

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Piles S5155

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The State of Ohio Preble County Court of Common Pleas September Term 1832: SS

On this twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Preble any State of Ohio Jeremiah Piles aged seventy years a resident of the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in October 1780 he was drafted in Bedford County Virginia to serve six months in Captain Child's [John Chiles'] militia company of Colonel Winns Regiment and General Muhlenberg's brigade he was marched first to Petersburg, thence to Cabin Point, thence to Jericho where he assisted to take a picket guard of 18 British soldiers in which contest deponent was wounded Colonel Winns commanded, at the end of six months deponent received a written discharge at Cabin Point signed by Captain Chiles which is hereto attached¹ – After he was discharged he served during the year 1781 about two months at the town of Bedford which was the last of his service making in all 8 months Deponent knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services but he is well known to Alexander Mitchell, Jacob Stamon and John Weikle residents of the County of Preble by whom he can prove that he sustains a good character for truth and veracity and that he is reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the revolution – he has a written record of his age from which it appears that he was born in [word written over and illegible] County Virginia in March 1762. He has lived in Preble County Ohio 14 years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Jeremiah Piles



[Alexander Mitchell, Jacob Stamon and John Weikle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Ohio Preble County Court of Common Pleas March Term 1833: SS

The supplemental declaration of Jeremiah Piles – on the twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Preble in the State of Ohio Jeremiah Piles aged seventy-one years (he being the identical person who made and subscribed before this Court on the 21st day of September 1832 the declaration to which this is annexed) and who is a resident of Preble County,

¹ The discharge is not in the file.

who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 – in addition to the declaration already heretofore made.

That sometime in the year 17 81, to the best of Deponent's recollection, but he cannot remember exactly the time he entered the service of his country in the war of the Revolution at Bedford County Virginia as a volunteer militiaman, under Captain Adams to guard the town of Bedford against the threatened invasion of the British, and remained in camp at that place two months and upwards, until they learned that the British had passed by – Deponent remembers that Colonel Lynch who was then Colonel of the County was at camp frequently – but whether he had any command he cannot state. Deponent states that he served in all, as a militia man in the war of the Revolution, upwards of eight months. That at the close of this tour he received no written discharge – And that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

S/ Jeremiah Piles

[Henry Monfort, a clergyman, and Alexander Mitchell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]