

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Pitman S7314

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State of North Carolina Burke County } On this ___ day of ___ 183_

Personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Joseph Pitman a resident of said County & State aged 75 years, my Father had a record of my age which said I was born on the 10th day of September 1757 -- I have no other knowledge of my age except this record. Said Pittman 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

I was drafted for three months in the County of Granville North Carolina in the year 1779 or 80 in the fall the year under Colonel William Gill & Captain John Walker we marched from Granville to Wilmington on the Cape Fear River where we were stationed for three or four weeks: we then marched up to Cross Creek, (now Fayetteville) while at Wilmington we were under General Butler [John Butler] -- when we parted with him we marched up to Cross Creek. From Cross Creek I was furloughed to come home where I remained about 2 weeks & was called out into service & marched on to High Rock on Haw River against the Tories. We took several prisoners but killed none in battle. I was discharged at that place by Colonel Gill he gave me a written discharge but it is lost I have not seen it for many years -- sometime after I was again drafted for 3 months more & put under Colonel William Moore who lived in Caswell County & Captain Abram Potter [Abraham Potter] we were marched on to reinforce General Gates [Horatio Gates] but before we got to the South Carolina line we heard that he had got defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] & we turned our course towards Wilmington but before we got there we were turned to Pasquotank County after a band of Tories we drove them from that quarter & stationed there a few weeks & returned towards home -- we were discharged at the end of our service by Colonel Moore between Wilmington & Cross Creek from which place I returned home -- some eight or nine months after this I was drafted again for 3 months & went out against the Tories down towards New Bern I was then under Colonel Joseph Taylor Captain [indecipherable name]¹ we were out about 2 months but done no good & we were furloughed to return home we remained at home but a short time till we were called on to go & reinforce



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General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. We marched up as to Col. Mebane's in Orange County & there heard of the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]. Our Colonel then returned home & furloughed us all. I was never called on afterwards.

I was drafted once before I went into service myself & hired a substitute in consequence of the situation of my family we were once also classed & out of every 12th man one had to go for 18 months. My class hired a man & paid him \$100 each in Continental money. This is my services as well as I can recollect.

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 any State or the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed day & year aforesaid

Sworn to in open Court 28th of January 1833

S/ J. Erwin, Clk

S/ Joseph Pitman, X his mark

[James Buckhannon, John Davis, Robert Burchfield & Peter Epley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]