

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Perry S8944

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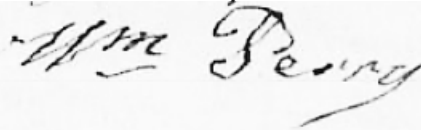
State of Virginia Cabell County} SS

On this 10 day of May 1834 Personally Appeared before me John Harman a Justice of the peace in & for the said County of Cabell and State of Virginia William Perry -- a resident Citizen of the said County of Cabell aged Sixty-nine years the 23rd day of January last past 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 of the 7th of June 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as hereinafter stated that in the year 1781 In the State of South Carolina on the 26th day of March & year aforesaid Declarant Volunteered his service for a tour of six months & was placed under the command of Captain John Norwood -- Applicant thinks his Lieutenant's name was Reed Captain Norwood commanded a company of horsemen -- affiant joined Captain Norwood at Pearce's Fort on Saluda River applicant was a stranger to the Country having come from North Carolina for the purpose of visiting his friends therefore he cannot recollect the names of the places to which he was marched affiant does distinctly recollect that a short time before he was discharged that he was engaged with the enemy at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & was wounded in the thigh therefore he was discharged a few days before his tour Expired in consequence of said wound therefore affiant was rendered unable to follow any Employment of a Lucrative nature till some time after his tour had Expired he is certain that he received said [wound] at the battle of Eutaw Springs about 18 days previous to the Expiration of his aforementioned tour of six months. Affiant thinks Captain Norwood's company of horse was attached to Colonel William Washington's Corps (he is certain that he served in Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army & fought & was wounded at the battle of Eutaw Springs -- & was discharged -- By his Captain Norwood on the 18th day of September 1781 in the State of South Carolina after having served six months Excepting eight days -- a private soldier & after having been discharged for the reasons before stated -- Again Affiant believes to the best of his recollection about 10<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the year 1783 in the State of South Carolina on the Tugaloo River at Norwood station he again volunteered for another six months tour as well as declarant recollects -- his Captain was named Gess[?] (he cannot recollect his subaltern officers names indeed his recollection is so frail he can scarcely make even an intelligent declaration -- appearing to have but a faint knowledge of the Country -- Names of officers, of places or in regard to his marches from Norwood's Station Affiant was marched on horseback & served as a horseman & was engaged in guarding & defending Norwood's station & the tributary streams of the said Tugaloo River & as

far out as the Chattahoochee River home the last named River affiant declares the horsemen of which he was one engaged a body of Indians and killed 29 warriors said to be of the Creek tribe as well he recollects affiant says the troops also took some horses from the Indians affiant was also engaged in several skirmishes with savages the particulars of which affiant deems it unnecessary here to state -- In this kind of service affiant was engaged till 10th day of September 1783 when he was discharged at Norwood's Stationed on Tugaloo River in the State of South Carolina after having served six months a private soldier by his said Captain Gess affiant's services here ended in the war of the revolution he has no documentary Evidence of his Service Except Discharges from Captain Norwood for his first tour -- having lost his discharge for his last tour both his tours he was a volunteer he does not recollect the No. of regiments he served with South Carolina & North Carolina troops he knew & served with General Greene & Colonel William Washington he is old & infirm & cannot travel with convenience to the Court house of the said County of Cabell from which he lives 15 miles 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 the Agency of any State or territory whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Perry



Affiant's answers to the Interrogatories<sup>1</sup> prescribed by the war department

1. I was born in Guilford County & State of North Carolina on 23rd day of January 1776.

2<sup>nd</sup> I have no record of my age

3<sup>rd</sup> I was living in the State of South Carolina when I entered the service since the war I have lived in South & North Carolina & Tennessee I now reside in Cabell County & State of Virginia

4. I was a volunteer private soldier

5. I served with & knew General Greene & Colonel William Washington -- I do not now recollect the No. of any Regiment whatever I served with Carolina troops.

6. I did receive to discharges from the officers under whom I served one I file as part of the foregoing Declaration the other I have lost

7. I am known to Robert H. Hall and John McCure who can testify as to my character for veracity & their & the neighborhood belief of my having been a soldier of the revolution --

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm Perry

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

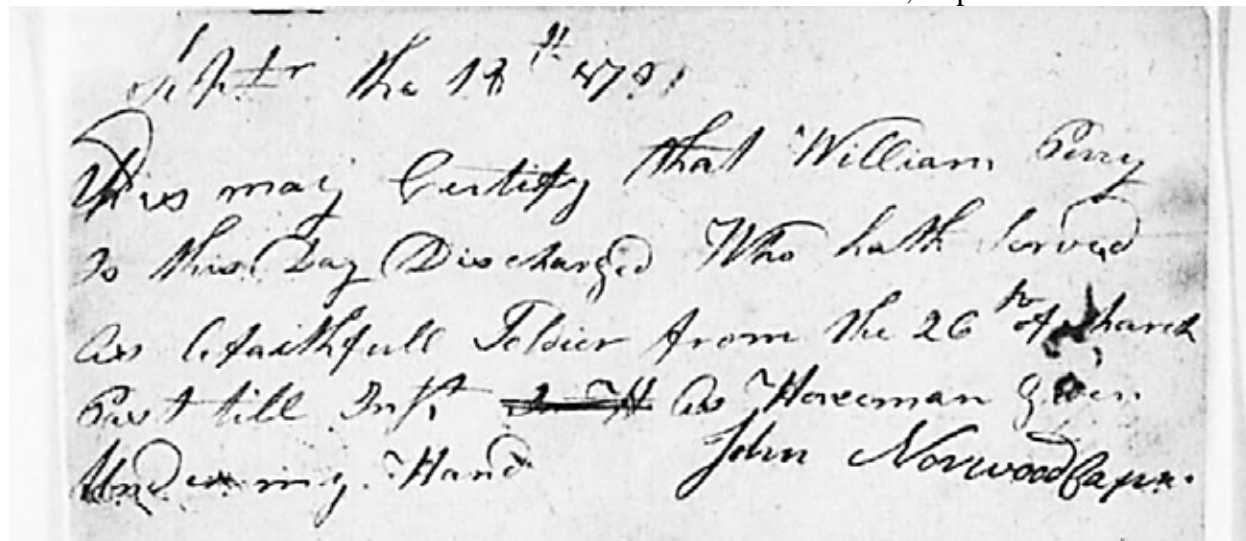
[Robert M. Hall and John McCure gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Sept. the 18<sup>th</sup> 1781

This may Certify that William Perry Is this Day Discharged Who hath Served As A faithful Soldier from the 26th of March Past till Ints [Instant] As Horseman. Given Under my Hand.

S/ John Norwood, Cap<sup>n</sup>.



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]