

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Pettitt (Petit) W10874  
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Sarah Pettitt MD

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Shelby county Sct

Be it rememberd that at a court continued and held for the County of Shelby at the Court House in Shelbyville on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1820 personally appeared Thomas Petit aged Fifty Six years resident in s'd county & state, who being duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" That he the said Thomas Petit enlisted at Frederick Town in the state of Maryland in the Spring (about April) 1779 in the company commanded by Captain Lyn [sic: David Lynn, pension application W9151] of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maryland Regiment of the Maryland line in the continental service, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States untill the conclusion of the War or the publishing of the Peace making about four years, when he was discharged from service in Frederick Town in the State of Maryland. That he was in the Battles of Guilford Court House [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781], and at the Surrender of Cornwallis at York Town Va. [19 Oct 1781] that he was in Ten or Twelve Scirmishes, which was not considered Battles – that he is in Reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services having long since lost his discharge

Thos. hisXmark Petit

Commonwealth of Kentucky Shelby County Sct  
Shelby County Court July term 1820

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record of probate and Common law Jurisdiction Thomas Pettitt aged about Fifty Six years resedent in the County of Shelby and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war in the Spring of 1779 for the term of three years in Company Commanded by Capt Lynn in the Reg't Commanded by Col. Roxburgh [sic: Maj. Alexander Roxburgh] of the Maryland line on the Continental Establishment and that he was discharged at Frederickstown in Maryland at the close of the war, and he was in the Battles of Guilford Court house Eautaw Spring and Siege of York and taking of Cornwallis and he further states that he made application by his declaration dated the [blank] day of April 1820 for his pension under the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and has not received any return &c; and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed — and he further states that he follows the Occupation of farming he has no family living with him but his wife who is old and neither of us able to do hard labour he has only one child living to his knowledge who is married but is unable to render him any assistance he has one other son who is a soldier in the United States Army but does not know if he is living or not — The following is a schedule of his property (Towit)

One mare and Colt worth about. . . . .	\$40 —
one horse old about. . . . .	15 —
three sows and pigs. . . . .	12 —

Cupboard table and other house hold & kitchen furniture. .	20 —
two Cows worth. . . . .	22 —
two plows hoe and axe. . . . .	10 —
Some turning tools. . . . .	<u>4 —</u>
	\$123

making his property worth about one hundred and twenty three dollars      Thomas Pettitt  
 Sworn to and declared on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty before the  
 Honorable Justices Composing the County Court of Shelby then in Session

[The following amended application was prompted by a letter dated 16 Sep 1820 from the Pension  
 Commissioner stating that Roxburgh was a Major rather than a Colonel, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maryland Regiment  
 was commanded by Col. Mordecai Gist. As noted in the amended statement below, however, Gist had  
 been promoted to Brigadier General by the time of Pettitt's enlistment.]

Commonwealth of Kentucky/ Shelby Circuit, Sct/ Shelby circuit court  
 June Term 1821, On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of  
 Record of Common law and criminal Jurisdiction Thomas Petitt, aged about Fifty seven years, resident in  
 the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his  
 oath make the following as amendments to his declaration dated April 17<sup>th</sup> 1820 in order to obtain a  
 Pension from the U.S. under the acts of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and of the 21<sup>st</sup> [sic: 1<sup>st</sup>] May 1820 — that he  
 the said Thomas Petitt enlisted in the Spring of 1779 for three years in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maryland regiment that the  
 field officers of the Regt as far as his recollection serves him was Maj'r. [Henry] Hardman, Maj'r. or Lt.  
 Col. Roxburgh, and Col Gist that he was informed that Col. Gist was appointed a General, and had the  
 command of that, with other troops, and he had believed that Roxburgh was then the Col. of the reg't. and  
 was as he thinks so called by the men, which was the reason of his stating in his schedule, that the Reg't.  
 was commanded by Col. Roxburgh and that impression he supposes further arose from the circumstance,  
 that, Roxburgh was always with the Regiment, and appeared the most active & commanding officer – he  
 further states, that after the surrender of Cornwallis, he was marched from York Town as a guard for the  
 prisoners to Frederick Town Maryland, and continued there as a guard until he was discharged  
 Thomas Petitt

NOTE: On 20 June 1845 Sarah Petit, 75, of Henry County KY, applied for a pension stating that she  
 married Thomas Petit in November 1788, and he died on 24 Feb 1845. The file contains a copy of a bond  
 signed by Thomas Petet and James Smith in Harrison County VA on 10 Nov 1788 for the marriage of  
 Petet to Sarah Clout, daughter of Simeon Clout. On 21 June 1845 John McKinney of Owens County KY  
 stated that he had been present at the marriage of Thomas Petit and Sarah Clutter.