

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Ezekiel Perkins: S5905

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State of Virginia Louisa County Sct.

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Louisa now sitting, Ezekiel Perkins, a resident of said County of Louisa, State of Virginia aged about seventy years, who being first sworn duly 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. The first tour he served was under Capt. Saml. Richardson for one month; he served as a substitute for Walker Perkins having agreed with him to exchange tours. This service was at Albemarle Barracks, Colo. [Francis] Taylor Commanded. The time of this service not recollected - received no written discharge. That he resided in Goochland County when he entered the service. The next tour was to the South - Under Capt. Edward [sic: Edmund] Curd, George Robards Lieutenant. We assembled at Goochland Courthouse & marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina, where we were stationed some time From there we marched to Campden [sic: Camden SC], where we joined Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates's army. We were attached to the fourth Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Colo. [James] Lucas, Colo. [Rawleigh] Downman, Maj'r. [Nathaniel G.] Morris, & Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens]. The day after we arrived at Campden, the Battle of Campden was fought [16 Aug 1780] our Army defeated, & I came home, & after getting some clothing I returned & joined the Army again, at the new Garden, North Carolina, where we remained a short time, when we were marched to Hogans Creek to subdue some Torys; where we remained a short time. I was taken sick & discharged at this place. No written discharge. This tour I served [illegible word] six Months. I was marched from & resided in Goochland when called to perform this tour. His next tour of one month was at Goochland Courthouse Guarding the Army stores Under Capt Pitts & Robards. The next tour was under Capt'n. Thos. Hatcher 16 days he marched to Holts Ford & was there discharged in Consequence of a soar leg. He was born in Goochland County & has lived since the War in Goochland & Louisa and now resides in Louisa county. He has no register of his age. He is informed he was born in 1762: He has no documentary evidence of his service. He refers to the Certificates upon oath of John Woodson, Benj. Woodward, & Aaron Parrish as additional proof of his service; they are forwarded herewith. That in reference to his character he refers to Anderson Bowles Esqr & Thomas Anderson, and can procure no clergyman. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[signed] Ezekiel Perkins

I do hereby certify that Ezekiel Perkins went with me to the south to serve a six months Tour under T. [sic] Curd Capt. Geo Roberts [sic] Leutenant & Ro Bradshaw Ensign how long he remained in service I do not know. the commanding officers were Colo. Lucas first Colo. - Colo. Downman second Colo, Maj'r Morris General Stephens Brigade; - 4 Virginia Re't. in the year 1780. 9th June) left Goochland Court House) Benjamin hisXmark Woodward

The Affidavit of Capt'n. John Woodson who is a credible person and intitled to implicit belief as a Witness taken before me John Underwood a justice of the peace and a Judge of the Court for the county of Goochland, in behalf of Ezekiel Perkins who considers himself intitled under the law to a military pension. This affiant being duly sworn deposeth and saith. That he march'd from Goochland courthouse as a Sergeant in the Va. Militia in May 1780 under the command of Capt. Edmund Curd. that said Perkins was a soldier in the same company & marched with him at the same time commanded by the same officer. We march'd through north Carolina into south Carolina and there we joined the main army commanded by Maj'r. Gen'l. Gates. We were attached to the 4th Regim't. of Va. Militia commanded by Brigadier Gen'l.

Edward Stephens. our field officers were Colo. James Lucas 1st Colo. Colo. Rawley Downman Lieut. Colo. and Nathaniel Morris Maj'r. We were both in the action at Camden in south Carolina commonly called Gates's defeat, and we served to the best of my recollection and belief about eight months. And further this affiant saith not.

[Also certified by David Royster.]