

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Major Pitts S5931

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At a Quarterly Court held in & for North Hampton County at the Courthouse thereof, on Monday the 10th day of September 1832

State of Virginia Northampton County

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Northampton County now sitting Major Pitts a resident of said County & state, aged about seventy-eight 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 7 1832 – that he enlisted in the year 1776 as a soldier under Captain Smith Snead in the 9th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Mathews for the term of two years & that he was appointed a Sergeant in said company during the same year & served as such till taken prisoner at Germantown [October 4, 1777] that he marched to the North was in the battle of Germantown & Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & was taken prisoner at Germantown & carried to Philadelphia Gaol & confined there eight months & upwards & then exchanged & soon after returned home having been absent in service & imprisonment two years & several months – that he made an application¹ for a pension in 1831 which he understood was refused in consequence of his pecuniary situation although he thought he was poor enough to be entitled to it – that he was well acquainted with Colonel Cropper, Colonel Levin Joynes – Major Poulson – Captain Darby Captain Thomas Snead – Major Smith Snead & all the officers in the Continental line from Accomack & Northampton – that he was born in Northampton County & always resided there – that he has no record of his age but has always understood that he was born in 1755 from his relations & ancestors – that he received a discharge from service signed by General Peter Muhlenberg which he has long since lost – that he is well known to General Severn E. Parker, Colonel Littleton Upshur – Judge A. P. Upshur & to almost all the citizens of this County who can testify as to his character for truth & veracity & their belief of his services – that he is well acquainted with Levin Hyslop of Accomack County who was in the same Regiment & is now living in said County & who can testify as to his services – he hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State – Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Major Pitts²

[John Addison and Robert James gave a standard supporting affidavit

¹ This application is not in this file.

² since the handwriting of the signature is identical to the body of the document itself, I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran but rather is an indication by the scribe that the veteran signed the original.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]