

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Pearce S49294

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Kentucky County of Simpson SS.

On this 16th day of April 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the circuit of County of Simpson aforesaid George Pearce a resident in said County, aged sixty three years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said George Pearce enlisted for the term of Three years on the [blank] day of October 1778 in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain [Levin] Handy in the Regiment commanded by Colo. [William] Richardson in the line of the state of Maryland on continental establishment: that before the said three years expired, he enlisted in the same company & Regiment for and during the war – after his first enlistment. He joined head quarters the next spring in the valley forge – at the time of his second enlistment, he states Colo Richardson had resigned. That he is not positive who succeed him but believes it was Colo. [John Eager] Howard. That about the same time or end of the three years Capt. Handy resigned & the company was then commanded by Capt. [Jonathan] Gibson, who was first Lieutenant in Handy’s Company, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until he was honorably discharged at Anapolis in Maryland, as follows That after the surrender of the British at Little York [19 Oct 1781], he was removed with other soldiers to Annapolis, and having enlisted during the war was not then discharged, but detained in quarters there and was permitted, as well as the other soldiers upon parole, to go in the Country & labor, that at that time the Company to which he belonged or was attached was commanded by Captain Francis Revelie [sic: Francis Revelly] and they (the soldiers) were discharged by proclamation of the commanding officer, while on parole and that he for that reason & that alone never obtained or received any written discharged. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth in Jersey [28 Jun 1778], That he was in the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [NC, 15 Mar 1781] and the battle at the Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781], and at the battles of Ninety-Six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] & of Campden in So. Carolina [Battle of Camden where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] at the two last he was in the baggage guards and at the three former he was engaged in the actions, That he was wounded in the left thigh at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, which proved to be only a flesh wound. at the Battles of the Ninety Six, Campden & Eutaw Springs & Cowpens the Company commanded by Capt [James] Gould, Capt Gibson acting as adjutant and at the Eutaw battle Capt. Gould fell. That for two or three years previous to Gates’s defeat, he acted as Drummer to the company after that, he sometimes acted as a corporal and some times as a soldier as necessity and the pleasure of the orderly sergeant required and that he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said services. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 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, 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 & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18 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 & by me subscribed viz

One Mare & Colt	\$35
One Cow & Calf	<u>10</u>
	45\$

what necessary bedding, no debts due or owing me

George hisXmark Pearce

And I do further make oath, that my family consists of my self my wife & five children & one grand child. That I am now in the 63 year of my age by occupation a farmer and by reason of my natural

debility and the Hardships I have suffered, I am not able to do & perform any thing like the labor of a man that I sometime experience pain in the wound I rec'd at the Eutaw Springs. That my wife is about 57 years old, weak in constitution and not able to labor much – John my oldest son living with me is in his 23 year, David the next eldest living with me is in his 17th year Washington, my 3rd son living with me in the 15 year of his age my daughter Patsy in her 24 year and my daughter Ava is in her 18th year and my grand son, Joshua Pearce about 12 yrs old, which is all the family I have. This 16th day of April 1823.
George hisXmark Pearce

DEPARTMENT OF WAR.

Regulations for the Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War who acquired a right to Land from the United States, but have not received it.

By an Act of Congress, of the 16th September, 1776, it is provided, that the Officers and Soldiers who engaged for, and continued to serve, during the War, or until discharged by Congress, shall receive land in proportion to their rank.

N.B. Those who engaged for three years, or for any other period than during the war, are not entitled to land from the United States.

The following declaration must be filled up and sworn to by the claimant:

State of Kentucky }
County of Simpson } Sgt.

I, George Pearce aged 69 years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven I enlisted for the term of “during the war,” and served in the regiment No. 5 under the command of Colonel Richardson of the Maryland line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the said 5th regiment, commanded by Colonel Steward & after his death by Maj Higgleston

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

Know all men by these presents that I, George Pearce aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint The Hon. Rich. M. Johnson to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purpose above expressed.

George hisXmark Pearce

[Document continues with witnesses and certificates, dated 29 Mar 1826.]