

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Perkins S8791

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State of North Carolina Halifax County

On this 20th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Halifax, now sitting, William Perkins, a resident of Halifax County, aged 76 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz.: he was drafted in the year 1778 as he believes, at any rate in the year the battle of Stono [1779] was fought under Captain William Jarvis, and Colonel Johnston's [Jonas Johnston's] Regiment, marched to Stono & fought in the battle at that place [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779], then marched near Charleston, headquarters being at Stono, returned to Stono & was discharged after a service of 3 months in the State of South Carolina & 2 months as he believes going & returning. In the year that Charleston was surrendered he [was] drafted in the County of Halifax North Carolina & received from General Thomas Eaton a commission of Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain Levi Lane, marched to Camden in South Carolina, then towards Charleston, returned to Cross Creeks [sic, Cross Creek] in North Carolina & was discharged after serving 3 months -- Colonel James Allen & Colonel Isaac Sessums¹ were the officers of the Regiment. His commission & discharges are lost -- he was born in Currituck County North Carolina -- he has no record of his age -- has lived here ever since the revolution in Halifax County North Carolina. He hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the Present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ M. H. Pettway, Clk

S/ Wm Perkins



[Miles Smith, a clergyman and James Lock, Senior, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

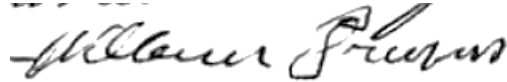
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Personally appeared before me Henry Garrett one of the Justices of the Peace for said

¹ The War Department interpreted this name as "Isaac Sessions."

County of Halifax & State of North Carolina William Perkins, who being first duly sworn deposes and says that in addition to his declaration hereunto annexed: that he was born in Currituck County State of North Carolina; has no record of his age nor does he know that there ever was any record of it: but from his recollection of what [he] was told by his Parents that he was born in the year 1755 or 1756. I recollect well that I mustered before the War and when the declaration of Independence was declared was mustering at the Court House in Currituck County: heard the declaration of Independence read at the time and then was 20 or 21 years of age -- I do not know of any Person that is now living that was with me in the Army, several of the Mr. Spanns, Viz Willis Spann & Fred. Spann & Roderick Early, John Powell & great many others that I recollect of was with me in the Army who are now dead or moved out of my reach: so that it is out of my power to prove it by any others. I know of a good many men in my neighborhood namely Willis Alston & John Branch & others who would [I] expect prove the same by: that I have proven by the Reverend Miles Smith & James Lock: I am unable to travel far or to look [for] Testimony [I] know that I had a commission as Lieutenant from General Thomas Eaton and acted as such as I have before stated: being an unlettered man do not know it necessary for me to keep it nor do I know of any person I can prove it by --

S/ William Perkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Perkins".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for San Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia for 6 months.]