

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Joshua Pearce: S39004

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State of Tennessee} June 26<sup>th</sup> 1818

Washington County} In pursuance to an act of congress of the United States entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navel service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War

Appeared before me Thomas Emmerson one of the Circuit Judges of the State of Tennessee the subscriber hereto Joshua Pearce and after being duly sworn according to law deposed & stated, that he the said Joshua Pearce, after haveing served the state of Maryland during the Revolutionary war for twelve months as a volunteer he enlisted in the continental service in the Revolutionary war some time in or about the month of May 1777. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the Maryland line under Captain Roxburgh of s'd 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Col Stone being Colonal at that time of s'd Regiment that after his enlistment in said Regiment he entered in Captain Roxburgh's company untill he was promoted, at which time a Captain Jordan was appointed to succeed him, and did as a private soldier continue in s'd Regiment & Company untill the close of the war, and was then furlough'd to go home by land, the troops generally being conveyed home by water, that he sold his pay to a merchant in Annapolis, (whose name he does not now recollect) and to enable him to draw the same gave the furlough which he had obtained from Major John Eagleston, and never did get any other discharge than a furlough, which he cannot now forward as he passed the same out of his hands as before stated. that during the term of service from the time of enlistment untill the close of the war, being in 1783 he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], long Island [27 Aug 1776] and many other battles that he is now aged sixty three years and has been incapable of pursuing manual labour for many years in a labourious manner from the remains of injury [illegible word] which he sustained in the service aforesaid together with the Rheumatism, that he is in very indigent and necessitous circumstances, and so much reduced therein that he stands in need of the generous provision made by the government of his country for the indigent soldiery of the Revolution. that he never has been placed on any pension list of the United States and that he is now a resident citizen of Sullivan County & State of Tennessee and has there resided for fifteen years, and within the state of Tennessee for more than twenty years and never has been out of the limits of the United States since the Revolutionary war

Joshua hisXmark Pearce

State of Tennessee} Schedule

Sullivan County} August Sessions 1820

On this twenty fourth day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record) Joshua Pearce aged sixty five years resident in said County of Sullivan, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows towit in the first Regiment of the Maryland line of Continental troops by Captain Sam'l. Smith, that he enlisted therein for during the war with the s'd Captain Smith, which regiment was commanded by Col William Smallwood, and served out the term of his enlistment and was in the Battles of Long Island, Brandywine, Germantown, Greens defeat at Campden [see note below], Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & Monmoth [sic: Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778]

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth 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 persons engaged in the land and navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the eighteenth day of March 1818. and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securitys, contracts, or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the following schedule, and which is by me subscribed and that he has been pensioned and his

certificate is of date 11<sup>th</sup> July 1819 and No 6794 and original application 26<sup>th</sup> June 1818  
Schedule as follows towit -

five screw augurs, five chissels two gouges 1 pair of compasses one two foot rule five plain  
bits Joshua hisXmark Pearce

he further states & declares that he is by occupation a joiner and that owing to his infirmity he  
is unable to pursue the same, that he has had a wife and three children, his wife departed this  
life last april, and his three children are all of age and married off and he has no family but  
himself

Sworn to & declared in open Court this twenty fourth August 1820

Joshua hisXmark Pearce

NOTE: "Greens defeat at Campden" appears to refer to the defeat of Gen. Nathanael Greene at  
Hobkirk's Hill near Camden SC on 25 Apr 1781. Since Smallwood was not at that battle, however,  
it is possible that Pearce meant to say "Gates's defeat at Camden," referring to the defeat of Gen.  
Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden on 16 Aug 1780.