

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Pearson S5910

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Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Pearson of the County of Jefferson & State of Kentucky do by these presents constitute & appoint John Smith esquire of the City of Washington to be my true & lawful attorney for the purpose of asking for demanding & receiving from the Honble Henry Dearborn Secretary of War for the time being & his successors a Warrant for Two hundred acres of Land due me in consideration of my services as a Lieutenant in the 10th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment to the end of the late War between the United States & Great Britain first under the command of Colo. Edward Stevens [VAS1922] & last under the command of Colo. John Green [BLWt866-500] when the s^d. Regiment was reduced to the Sixth. And on receipt of such Warrant to give the necessary & proper discharge & acquittance for the same

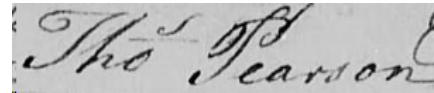
And an attorney or attorneys for the purpose aforesaid at his pleasure to appoint & again at his pleasure to revoke his or their appointment hereby ratifying & confirming whatever my said attorney or his substitute shall or may do in the premises

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day of March 1807

Signed

Signed & acknowledged in presence of

Wm. Taylor/ John Taylor



I William Taylor [W6233] do certify that Leut Thomas Pearson who has executed the within power of Attorney is the person he represents himself to be. I knew him while an officer in the Army & have been personally acquainted with him ever since as he lives a near neighbour to me, he is the same person who is now on the pension list from the Wounds he received in Bufords defeat [defeat of Abraham Buford [S46372] at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] which are evident to every beholder Given under my hand this 16th day of March 1807

Wm Taylor Lat Maj'r. 9th Virg Reg't Cont Line

To the Hon'ble the Senate and house of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled. – the petition of Thomas Pearson humbly sheweth, that your Petitioner in the year 1777 entered into the service of the United States in the character of ensign, and was, shortly afterwards, promoted to the office of Lieutenant, in which capacity he acted, during the war – that your petitioner under the command of Col. Abraham Buford, in an engagement with the British on the 29 day of May 1780 at the Waxhaws in South Carolina received a number of wounds by which he has, ever since been greatly disabled, and altogether disqualified for any laborious employment, which will fully appear by authentic documents now in the war office. – That, after the conclusion of the war, your petitioner moved to the district, now State of Kentucky, where he has ever since resided, and tho' your hon'ble body at an early period after the peace made provision for those officers and Soldiers, who were unfortunately disabled by wounds received in the service of their country, yet your petitioner, from the remoteness of his situation from the seat of the general government and from the private & retired manner in which he lived, never received any information of such provision having been made until the Spring of the year 1803, and therefore could not have made application to be placed on the pension list earlier than he did, which was on the 23 day october following– Your petitioner therefore under the firm persuasion that there is disposition in your Hon'ble body to do ample justice to those who shed their blood in defence of the liberties of their country, humbly prays that his application may have a retrospect to the first provision that was made, & that he may be permitted to derive that advantage from the benignity of the government, which, nothing but his remoteness & consequent ignorance prevented him from attaining at the earliest possible period. & your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

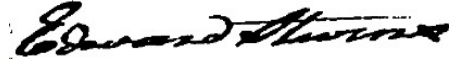
Thomas Pearson.

Nov 15 1808

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Mr. Thomas Pearson was a Subaltern Officer in ye 10th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishm't from the first of ye year 1777 and continued in ye Service when I left ye Army

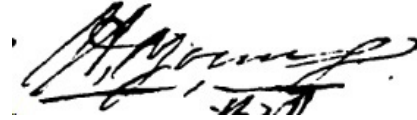
Edward Stevens



Lieut Thomas Pearson was in service in August 1780.

H. Young [Capt. Henry Young BLWt2466-300]

20th June 1783



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Green, John, images 00961 and 00962.

I do Certify that Thomas Pearson was appointed an Officer in the Virginia Continental line early in 1776 and served till the close of the war at which time he ranked as a Captain

Given under my hand this 2^d day of June 1804.

Th. Posey late L. Colo [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450]

Reg detach't Virg'a Contin'l

The above is a copy of an original filed in
the office of the Executive Sam Coleman

I do Certify that Thomas Pearson was appointed an Officer in the 9th Virg'a Cont Regt in the beginning of the year 1776 and after battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] was transfered to Colo Moylans [Stephen Moylan] Regt of Light Dragoons and continued in service till the close of the War and ranked as Captain New Port Kentucky Jany 7th 1805 Tho Martin [Thomas Martin BLWt236-300] late Capt 9th Virg Reg't Revolutionary War

Teste/ Tho Posey

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NOTE: A typed summary in the federal file adds that Pearson served as lieutenant in the company of Captain Thomas Hord (VAS1608) in Colonels Edward Stevens's and John Green's 10th Virginia Regiment, and that in spite of his wounds, he served until the close of the war. He died 10 July 1826.