

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Stephen King S5551

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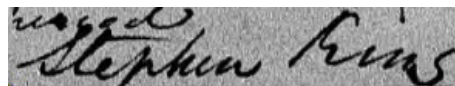
State of Virginia }
County of Franklin } S. S.

On the 3rd day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the county court of Franklin now sitting Stephen King a resident of said county in the state aforesaid aged about eighty years 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. – that he volunteered under Capt. James Shelton of the County of Henry where he then resided to perform a tour of three months against the Tories, the time not recollected, And was marched through the western part of said county (now Patrick) and was stationed at the Flower Gap [on the crest of the Blue Ridge], where he served out the term of his enlistment and was discharged.

That he afterwards substituted for one John McGee [sic: John McGhee] for a tour of eighteen months and joined General Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army between Salisbury [North Carolina] and Peedee [sic: Pee Dee River] a short time after Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and was placed under Kosciusko [see endnote] who commanded a company of Pioneers and marched under him to the Cheraw Hills where they were joined by the army and he was placed under the command of Capt Daniel Richardson. That he remained with the army at the Cheraw's during the winter & marched with it the following spring on its route to Virginia, but was discharged as he believes in North Carolina and returned home, when he was drafted to serve another term of three months, and marched from the same county under Capt. Shaw [probably Samuel Shaw of Henry County VA] with the design of joining Gen'l Green's army, which they did the day after the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and marched down Deep River & was stationed at Ransour's Mill [sic: Ramsey's Mill on Deep River]. His company left the army at that point and returned to Virginia & he was discharged as well as he now recollects at Pytsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania] Court House after having served about ten week's. He was in no engagement except a slight skirmish at the crossing of Peedee and was near the battle of Guilford but not in the engagement. He received his discharges regularly after serving the several tour's before mentioned which have since been lost or mislaid, and he has no certain recollection of their dates or the names of the individuals by whom they were signed. He served in all about fifteen months – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

The testimony of Lewis Franklin [pension application S8519], Phillip Anglin [R225] and John P. Pyrtle prove the above services as he has been able to do the same at this distant period.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen King". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Virginia Henry County Sct.

This day Lewis Franklin personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County, and made oath that he saw and was well acquainted with Stephen King when he the said King was a sodier in Gen'l. Green's army – and that he saw him several times at the Cheraw Hills and on his return home

Given und my hand and seal this 12th November 1832. Jno Dillard JP

Virginia. Henry County to wit.

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County, Philip Anglin, and made oath that Stephen King an applicant for a pension, served with him under Capt James Shelton a militia tour of three months as he believes against the Tories, in the revolutionary war. Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of November 1832. Geo. Hairston (JP)

Henry County to wit This day John P. Pyrtle appeared before me Peter Smith a justice of peace for said County and made Oath, that he has heard his Father John Pyrtle [John Purtle] who serv'd in Gen Greens Army under Capt. Shaw frequently speak of haveing serv'd with Stephen King in s'd Army & that from what he has heard he has strong reasons to believe that said King did serve a three months Tour under the said Shaw. And Also said Pyrtle states that he has been intimately acquainted with s'd King from the time he was of age to recollect him, and has just reason to believe that s'd. King servd several other tours, as he heard his Father say that s'd. King was with him the same Tour in which the battle at Guilford was fought.

given under my hand and seal this 29th day of November 1832 Peter Smith JP.

NOTE: On 8 December 1780 Gen. Greene ordered his chief engineer, Col. Thaddeus Kosciuszko, to prepare winter quarters for 1110 men. Kosciuszko chose a site on the Great Pee Dee River opposite Cheraw SC. King was apparently involved in setting up the camp.

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Addendum to Shadrach Pearson (Pierson) S5551

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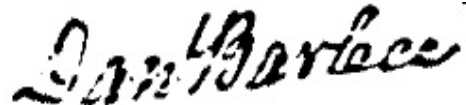
[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#), indexed in four files as Pierson, Shadrach.]

I Shadrack Pierson of the County of Bourbon & State of Kentucky do on oath declare that I in the year 1776 enlisted to serve for three years in Capt. Richard Taylor's Company in the first Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War. That I served until some time in 1778 when I enlisted in the same Company to serve during the war, that I did so serve to the close of the war & was honorably discharged from the service & that I have never received my Military bounty land warrant or sold or disposed of my right to bounty land in anyway whatever.



Danville July 8th 1817 I do hereby Certify that Shadrach Pierson enlisted as a Soldier in Capt Taylors Company in the first Virginia Regiment in August or July 1776 and that he served in said Regiment till some time in the fall of 1778 about November or December at which time he reenlisted in said Regiment for During the War and that in December 1779 he together with the rest of the Virginia Troops went to the South where I believe he was taken in Charles Town. I at the time of his first and second enlistment Acted as a Sargeant in said Company

Dan'l Barbee [Daniel Barbee S12951]




I Mesheck Peirson [Meshecke (Meshac) Pearson (Pierson) S35555] of the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky do on oath declare that I was a Soldier in the eighth Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war, that my brother Shadrack Peirson in 1776 enlisted in Capt Richard Taylors Company in the first Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment, to serve for three years – that he served until some time in 1778, as near as I can now recollect, when he enlisted in the same Company to serve during the war & did so serve until the close of it when he was honorably discharged, that the said Shadrack Peirson who makes this application for his bounty land land warrant is the person who rendered the services aforesaid. Mesheck hisXmark Pierson

I Shadrack Pierson of the County of Bourbon & State of Kentucky, do on oath declare, that in 1775 I enlisted as a Soldier in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] in Virginia where I was borne & raised, to serve one year, – that I marched down to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], & served out the said time & was honorably discharged, – that in a few days after the said year was out, to wit, some time in August 1776 I enlisted to serve three years into Captain Richard Taylors Company in Col. Rich'd Parkers Virginia Continental Regiment, – that I was marched on to the Northard & served out the said three years & was honorably discharged, – that I was in the following battles, to wit, Trenton, Prince Town, Brandywine, Germantown, at Mud Island Fort, Monmouth & Stoney Point. That immediately after I was discharged from the said three years enlistment at Bound Brook, I enlisted into Capt. Tarlton Paynes [Tarleton Payne BLWt1737-300] Company in the said Regiment to serve during the war, that some time after I was marched to the Southard & was taken a Prisoner at Charleston in Soth Carolina, – that on the 20th day of June 1780 after I was taken, I ran away from the Enemy & after being out forty one days, I joined Gen'l. Davis [possibly William Richardson Davie] Brigade of North Carolina Militias & marched farther south where I was in a number of engagements against the Tories & Brittish, & continued with the said Gen'l. Davis until some time in June 1782 when I returned to Virginia [several undeciphered words] reported my

self to the Marquis [Lafayette] [part missing at bottom of page] of the army & continued in it until [rest missing at bottom of page]
[blank day of July 1819]

I Nathaniel Mothershed [Nathaniel Mothershead W8472] of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky, do declare, that I was orderly Sergeant in Captain Richard Taylors Company in Col. Rich'd Parkers Virginia Continental Regiment – that the Shadrack Pierson mentioned in the aforesaid Affidavit, in August 1776 enlisted as a Soldier to serve three years into the said Company, that the said Shadrach Pierson was marched on to the Northard, & served out the said three years as a good & faithful Soldier & was honorably discharged – that the said Pierson was in the following battles towit, Trenton, Prince Town, Brandywine, German Town, Mud Island, Monmouth & Stoney Point. That the said Shadrach Pierson immediately after he was discharged from the aforesaid three years enlistment – at Bond Brook enlisted as a Soldier to serve during the war in to Captain Tarlton Paynes Company, belonging to the said Regiment – that soon after the said Shadrack Pierson enlisted to serve during the war, my time of service being over I left the army, but I understood & do believe that the said Shadrack Pierson soon after after was marched on the Southard & was taken Prisoner at Charleston, but I have understood & do believe that he honorably served out the war & honorably left the Army. [blank day of July 1819]

I Daniel Barbee of Danville in the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky, do declare that I was a Sargeant in Capt. Richard Taylors Company in the first Virginia Regiment in the Continental line in the Revolutionary War, that Shadrach Pierson was a Soldier in the said Company, that he sometime in the year 1776 enlisted into the said Company to serve three years that he was marched to the Northward where he served untill the year 1778 late in the fall when he enlisted for during the war – soon after which time I left the Regiment and know but verry little of him afterwards, as the Virginia Troops went to the Southward in the fall of the year 1779 and I continued with the Northern Army
[23 July 1820]



The Honble the executive of the State of Virginia

The Petition of Shadrack Pierson sheweth that he inlisted as a soldier in Spetember 1776 in the Virginia Contineltal line, and continued in service til the close of the war as will be seen by the Certificate of Col Richard Taylor, late a Majr of the 9th Virginia Regt that he has drawn a Warrant for one hundred acres, but as he served til the close of the War he pays [prays] that a warrant may issue to him for an additional hundred acres. he inlisted under the said Capt Richard Taylor in the 1st Virginia Contineltal Regt who was afterward promoted to the Rank of Major of the 9th Regt.

Shadrack Pierson by his agent

State of Kentucky/ Mercer County Sct [20 Sep 1832]

The affidavit of Daniel Barbe taken at Danville in the County of Mercer on the day of 20th September 1832 to be used before the Governor and Counsel of Shadrack Pierson a soldier of the revolution, in order to procure his warrant for his land Bounty from said state, Deponent being of lawfull age and first duly Cautioned Charged and Sworn, deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Shadrack Pierson, that to this applicant's personal knowledge, and sight he said Pierson, served as a regular soldier in the army of the revolution that he enlisted in 1776 under Captain Richard Taylor and Leuit John Ustage [possibly John Eustace VAS1322] and Ensign Thomas Blackwell [S35173] and myself as Sergent, for and during the whole war as well as I now recollect. that he served in the Continental line and served under or in the first Rigmnt [part missing from bottom of page] that he faithfully served out his time of enlistment, and was from the service faithfully discharged as I believe that said Barbe has been informed the is now on the Pension Roll of the United States. And further saith not Dan'l Barbee

State of Kentucky/ Franklin County Sct [24 Sep 1832]

I Shadrack Pierson aged Seventy eight years, do upon my oath Swear on the wholly bible, that I enlisted as a soldier of the revolution in the Continental line for the Term of three years in the Culpeper County State of Virginia under Captain Richard Taylor, and served in said company with Liut John Ustage and Ensign Thomas Blackwell and of Col Richard Parker's Riment of Virginia (it being the 1st) that said Riment belonged to or formed a portion Gen'l Peter Muhlenberg's [BLWt1495-850] Brigade, that he faithfully served out my term of three years and was therefrom discharged.

That in the year 1779 I enlisted as a soldier in the aforesaid army for and during the war, under Captain [part missing at bottom of page] that I enlisted in the last Company in Culpeper County State of Virginia, and I served in said Company & Riment untill the taking of Charles Town by Cornwallace [generals Henry Clinton and Cornwallis] when I was taken prisoner and remained with the Brittish for some time, when I made my escape and again joined the American Army, and still continued in service untill the end of the war, but was not regularly discharged by his Captain or Col. having been taken prisoner as aforesaid, that I am now on the pension Roll of the United States and have been ever since the year 1818, that I have not received any Bounty land from the State of Virginia or the United States for my services that I have not transfered the same to any person whatever

Shadrack hisXmark Pearson