

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Pettiford S41948

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District of North Carolina SS.

On this 19th day of February 1819, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the District aforesaid, personally appeared William Pettiford, aged about fifty eight years, resident in Orange County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said William Pettiford enlisted, in June 1781, in Granville County in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain [Thomas] Donoho, of the second regiment, as he understood, in the North Carolina line, on the continental establishment, in the said war, against the common enemy for the term of twelve months; that he continued to serve in the said company, & in Captain [William] Walton's company, to which he was afterwards transferred, until the end of his said enlistment, when he was discharged from service at Salisbury in the State of North Carolina, (which discharge is worn out & lost); that he was in no battles; and that he is in reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. Sworn to & declared before me on the day & year first aforesaid. [signed] H. Potter DJUSNC

And the said Wm. Pettiford, wishing to explain & amend his declaration aforesaid, doth on this 19th day of April 1819, further declare on oath, that he had forgotten & mistook the company to which he was transferred from Donoho's – that it was Captain Saunders's Company & not Capt. Waltons. – That he served nine months in the Continental service in the revolutionary war in the North Carolina line, previous to his said twelve months service, as an enlisted soldier under Captain [John] Farrar, & part of the time under Captain Walton. that he was regularly discharged from his nine months' service, on Stony Creek, near Salisbury, in North Carolina.

Sworn to & declared before me on the day & year first above written H. Potter DJUSNC

State of North Carolina }

Orange County } April the 26th 1819

This day Came Mr Jesse Picket before me C P Patterson one of the justices of the peace for s'd County and after being duly sworn upon the holy Evangelist of almighty god tuching the Circumstances bodily Complaints and Infirmities of William Petiford of said County who Is about to make application to be Enroled among the pensioners of the united States deposeth and sayeth as follows vizt. That the said Petiford has lived on his land 3 or 4 years and Is his near Neighbore and from his knowledg of his Circumstances that he does believe he stands In need of the help of his Country for the support of himself and family for he Is In very reduced Circumstances he Is also far advanced In life and Is Infirm labouring under a Rupture of several years standing and Is likely to prove verry serious and may Intirely disable him from doing business and further this deonant sayeth not Sworn to the day and year above written

Jessee hisXmark Picket

State of No. Carolina Secretary's Office 12th Jan'y. 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterroll of the No. Carolina Continental Line in the revolutionary war that William Pettiford enlisted as a private soldier on the 14th day of June 1781 in the 10th Regiment of said line under Capt. Donoho, and was discharged from said service on the 14th of June 1782. Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above/ Wm. Hill

Phillip Pettiford [Philip Pettiford, pension application S41952] maketh oath that he is brother to the said Wm. Pettiford & knows that he the said Wm. served twelve months in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, in the war of the revolution, as stated in his declaration as amended aforesaid; for that he the deponent served in the same company, regiment, & line, with him during the said twelve months to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn to before me the 13th Decr. 1819

H. Potter DJUSNC

State of North Carolina }

Orange County }

On this first day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court (this being the Court of Record for said County) William Pettiford aged 66 years who after being sworn according to Law, makes the following declaration viz. that he served in the Army of the Revolution in the North Carolina line in the 10th Regiment commanded by Colo. [Henry] Dixon & in the Company commanded by Capt. Donoho. That he served for the term of 12 months – he was in some skirmishes but in no regular Battle. that he was placed on the pension Roll of the United States under the act of 1818. on the 7 of October 1819. and that the number of his original certificate is 15,250 – William Pettiford

William Pettiford's Schedule of property

1 Gray Mare 6 years old. . . \$25.
1 Old Horse. 10.
1 Sow & pigs. 6.
3 Cows & Calves. 30.
3 year old Cattle. 15
\$86

He is indebted to sundry persons to the amount of \$140. He is aged 66 years. His wife is aged 52 years and is very infirm. He has one son Reuben 15 years old with him & 5 daughters aged 19 – 17. 12. 10. 3 years He is a farmer by trade & is infirm – William Pettiford

I do herby certify that William Pettiford who made the within declaration & schedule is a man of colour and is an inhabitant of Orange County N.C. [signed] J. S. Smith

NOTE: In the 1820 federal census for Orange County NC "Wm Pettaford" is listed as head of a household of "Free Negroes" with one male over 45, 1 female over 45, two males 14 - 26, 2 females under 14, and 2 females 14 - 26.