

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Peers W1921

Elizabeth Peers

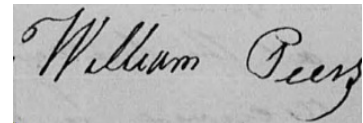
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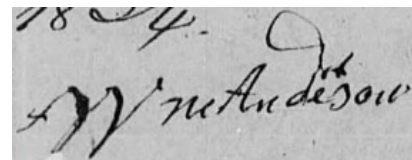
On this 24 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Benjamin Monroe presiding Judge of the Barren Circuit Court William Peers a resident of the County of Barren & State of Kentucky aged 74 years on the 11th day of October 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following decliration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832

That he entered the servis of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. In the year 1775 in the State of Virginia in Louisa County where he then resided he Enlisted as a private soldier under Captain William White for the term of two years and marched from there to Dumfries in the State of Maryland [sic: Virginia, not Maryland] where he was Anockelated [sic: inoculated] for the Small pox Marched from there to the Valley Forge From there to the Delaware river. Thence to Brandywine he was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and the Coll that commanded the redgement was by the name of McClanahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan] after several fiers by the Troops the Americans gave way and was formed again and renewed the fight but was eventually defeated From the Battle ground we marched near the Valley Forge where we made a stand again and at the Valley forge he was discharged and received a written discharge signed by General [Horatio] Gates after serving out his two years which discharge I have lost so that it cannot be found In 1780 he Entered the servis of the united State as a Malitia man under Capt John Byers [John Byars] in Louisa County and State of Virginia and marched under Col Spencers [Joseph Spencer's] Redgement which was in General [Edward] Stevens Brigade through part of Virginia and into South Carolina and was in the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] General Gates the Commanding officer in that Battle and marched from there to Guilford and was in that Battle [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] had the Command of the army in that Battle he marched from there in pursuit of the Enemy to Charles Town where they took shiping [see endnote]. that he never received any discharge for that Term of servis since then he continued to reside in the same County in Virginia until he removed to this where he now resides and That there is but one person now living that is known to him that he can prove his servis as a regular soldier and that is John Foster [pension application S35950] and that there is no person known to him by whom he can prove his servis as a Malatia man and that he has no Documentary evidence by which he can prove his servises by and He Here by relinquishes every claim what ever to a pention or anuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pention roll of the agency of any State or teritory Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



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I William Anderson a resident of the County aforesaid, do Certify that I was a Soldier in the revolutionary war and that I was acquainted with William Peers, who was a Soldier in Capt. Thomas Johnston's Company of the 9th Virginia Regiment, during the Revolutionary War, and that I saw said Peers in Service, Given under my hand this 13th march 1834.



[On 24 March 1834 Robert Freeman and George Freeman certified the age of William Peers and that he died on 29 May 1833 leaving Elizabeth Peers his widow.]

State of Kentucky }
Barren County } SS.

On this the 8th day of May 1845 personally appeared before me James Murrell a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Elizabeth Peers a resident of s'd County aged Sixty Seven 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 provisions made by the Several acts of Congress pass'd 7th July 1838, 3 March 1843, June 17th 1844. and in 1845, granting pensions and continuing pensions to certain Widows That she is the widow of William Peers, who was a regular soldier in the Army of the Revolution for up to the close of the War in the year 1781. was in the battles of Bunkers Hill [sic: Bunker Hill MA, 17 Jun 1775; see endnote], Gates's defeat and other battles (as he my s'd Husband Wm. Peers) often informed me. She further declares that she was married to the said William Peers in the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia on the twenty third day of May Seventeen Hundred and ninety nine, that her said husband William Peers died on the twenty ninth day of May 1833 in the County of Barren and State of Kentucky.

Elizabeth herXmark Peers

NOTES:

Peers could not have entered Charleston SC or left from there by ship before Dec 1782, when the British yielded control of the town.

Virginia troops were not at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The file includes a copy of the marriage record of William Peers and Elizabeth Freeman officiated by Richard Pope on 24 May 1799. On 12 April 1849 Thomas Freeman, 66, stated that he was present in Louisa County at the marriage of his sister, Elizabeth Freeman, to William Peers. In the same document Sarah B. Freeman and Berryman Peers certified the marriage. With the pension application of Elizabeth Peers is the family record from her Bible, transcribed below.

Wm Peers was born october the 11 1762

Alexander Peers was Born June the 9 1800

Louisa V Peers was Born april the 14 1802

Robert F Peers was Born Janury the 9 1804

Edith E Peers was Born August the 15 1806

James H Peers was Born April 21 1808

Alley B Peers was Born March 21 1812

George O Peers was Born December 12th 1815

John F Peers was Born June 15 1816

Wm Peers was Born Febuary 21 1819

Buryman Peers was Born December 7th 1822

Robert Freeman Jr Deceast Febuary th2 1823

William Peers Deceast may the 28th 1833

Robert Peers Deceast october the [rest illegible]

Nancy Peers the wife of Jas H Peers died Oct the 10th 1834

Levi Fransway Peers Son of Jas H Peers died April 9th 1834

Mary H Peers Second wife of Jas H Peers died March 4th 1847

America Laury Peers the daughter of J H Peers and Katherine his wife died July 19th 1847