

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Drura Pilkington S9458

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State of South Carolina, Marion District

Drura Pilkington personally appeared before me, in open court and upon being duly sworn says that he was born in Amelia County & State of Virginia on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1762. That the first service he was called to perform was in the Militia Service when he was about 14 years of age. That he marched with a detachment of Militia from Amelia County to Valley Forge under the command of Lieut. Sam'l Cobb and upon his arrival then he was placed under the command of Capt. Wm. Taylor who he believes was of the regular Army -- Gen. Woodford commanded the Brigade and all the army was under the Command of Gen. Washington, from thence the Army marched to Monmouth and on the march he was taken sick and he remained in the Hospital not far distant from Valley Forge for about seven weeks and until after the battle at Monmouth. That he joined the Army near the White Plains and from thence the Army marched either to Philadelphia or the North river. That he served in this service for the term of eighteen months and then enlisted under the aforesaid Capt. ~~Williams~~ Taylor and of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment for three years. That the Regiment was marched to West Point and stationed on the green near the forts. That his regiment then marched (with others) marched under the command of Gen. Wayne to Stony Point and when the fort was stormed and taken -- this was the first Battle in which he was engaged. After the fort was taken the Army returned to West Point. That afterwards (as he was informed) an express was sent from Gen. Lincoln to Gen Washington for aid. That three Regiments were ordered on to Charleston So. Ca. and when the Brigade arrived at Fredericksburgh Va. Capt. Taylor resigned his commission and his Company was then commanded by Capt. John Stokes. That Capt. John Stokes went home from Richmond Va. and did rejoin the Regiment -- he thinks the Regiments reached the City of Charleston So. Ca. early in May and was commanded by Gen. Lincoln and was soon afterwards taken by the British and soon afterwards he ran away and made his escape from the British and returned to Chesterfield County Va. where his Mother then resided. That after Ld [sic, Lord] Cornwallis evacuated Charleston and had arrived in Virginia he was ordered out with the Militia and he went under the command of Capt. George Markham and joined the army at York under the Command of Gen. Washington and was present at the capture of Cornwallis and was soon afterwards disbanded -- and which was the last service he performed. That he served in the Militia service at the commencement eighteen months and in the regular service (enlisted) for three years. That he is unable from his memory to state the dates of the several occurrences above set forth and he does not know that any of his old companions in arms are now alive and who could testify as to his services. He further states that he never had any regular discharge. That he resided in Virginia until the Spring of the year 1789 when he removed to the District of Marion So. Ca. where he has since resided. That he makes the above Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 7 June 1832. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to before me this 11 Oct 1832,

S/ Dura Pilkington

*D. Lena Pilkington*

S/ B. J. Earle presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions in open Court at Marion CH in the State & district aforesaid the day & year above stated.

[John Gibson & Samuel Bigham gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1787, in the name of Drury Pilkington, as a Soldier of Infantry for £15.9.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Gordon and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1833.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to Drura Pilkington S9458

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 12 Jan 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Pilkinton, Drury.]

Drury Pilkinton a Soldier in the 2<sup>d</sup> Virginia Regiment has served the full term of three years, commencing 18<sup>th</sup> Nov'r 78 for which he was enlisted and is hereby discharged

Given under my hand at  
Richmond Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1782  
John Crawford Lt [S8256]

Com. Office Nov'r 30<sup>th</sup> 1787/ John Roney

Sir Pleas to Deliver my Land warrant to wm Gordon of Pr Edward and youl oblige yours &c  
June 29<sup>th</sup> 178[?]  
to the Commissonners in Richm'd  
Benj'n Overton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Drura Pilkington". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.