

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Penninger S41951

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1826

On this twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord 1826, personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record Martin Penninger aged Sixty Seven years, resident in Cabarrus County, who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz.: That he enlisted in Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, in Captain McKee's [sic, Griffith John McRee's (or McRea's)] Company, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong in the Continental establishment, -- That he marched under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] to the State of South Carolina -- was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and was discharged after his term of service had expired from Captain Moore's Company Colonel Armstrong's Regiment at Salisbury aforesaid. --

And I Martin Penninger 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. He further swears, that: "all the property he possessed both real & personal on the 18th of March 1818 and has since been sold under process of law.

Sworn to in open court

S/ Daniel Coleman, Clerk

S/ Martin Penninger, X his mark

He further swears that his occupation is that of Farming, but from bodily infirmity (being Paralytic) he is unable to attend to his occupation as a Tenant.

That his wife Catherine is about fifty-five years old, whose health has been very much impaired for several years. That his son Jacob is about 18 years old -- his son Philip 13 years old -- and his son Georgia about 12 years old -- & he further swears that he is in such indigent circumstances that he is unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country

Sworn to in open court

S/ Martin Penninger, X his mark

S/ Daniel Coleman, Clerk

Philip Cress [?] swears, that he was well acquainted with Martin Penninger, and that he saw him in South Carolina in the United States service in the Revolutionary War, The deponent further swears that he is well acquainted with the circumstances & family of the said Martin Penninger, and he believes the above statement, to be correct -- and he further swears that he believes the said Penninger to be a man of credit when on oath. --

sworn to in open court

S/ Daniel Coleman, Clerk

S/ Philip Cuss [?], X his mark

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1828

Martin Penninger personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record by the laws of this State; and for the purpose of more fully complying with the requisitions of the act of Congress passed on the 18th of March 1818 entitled an act "to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war" in addition to his declaration filed in said Court July Sessions 1826 being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath further declare, that in consequence of his ignorance, infirmity and want of means to procure the necessary information and papers; he was unable to make regular application to be placed on the pension list sooner than in the year 1826. He did actually file one in the year 1818 three or four declarations; all of which he afterwards learned were informal; not because his situation did not entitle him to the benefit of the act, but because the persons drawing his declarations were ignorant of the particular requisites of the act. He further swears that all his property on the 18th march 1818 is set forth in the following schedule to wit:

One blind mayor, value	\$20	died	
one cow ditto	9	died	
two other cows ditto	19	sold to John Penninger	
two shovel ploughs	20	sold to John Penninger	
one axe	1	ditto	
one mattock	1	ditto	
old loom	2	ditto	
two pair of horse gear	3	ditto	
two iron wedges	1		
one cask	.50	ditto	
one table	1	ditto	
one large wash pot	1.50	ditto	
one kittle [sic]	.60	ditto	
one set of knives and forks	.60	ditto	
two pewter dishes	1.50	ditto	
one wash tub	.50	ditto	
one spinning wheel	1.50	ditto	
one pail	1	ditto	
one plan. knickel [sic]	2	ditto	
one [indecipherable word] iron	.80	ditto	
one [indecipherable word]Fork	.50	ditto	
one cutting box and knife	valued \$2.00		sold to John Penninger
one shovel	.50		ditto

five tea cups	.12 ½	ditto
one razor and horn	.50	
	in all	\$48.32 ½

Also a tract of said County containing 95 acres sold at Sheriff's sale to satisfy certain executions and purchased by one Martin Dry for \$60, all of which will manifestly appear by the deed annexed [indecipherable word] John McLelland former Sheriff of Cabarrus County to Martin Dry the said Penninger further swears being himself infirm and paralytic, and his wife being old and infirm, he was forced to contract many small debts for the support of himself and family, that in the years 1820 in 1821 his creditors took out executions against his property for about \$200 which executions were in the hands of John Kluths—Tobias Misenheimer and other officers, to prevent a sacrifice of his little personal property, his son John Penninger agreed to give a fair valuation for the property -- which sale was agreed to by the officers and looked upon as honest and fair, and the whole of the purchase money was applied to the pavement of the executions and he did not satisfy the executions That the balance due upon the executions were levied upon the land, which was sold according to law, to one Martin Dry for \$60, and after applying the whole proceeds to the executions, they were still a small sum unpaid. Martin Penninger further swears that by the said sale of his property, he is reduced to want and cannot live, except by charity or the assistance of his Country.

Sworn to in open court
S/ Daniel Coleman, Clerk

S/ Martin Penninger, X his mark

[pp 13-14 contains a metes and bounds description of the real property formerly owned by the veteran.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Martin Peniger a private soldier of Captain McRees [sic, Griffith John McRee (or McRea)] Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 28th April 1781, for twelve months and "left the service on the 28th April 1782."

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh this 4th day of January 1827

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 23, 1828, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]