

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Peterson S9456

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The State of South Carolina Pickens District} On this 3rd of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of Pickens District John Peterson resident of the State and District aforesaid, aged Seventy three 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer when I was about seventeen years of age under the following officers and served as herein stated. My first tour was in North Carolina under Captain Mull [Peter Mull] commanding a corps of horsemen for one month, John Fisher Lieutenant of said corps. My next tour was for four months in South Carolina under Captain Hardin [Benjamin Harden of Rutherford County] Colonel Malbury [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] a Frenchman while under them was in the Battle of Stono from Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] was marched to Black Swamp where I was discharged after returning home a short time joined Captain Mull Lieutenant Fisher in skirmishing parties in pursuit of Tories &c for about three months had a small skirmish at Brier Creek after which I was discharged my discharge is lost. I know of no documentary evidence or Persons living who can testify to my service above stated. And I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a Pension or Annuity except the Present and declare my name is not on the Pension [p 5] roll of any Agency of any State.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

In the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1759

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

None that I can come at my age is on record in a Bible which was in my Brothers hands in North Carolina

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

I lived in Linkhorn [sic, Lincoln] County North Carolina where I went into service. I remained in Linkhorn a few years after the War ended moved into South Carolina in which I now reside.

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

I was a volunteer

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

General McDowell [Charles McDowell], Colonel Malmedy, Captain Hardin Captain Mull
Lieutenant Fisher I was in no engagements except at Stono and Brier Creek

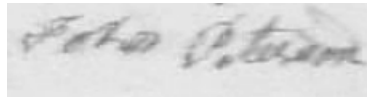
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what
has become of it?

I received three discharges one from Captain Harden at Stono one from Captain Mull at Black
Swamp the 3rd from Captain Mull at Brier Creek all or lost

[p 7] Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ William L. Keith, Clerk

S/ John Peterson

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "John Peterson".

[Thomas Morgan, a clergyman, and John C. Kilpatrick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.16 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service
as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]