

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Pearson (Pierson) ¹ W10876

Margaret Pearson f55NC

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The State of Ohio Darke County} SS First Judicial Circuit of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the State of Ohio

On this the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Darke aforesaid, (said Court being a Court of record) now sitting, Jonathan Pearson, a resident of German Township, in said County of Darke and State of Ohio 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 entered the service of the United States in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County], North Carolina, sometime in May 1777, according to the best of deponent's recollection, as a drafted militia man in Captain Hogg's company, of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bryant, who marched us to Halifax, in Virginia, at which place, Colonel Hogans [sic, James Hogun] took command of us. That they were then marched to West Point on North River in New York, where they arrived in November 1777 according to the best of deponent's recollection. That General Washington was at West Point, during the time deponent was at West Point -- where the Corps to which deponent belonged remained until the ensuing winter, when deponent was marched to Philadelphia where they arrived in the latter part of winter. That they remained at Philadelphia in barracks and the hospital together, until sometime in March or April when they took shipping for Suffolk Virginia, where they were discharged. Deponent was in the service during this Tour, eleven months and sixteen days --

Deponent further saith that sometime in the summer of 1778, he again entered into the militia of North Carolina in the service of the United States, in Edgecombe or Wayne County, North Carolina, which deponent cannot now remember, under General Caswell [Richard Caswell] as a substitute for any person whose name he does not now recollect, that they marched under General Caswell to a place on Cedar Creek, in South Carolina about 15 or 20 miles from Charlestown, where they remained making cartridges until they heard of the taking of Charlestown,² and every man shifted for himself, and again assembled at Cross Creek in North Carolina where the company to which deponent belonged under Captain White reassembled, when they were discharged; having served 3 months. Deponent further saith that at both the above named times he received a written discharge which has been long since lost by time and

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² Charleston South Carolina fell on May 12, 1780.

accident.

Deponent further saith that he received but little pay for his service, and that was paid in Continental money, which was little better than blank paper --

Deponent further saith that he was born in Perquimans County North Carolina, on the 14th of October 1757. That he has a record of his age in his Bible, which he took from his father's "age-book." That he moved to Ohio about 20 years ago and has resided in Darke County, Ohio, about 17 years.

Deponent knows of no record evidence by which he can prove his service, nor does he know of any person in this State now living, by whom he can prove his said service.

Deponent says that he is known to Benjamin Eakins and John Puderbaugh who reside in Darke County, and by whom he believes that he can prove that he sustains a good moral character and is a man of truth and veracity; and is reputed and believed, in his neighborhood, to have been a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present: and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Jonathan Pearson



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court.

S/ John Beers, Clerk

[Benjamin Eakins and John Puderbaugh gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: On September 16, 1853 in Darke County Ohio, Margaret Pierson [sic], 95 years of age, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Johnathan Pierson [sic], a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 16, 1780; that her husband died January 11, 1840 in Darke County Ohio. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On May 22, 1855, Margaret Pearson of Preble County Ohio (age left blank) filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jonathan Pearson; she states she married him in Camden County North Carolina October 31, 1805; that they were married by William Whites, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Sawyer; and that her husband died in Darke County Ohio January 11, 1840. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 23: On May 25, 1855 in Preble County Ohio, Elliott Pearson, 70, gave testimony that he is the son of Jonathan Pearson; that when the affiant and his father started from North Carolina moving to Ohio they passed through Smithfield North Carolina where his father pointed out the ground upon which they mustered the day he was drafted; his father also said he was chosen orderly Sergeant for his Company at Cross Creek now Fayetteville North Carolina; that Margaret Pearson formally Margaret Sawyer was married to Jonathan Pearson October 31, 1805 in Camden County North Carolina; that Margaret was his father's second wife and he was present and saw them married. His father died January 11, 1839. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 18: On June 23, 1855 in Preble County Ohio, Margaret Pearson, 95, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jonathan Pearson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 31, 1805 in Camden County North Carolina; that they were married by one William Whites, JP; that in a prior filing she had supposed that she was

entitled to time of the coverture of her husband with a former wife who died prior to the applicant's marriage to the veteran; that her husband died in Darke County Ohio January 11, 1840. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.44 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private 14 months and 16 days in the North Carolina Continental line and militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]