Peace was subject to my Command, and did Militia Duty on horseback in my Company from the 15th September 1781 until the 8th September 1782 for which time he has received no Pay for the same. Given under my hand
This 14th January 1788

S/ John Calhoun Capt.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Calhoun Capt.". The signature is written in a fluid, connected style with some underlining.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "coadjutor". The signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

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² The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

I do hereby Certify that Sergeant Major John Peace of the Late 7th Maryland Regiment has faithfully Served the time for which he was Engaged in that he has not received any Pay since the 31st of March 1780 to my knowledge that being the last Payment the troops of the Maryland line has Received – The Clothier of the Regiment not being present therefore I undertake to certify that he has the following Articles of clothing due viz.
One Coat, one Pair woolen Overalls, & one Pair of linen overalls – Given under my hand in Camp this 8th day of April 1781

S/ W. Beatly Capt.
7th M. Regt.

John Peace Sergeant Major in the 1st Maryland Regiment, having faith they serve the time for which he was enlisted, is hereby discharged the service –

Given under my hand at Wallcocks

Iron Works N. Carolina this

8th of April 1781

S/ Jo. Gunby Colo. 1st M. Regt.

Commissioner of Issues are desired to furnish the Bearer with Rations on his March

S/ O. H. Williams D. A. Gl.

I do hereby Certify that the above is a true Copy from the original as I have Examined this day given under my hand this 17th January 1788

S/ William Moore, JP
for Abbeville County

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To the Honorable the Senate Sitting in Charleston South Carolina

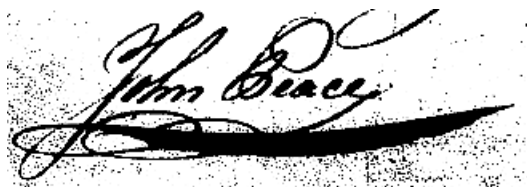
The Humble Petition of John Peace

Most humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner was three years in the actual Service of the United States under the command of the late General Green [Nathanael Greene] as by his discharge which Accompanies this will more fully Appear. And after being discharged Served in the forage department Six months but being destitute of money and Clothes was rendered incapable of Returning to his family in Pennsylvania was obliged to apply himself to Industry to elevate his then present necessities and provide for his further Support; at which Juncture the Enemies of America by their Rapine and Murders threatened destruction on all Sides. That your Petitioner was then obliged to do Militia Duty with his own horse during the term of twelve months wanting seven days under the command of Captain John Calhoun in General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] Regiment as by Certificate will appear for which your Petitioner has never received any part of the pay or hire due for said Service owing to a neglect of Captain Calhoun not returning your Petitioner to General Anderson [Robert Anderson], your Petitioner being gone to the Northward to bring out his family and Settle his Accounts with the State of Maryland from whence your Petitioner Returned last July and now considers himself a Citizen of this State.

Most Humbly Submits it to your Honors consideration. Trusting in that Generosity and humanity which has so distinguished the Legislature of South Carolina in the Line of Liberty. To commiserate your Petitioner's Case and doubt not but it will Appear Equitable to the Honorable House that Petitioner should be rewarded for his Service and order the matter according to your usual Clemency and Goodness and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray

Dated 22nd January 1789

S/ John Peace

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Beace". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored, textured background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Beace".

[Note: The petition of the veteran was approved by both the South Carolina Senate and House and he was granted £51 for 351 days duty as a horseman in the militia under Captain John Calhoun. The veteran authorized John Lewis Gervais to collect his indent.]