

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Petty S39007

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County} May Sessions 1822

On this 29th day of May 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County of Hawkins, John Petty, a citizen of Hawkins County aforesaid aged sixty-four years last March who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration is that he served in the revolutionary War in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] (afterwards General Sumpter) and enlisted under Nathaniel Risboo [Nathaniel Risbey?] an Ensign belonging to the said Regiment which he inclined to believe was the 1st South Carolina Regiment on the Continental Establishment, that his Captain's name was Captain Harry or Henry Risboo [Henry Risbey?]. He enlisted at the first commencement of the war but is not positive in what year 1776 or 1777 but Enlisted for 15 months in South Carolina about 40 or 50 miles from Charleston that he served out his said 15 months & was discharged honorably by Colonel Sumter at a place called Santee that afterwards he thinks some time in 1777 or 1778 he enlisted for 18 months under Captain Hall longing to the first Regiment North Carolina line on the Continental Establishment which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Henry Dixon [Henry "Hal" Dixon] he believes. This declarant served out faithfully his said term of 18 months honorably & received a discharge from Major Hall of said Regiment but is not certain of the time he was discharged his memory being impaired by mental & bodily debility that his said discharges were burnt with his house & everything in it some time ago that his name will be found on the payroll in the Secretary's Office of North Carolina, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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 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
viz.

1 Bed & furniture worth \$15 --	6 Cups & saucers \$1.50	\$16.50
7 Pewter plates \$2.00	6 white plates \$1.50	3.50
4 Chairs & one Table & 4 spoons		4.00
6 Knives & forks 2 pots one oven 2 pails		3.00

1 Bucket 2 Wheels & one reel 5.00
has no cattle nor hogs nor horses nor land \$32.00

That I am by occupation a Miller but not able to do much of anything has 3 Children 2 of whom boys one 15 the other 11 years old a daughter about 6 years old a wife aged about 56 years that I am in very indigent circumstances.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ John Petty, X his mark

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On the same day appeared in open Court William Going¹ aged about fifty-six years a Citizen of Hawkins County aforesaid who being also duly sworn states that he is well acquainted with the said John Petty that they served together in the said Regiment viz. the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Dixon that said Petty served out his said Period of 18 months honorably and that he is the Identical John Petty who served in the Revolutionary War and that his aforesaid Declaration he believes is substantially correct, he further states that said John Petty's memory is weak and that he the old man is very frail he believes also that he is in indigent circumstances & stands greatly in need of the aid of his Government this affiant is himself a pensioner of the General Government Revolutionary, that his Certificate is Number 12757 dated 16th May 1819.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ William Going, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 4th of October 1822

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that John Petty a private in Captain Bailey's [Benjamin Bailey's] company of the 10th Regiment² was mustered on the 17th September 1782 for 18 months. Nothing is said of his discharge.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 29, 1822, as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]

¹ [William Goings \(Going\) W930](#)

² J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 3rd NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_p.html and search for "Petty, John."