

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Pepper S5901

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State of Virginia } To Wit
Harrison County }

Be it known that on this 10th day of April 1833 Personally appeared before me Jacob Coplin a justice of the peace for the county and state aforesaid William Pepper aged 72 years who being 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 was born in Sussex county State of Delaware on the 23rd day of August 1761 as he has been informed by his parents for he has no record of his age that in the Spring of 1778 he was drafted in a company of militia under the command of Capt George Smith and attached to a regt Commanded by Col. Collit that he marched with said Regiment to Lewistown [Lewes] thence to Deep Creek whe he was discharged having served six months that in the following year he was drafted again and placed under the command of Capt. Charles Moore that he was stationed some time at Deep Creek thence at Broad Creek and on the bay Shore where he was discharged having served six months.

Soon after his discharge he volunteered in a company commanded by Capt. [Robert] Kirkwood was employed with s'd. company to guard the Bay Shore watching the movements of the enemy and endeavouring to prevent them from landing he was engaged in several skirmishes during said service to wit at Lewis Town Deep Creek and at Broad Creek that he continued in service six months and received a written discharge signed by the above Capt. Kirkwood which has since been lost That in the spring of 1781 he again volunteered his servises in a company commanded by Capt. Ebenezer Herron that he was again employed on the Bay Shore as before described and was discharged orally by his Capt. at the expiration of six months. he was called out upon several other occasions and served short tours. All of the above servises was performed as a private in the militia in the State of Delaware except that under Capt Kirkwood who he thinks belonged to what was called the Delaware line

He further states that he now is blind and verry infirm that he is conscious he has forgotten many facts & circumstances which he recollected but a few years ago he does not remember the names of the Regular officers with whom he served but would refer to Col. Thos. C Nutter Sam'l. Hall Esq'r, James Radcliff and others of his neighbourhood for his moral charrecter and there belief of the truth of this declaration

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state

He further states he continued his residence in the state of Delaware untill he was Forty years of age whe he removed to Shanendoah [sic: Shenandoah] County in Va. from there to Pendleton thence to Harrison County where he now resides he has no documentary evidence to prove the above services nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove them Sworn to this 10th day of Aprile 1833

Jacob Coplin JP

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[On 8 May 1833 Pepper was issued a certificate for a pension of \$60 per year for 18 months service. The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote on this report, "Entitled."]
William Pepper draws \$60

I called on this old Gentleman on the 10th July 1834 – found him blind deaf, and with very little mind – I could get no Intelligent statement of his revolutionary services from him –only learnt in general terms that his services (if he done any) were in Delaware, he mentioned the names of the following officers under whom he alledges to have served – to Wit, Col. Collick – Capt. George Smith – Lieut. Vincent – Ensign Samuel Williams – Sergeant Samuel Hall, and that he served two or three years.

His wife stated that she knew her Husband through the war, that they were then not married. – and she knows that he was frequently called into service on Indian River – Sauls bay, Vienna & Lewistown. She has no doubt but he was in service two years – he being an emigrant to the country I could procure no testimony. A copy W. G Singleton/ Nov. 17 1834

House of Rep. 17th Mach 1840

Mr. Edwards is respectfully requested to reexamine the pension claim of old Mr. Peppers of Harrison Co. Va. who was stricken from the roll upon the report of W. G. Singleton.

also the case of Mr. C McCune [sic: Peter McCune W7412] the latter at the request of Saml. L. Hays Esqr of Lewis County Very Respectfully/ Jos Johnson

Pension Office/ May 16, 1851

Wm Pepper, Va. Wheeling Agency Act 7 June 1832. \$60 per annum.

To what time paid.

Paid to 4 March 1834. F. F. Kirby See other Side

[other side] Restore this man to the rolls and direct the pension agent to pay him from the 4 March 1834 when last paid to 29 May 1841 when he died. pay to Johnson Pepper his only surviving child.