

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pinnix (Penax, Penix [Penick]) W18733 Barbara f24NC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina Caswell County} SS

On this the 6th day of April A.D. 1842, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Caswell, Barbara Penax [sic, Pinnix or Penick]¹, a resident of said County, aged Eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July fourth 1836: that she is the widow of John Penax, who, during the war of the Revolution, was a Private of militia in the United States service, and served as herein after stated.

1. This Declarant stateth upon her said oath, that she has reason to believe and does believe, that her Deceased husband, John Pinnix, aforesaid, did in the latter part of the year 1778, and the early part of the year 1779, as a private of militia, serve the United States by draft a five months tour of duty. The company to which said John Pinnix was attached was commanded by Captain Duit [Matthew DeWitt], Lewis was Colonel part of the tour as was also Colonel Locke [Francis Locke]. Said troops rendezvoused in Hillsboro in the year of 1778, as this Declarant understood, thence were marched, to the South -- passing through Martinsville, Salisbury & Charlotte -- were put under command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], and were discharged at the Cheraw Hills on the Pedee River, after having served out his Tour of five months & returned home, in all of said tour, the aforesaid John Pinnix, the Declarant believes was in a regularly organized Corps and called into service by the competent Authorities.

2nd And the aforesaid Barbara Pinnix further states upon said oath, that she has reason to believe & does believe that in the year of 1781, her Deceased husband, the aforesaid John Pinnix, volunteered as a private of Militia in the United States service, on or about the Middle of July 1781. That the Company to which said Pinnix was attached, was commanded by Captain McMullins [John McMullen] -- part of the tour under Coleman [probably Spillsby Coleman] - - or rather Oldham [John Oldham]. She thinks was the name. -- William Moore was Colonel of the Regiment -- Rendezvoused in Hillsboro were marched to the South, under the aforesaid officers, to near Wilmington, thence to Fayetteville, thence to Drowning Creek, to Brown marsh, thence to near Wilmington, to the Bluff and from thence discharged and returned home, that in the aforesaid tour, this Declarant has reason to believe, and does believe that her Deceased husband, was in a legally organized Corps and called into service by the proper authority, that

¹ This name is spelled in various ways throughout these documents. I've adopted the spelling "Pinnix" since that is the spelling the veteran himself used in recording the births of his children.

this last tour was for months. That for both tours she has understood her husband received discharges, but does not at this day know anything of them.

That her Deceased husband the aforesaid John Pinnix was a private of militia did serve the United States, in the war of the Revolution nine months and for which she claims a pension.

She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid John Pinnix on the 23rd December in the year of 1780. That she has a family record, containing the date of her marriage and the births of her children which family record is in the hand writing of her Deceased husband the aforesaid John Pinnix and which record this Declarant swears to be a genuine and true record as it purports to be, & which family record is hereto annexed. ["]John Pinnix married to his wife Barbara in the year 1780 ["]--

And the said Barbara Pinnix further declares that her Deceased husband the aforesaid John panics died in 1816, that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares her upon her said oath that, from old age and bodily infirmity she is unable to attend Court to make this declaration.

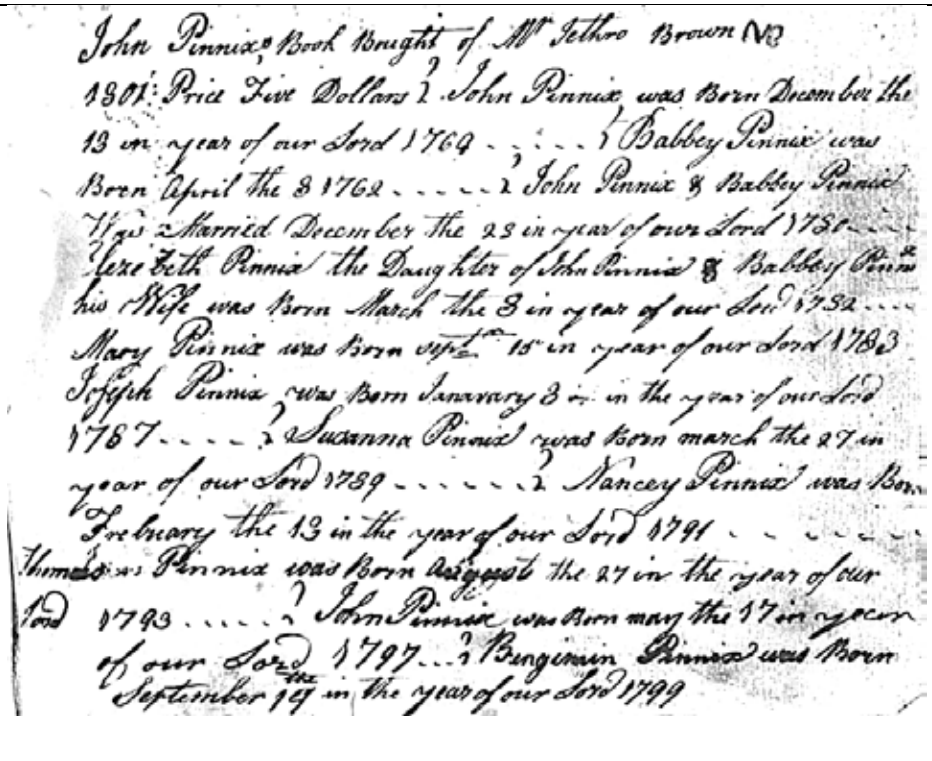
Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

Test: S/ F. Leath, JP

S/ Barbara Penax, X her mark

[p 2: Undated certificate given by A. Slade, Clerk [of the Caswell County North Carolina court], stating that records in his office in Yanceyville North Carolina contain a marriage bond authorizing the marriage of John Pennix to Barbary Spencer and bearing date December 8, 1780.]

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<p>John Pinnix's Book Bought of Mr. Jethro Brown 1801 Price Five Dollars} John Pinnix was Born December the 13 on year of our Lord 1760.... Babbey Pinnix was Born April the 8 1762... John Pinnix & Babbey Pinnix Was Married December the 23 in year of our Lord 1780... Elizabeth Pinnix the Daughter of John Pinnix & Babbey Pinnix</p>	 <p><i>John Pinnix's Book Bought of Mr Jethro Brown No 1801: Price Five Dollars } John Pinnix was Born December the 13 in year of our Lord 1760 } Babbey Pinnix was Born April the 8 1762 } John Pinnix & Babbey Pinnix Was Married December the 23 in year of our Lord 1780 } Elizabeth Pinnix the Daughter of John Pinnix & Babbey Pinnix his Wife was Born March the 3 in year of our Lord 1782 } Mary Pinnix was Born Sept. 15 in year of our Lord 1783 } Joseph Pinnix was Born January 3 in the year of our Lord 1787 } Susanna Pinnix was Born March the 27 in year of our Lord 1789 } Nancy Pinnix was Born February the 13 in the year of our Lord 1791 } Thomas Pinnix was Born August the 27 in the year of our Lord 1793 } John Pinnix was Born May the 17 in year of our Lord 1797 } Benjamin Pinnix was Born September 14 in the year of our Lord 1799</i></p>
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 March the 8 in year of
 our Lord 1782
 Mary Pinnix was Born
 Sept. 15 in year of our
 Lord 1783
 Joseph Pinnix was
 Born Janarary 3 in the
 year of our Lord
 1787.... Suzanna
 Pinnix was Born
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 year of our Lord
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 was Born
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[p 16, Elizabeth Mebane, 62, gave a supporting affidavit as to the claimant being the widow of John Pinnix and has never remarried.]

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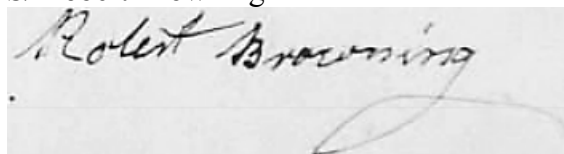
State of North Carolina Caswell County

On the second day of April 1842 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County Robert Browning² a resident of said County aged 78 years who being first duly sworn deposed and saith as follows:

That in July 1781 he volunteered to serve the United States in the war of the revolution a tour of something over four months a private of Infantry and served all of said four months a part of the time in Captain McMullin's Company and the other part in Captain Coleman's company Colonel William Moore commanded the Regiment to which his Company was attached, rendezvoused at Hillsborough in Orange County State aforesaid were marched from thence to Ramsey's Mills in Chatham County to Livingston Creek not far [from] Wilmington N. C. to Fayetteville N. C. to Drowning Creek N. C. to White March Castle N. C. to Brown Marsh, to Fayetteville, to near Wilmington to the Bluff where he was discharged sometime in November 1781 in all of said tour this Deponent remembers that John Pinnix of said County of Caswell served as a private of Infantry all of said four months tour in Captain Oldham's company he believes and was discharged with him at the Bluff aforesaid and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above before me.

S/ Robert Browning



[p 19: Isaac Griffith testifies that he witnessed the marriage of John Penax to Barbara Spencer at the residence of her father, Spencer in Caswell County North Carolina in 1780. In a subsequent affidavit, Isaac Griffith states that he was an apprentice bound to Thomas Spencer at the time of the marriage of John Pinnix to Barbara Spencer.]

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State of North Carolina Orange County} S. S

On this the 27 day of May 1842 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County Robert Bevell³ aged 79 years, who being first duly qualified according to law, deposed and saith, that, in the War of the Revolution, he served a three months tour of duty in the militia in the United States Service, as private of Dragoons in the year of 1781 -- Smith was Captain and Thaxton [sic, James Thackston] Colonel of the Regiment to which this affiant was attached -- this affiant further states upon his said oath, that, he knew John Pinnix of Caswell [County] in said tour, whose widow Barbara Pinnix is now applying for a pension.

² [Robert Browning R1355](#)

³ [Robert Bevell \(Bevel\) W2586](#)

This deponent is under the impression that said Pinnix was of Oldham's and Mullin's Company under Colonel Moore of Caswell; remembers of seeing said John Pinnix at the Bluff, at Swan's and Monroe's Bridge. But how long said Pinnix served as private of Infantry, this Deponent does not now recollect, and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and date first above written before me.

S/ ~~Robert Bevill~~, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County} S. S

On this the 31 day of March 1842 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County, John Dolley⁴, a resident of said County, aged 87 years, who being first duly sworn deposed and saith as follows to wit:

That on or about the middle of the month of October 1778, he was drafted to serve the United States in the war of the Revolution, a tour of five months as private of Infantry, that as private of Infantry he served all of said five months in Captain Thompson's company -- Lewis was Colonel: Locke had command of the Regiment part of the time. Rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsborough in the aforesaid County, were marched to Martinsville, to Salisbury, thence to the Town of Charlotte -- to Purrysburg to Galphins & to Rutherford's Camp at Black Swamp, thence to Cheraw Hills on the Pedee River, and were there discharged.

In all of the aforesaid tour this deponent remembers that John Pinnix of Caswell County served as private of Infantry all of said five months tour, in Captain Duit's Company of Infantry, and was discharged with us at Cheraw Hills aforesaid -- And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn and subscribed the day & date first above written, before me

S/ Wm Hall, JP

S/ John Dolley, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

⁴ [John Dolley S6802](#)