

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Perkins S9455

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The State of South Carolina, Newberry District: To wit

On this 13th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before Richard Gantt Esq. Presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas now sitting Thomas Pirkins [sic, Thomas Perkins] a resident of Newberry District in the State aforesaid aged Seventy five 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 was born within ten miles of Hillsboro in North Carolina on the last day of March 1757, he has no record of his age at present in his possession. He was living in Lincoln County North Carolina when he went into service, the year he was drafted he does not recollect, he was drafted some time after the Declaration of Independence, & went into the service under the command of Captain __ Brevard [Alexander Brevard], Major John Hampton and the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Dixon [Henry Dixon], and the whole of the forces was commanded by Major General Nath Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. From Lincoln, North Carolina he marched to a little village whose name he does not now remember from thence to Cambridge [a/k/a Ninety Six], South Carolina where the Americans besieged the British & Tories for several days [Siege of Ninety Six, May 22-June 19, 1781], and he was engaged in repeated skirmishes during the siege, and was also employed in working on the ditches and mines that were dug & sunk to defeat & destroy the enemy. A short time before the reinforcement of the British arrived he was with others dispatched, as a guard of prisoners that were sent, & he accompanied them as one of the guard to Salisbury North Carolina. From thence he was marched to Santee & again joined General Greene and remained there till the bloody battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] on the eighth day of September 1781, in which engagement he was, and bore his part as a private soldier under the aforesaid officers, after that battle he was marched to Bacon's Bridge where he remained for several weeks, from which place he was discharged in writing after having served twelve months as a drafted man during the Revolutionary War. This applicant has no documentary evidence of his revolutionary service and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure that can testify to his services except so far as his sister Mary Perkins may remember the fact of his going into the service, remaining from home for twelve months & at the end of his service returning. He has several years ago lost his discharge [illegible word]. He refers to the Rev'd Philip Cromer & Henry Dominick for his character and the reputation that he is a Soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 in Open Court.

S/ Thomas Perkins, X his mark

S/ Y. J. Harrington, Clk

N. District

The applicant further declares that as well as he can remember he was attached during the tour aforesaid to what was called the North Carolina line.

Sworn to in Open Court

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[Phillip Cromer, a clergyman, and Henry Dominick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Newberry District

Personally Appeared before me Mary Perkins and after being duly sworn says that she recollects that her brother Thomas Perkins left home for to serve in the cause and in the behalf of the American Revolution and was gone about one year But this deponent does not know of her own knowledge under whom he served further than she has understood that it was in General Green's Army.

Sworn to before me the 13th day of November 1832

S/ James Cameron, QU

S/ Mary Perkins, M her mark

[Subsequent documents indicate that applicant married Delila Harris or Hawes when she was 16; they had children, but only a son named John is identified in the papers; that applicant died in Newberry District, SC, on March 24 1840.]

State of North Carolina, Secretary of States Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Thomas Perkins a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment¹ was mustered in the year 1781, and left the service on the 28th day of April 1782. (I have no doubt of his having been a 12 month soldier).

Given under my hand this third day of September 1835.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private 12 months in the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]

¹ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 1st NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_p.html and search for "Perkins, Thomas."