

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gideon (Gurdeon) Petit (Pettit) S41950

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District of North Carolina SS.

On this 22nd day of September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the district aforesaid, personally appeared Gideon Petit aged fifty-three years, resident in Pitt 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 Gideon Petit enlisted, early in the revolutionary war, the date he does not remember, in Martinborough (now Greenville), Pitt County & State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Simon Jones, who soon after resigned, and Captain Robert Rayford [sic, Robert Raiford] then commanded said Company, which was of the 8th Regiment of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, in the war of the revolution, for the term of three years; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of his said enlistment, when he was discharged from service in the County of Pitt aforesaid; that he was in the battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that his said discharge is lost.

Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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North Carolina District

Gardner Moy [Gardner Moye]<sup>1</sup> maketh oath that he has long been well acquainted with the aforesaid Gideon Petit, & served in the revolutionary war with him in the same line, but in the 10th Regiment; and knows that the said Gideon served in Captain Raiford's company of the 8th Regiment in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the war of the revolution, against the common enemy, for a term of more than nine months, and he confidently believes, for the full term of three years; deponent further saith that said Gideon is very poor, is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he was duly discharged, at the end of his said three years service.

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<sup>1</sup> [Gardner Moy \(Moye\) S41815](#)

Sworn to before me at Raleigh the 22nd of September 1818  
S/ H. Potter, D.JUSNC

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John Stephens<sup>2</sup> maketh oath that he is & has long been well acquainted with the aforesaid Gideon Petit; that he served in the revolutionary war in the same line with him, but in the 2nd Regiment, that he knows the said Gideon did serve in the revolutionary war in Captain Raiford's Company, being first enlisted in Captain Simon Jones's Company of the 8th Regiment, and the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment against the common enemy, for a term of three years; Deponent saith that said Gideon Petit is a very poor man, is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to before me, at Raleigh, the 22nd of September 1818.  
S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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State of North Carolina Pitt County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions} On this 8th day of November 1820 Personally appeared in open Court the said Court being a Court of Record proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law keeping a record of its proceedings having a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount & having power to fine and imprison -- Gideon Pettit aged 56 years a resident of the State & County aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: I enlisted on the 11th of April 1777 for three years with Jonathan Loomis Surgeon of the 8th of North Carolina Regiment and was put into Captain Robert Raiford's company in the 8th North Carolina Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong on the 11th of April 1780 was Discharged by Colonel James Armstrong which discharge I have lost and then served in the Militia a Substitute till the end of the War and was in battles at Brandywine, Germantown, Stono with Colonel James Armstrong and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.) no real nor Personal Estate by Occupation I am a Farmer I have a wife 56 years of age and both she & me afflicted by pains so that we are not able to work to support us I have a Daughter by the name of Nancey Pettit 21 years of age, a son by the name of Jesse 16 years of age a Grand Child by the name of Gideon Whitehead whose Father lost his life I Serving in the Late War [War of 1812] in Camp Beacon Island -- all of whom live with me

Sworn to & taken in open Court November 8th 1820

Test: S/ Arch Parker

S/ Gurdeon Pettit, X his mark

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Names & Ranks	Companies	dates of Commissions	Periods of Service	Occurances

<sup>2</sup> [John Stephens S42025](#)

		and Enlistments		
8 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Gideon Pettit mus.	James Armstrong, Colonel Raiford's	5 <sup>th</sup> Apl. '77		Omit Jany '78 Mus 1 May '79 5 <sup>th</sup> Regt.

North Carolina Secretary's Office 22 September 1818

The above is a true abstract from the musterroll of the North Carolina line in the Revolutionary War.

Given under my hand at Office the date above.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[p 2: On August 12, 1857 in Fulton County Kentucky, Naseby Pettit, a resident of Obion County Tennessee, aged 65 years filed a claim and power of attorney as the son of Gideon Pettit, a fifer in the revolutionary war and pensioner for his services in that war; that his father drew his pension in Fayetteville, North Carolina until his death in the year 1842 or 3. He signed his application with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 22, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]