Pension Application of John Pierce S5933
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        State of Virginia } S.S.
County of Spotsylvania }
        On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the
Justices of the Court of Spotsylvania County now sitting John Pierce a resident of and in the
county of Spotsylvania and state of virginia aged seventy nine 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
        He volunteered in Spotsylvania County where he was born & has always lived, in August
1775, the particular day he does not recollect, in Colonel Joseph Brocks Company, who
volunteered there as a captain. he marched through Caroline, Hanover and the James River
Country down to Williamsburg where he was put under the command of Genl Charles Scott, &
guarded the Capitol & College landing[?] he remained there about fifty days & then returned
home. Again, in August 1777 the day he does not remember, he volunteered in Spotsylvania
County under the command of Cpt Thomas Bartlett marched to Williamsburg & was placed
under the command of Colonel Thomas Nelson who there commanded the forces under Patrick
Henry, the then Governor of Virginia, He remained in service at Williamsburg about two months,
returned home & on Jany 10th 1781 he was called out as a militia man under Captain John
Carter, marched as his Orderly Sargeant to Hanover Court House, where General George Weedon
ordered the company to Fredericksburg. He remained there more than two months & was then
discharged. He returned home and was called out in September 1781 by Captain Nicholas Payne,
collected Beeves all over the country & drove them with the company to Williamsburg, where
they were delivered to Commissary Pierce. in this service he was engaged about fifty days. He
was discharged ten days before the surrender of Yorktown [19 Oct]
        He was born 10th December 1752. He has no record of his age with him, he has no
discharge or original papers he well recollects Colonel Towles [probably Thomas Towles, then
Major], Coln McWilliams, Coln Mercer[?], Colonel [George] Stubblefield & Capt Jno. Tankersley
        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
        Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid   [signed] John Pierce

I Harry Chew (aged 74 years) do hereby certify that I was in service with John Pierce during his
two first tours & declare his statements therof to be true & believe his his statements in relation
to his subsequent services to be correct.   [signed] Harry Chew
[Certified also by Philip Pendleton, clergyman, pension application S18157.]

Declaration of the aforesaid John Pierce continued and amended
State of Virginia   }
County of Spotsylvania }   Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the
Peace in and for the county aforesaid the foregoing applicant John Pierce who being duly sworn
deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot
swear positively as to the precise lenght of his service but according to the best of his
recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.
For fifty days I served as a volunteer in my first tour, For two months I served as a volunteer in
my second tour, For two months I served as a militia man in my third tour, For fifty days I
served as a militia man in my last tour and in all I served Eight months and ten days and for
such service I claim a pension and he can no further and more particularly specify his said
service than he has done in his aforesaid declaration and in this amendment and he has had no
other witness than Harry Chew aforesaid — And he herewith sends the testimony of the said
Harry Chew aforesaid as to his credibility
        Given under my hand this 2nd day of December 1832   [signed] John Pierce