

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Amos Pilgrim W1927

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State of South Carolina } SS.  
Pickens District }

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, personally appeared before the court of ordinary in and for the aforesaid district of Pickens Rebecah Pilgrim, a resident of Pickens District in the aforesaid state of South Carolina, aged seventy four 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." that she is the widow of Amos Pilgrim, who was a private in the militia and served as followes, as will more fully appear by the prof hereunto anexed.

That he entered the service of the United States in Henry County (State of Virginia) in the year 1780, under Captain Hamby [sic: Jonathan Hanby], marched to the Yadkin river [in NC], stationed there, served three months and was discharged. Again in the same year he entered the service under Captain Hamon Crites [sic: Haman Critz], and Col. James Lyon and served three months. Again he entered the service in 1781 under Captain Hamby, marched to South Carolina and was in the Siege of Ninety-Six [22 May - 19 Jun ]; served three months, was discharged and returned home. Again he entered the service in the same year under Captain Hamby and Col John Marr marched to the lower part of Virginia, served three months and was again discharged. She further declares that she was married to the said Amos Pilgrim on the seventeenth of August in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three, that her husband the aforesaid Amos Pilgrim died on the eighteenth day of February eighteen hundred and fifteen - that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz. at the time above stated. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before  
Rebecca herXmark Pilgrim

State of Georgia } SS.  
Habersham County }

Be it known that on the fourth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven personally appeared before me Isaac Oaks a justice of the peace in and for said county, Thomas Pilgrim [pension application S7319] and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith on oath that Amos Pilgrim whose widow now applies for a pension lived in Henry County state of Virginia previous to the revolution, and that he entered the service of the United States (drafted) under captain Hamby in the year 1780, and marched to the Yadkin river, stationed there served out three months, was discharged and came home. Again in the same year he entered the service under Captain Hamon Crite and Col. James Lyon a volunteer but this deponant is unable to state where they marched, but he knows that they were gone three months and returned, and he was discharged. Again he was drafted in the year 1781 under Captain Hamby, marched to South Carolina, and was with the army at the seige of Ninety-Six, served three months, was discharged, and returned home. Again he volenteered under Captain Hamby and Col. Marr in the same year, and marched low down in Virginia, was stationed near a court house, the name of which this deponant has forgotten, served out three months, was discharged and returned home, This deponant further states that he served with him in the last mentioned tower, but that he did not serve with him in the three first towers, but that deponant frequently saw him in the time and has no doubt but that he did serve them all out. And this deponant further saith, that the above named Amos Pilgrim, and Rebecah Vandegriff, was married in the summer of seventeen hundred and ninety three, that he was presant and saw it lawfully don, deponant arives at the date of the marrige by refferance to the register of the birth of deponants children Deponant further saith that all the above mentioned service was as a private in the melitia. To the trooth of all which I fully concur. Sworn to and subscribed bfore me

the day and year above written.

Thomas hisXmark Pilgrim

Virginia - Henry County Court Clerks office 24<sup>th</sup> Aug't. 1849

Dear Sir. Inclosed I send you such extracts from the records of this Court as can be found in compliance with your request. I cannot find any record of the appointment of Culps or Hanby as Capts. anterior to the year 1782. the name Craight mentioned in your letter is I have no doubt the same at Critz. the name is pronounced Crite yrs with respect. J. Griggs

To Mile M. Norton Esqr, Peckins C.H. S.C.

PS. the name written Horston or Houston in your letter is doubtless intended for Hairston. J.G.

- No.1. At a Court held for Henry County on the seventeenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven. George Hairston Esqr. produced a Com's [commission] as Captain of the Militia for the County of Henry under the Com'nwealth whereupon he took the oath provided
- No. 2. [Same date] James Lyon, Haman Critz jr John Cunningham Jas. Shelton and Peter Saunders Esqrs produced Com's. as Captains of the Militia for the County of Henry under the Commonwealth whereupon they took the oath provided —
- No. 3. At a Court held for Henry County on the twenty second day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty George Hairston produced a Commission appointing him Captain of the Militia whereupon he took the usual oath &c —
- No. 4. At a Court held for Henry County on the twenty fourth day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty John Wells came into Court resigned his office as Captain of the Militia in this County, Peter Hairston is appointed Capt. in his room —
- No. 5. At a Court held at Henry Courthouse on the thirtieth day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty Wm. Adams 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant in Haman Critz Compy of Militia having resigned John Miller his ensign is app'd. in his room —

NOTE: Amos Pilgrim, nephew of Amos and Rebecca Pilgrim made a deposition in support of the above application. Rebecca Pilgrim reapplied for a pension on 29 Jul 1848, stating that she was born and partly raised in Henry County [formed from Pittsylvania County in 1777], and that two of her brothers served with Amos Pilgrim. One of the brothers was probably Garrett Vandegrift (S7780). With this application she submitted a family record on a page of an Old Testament showing the births of all three of her children, as follows:

Rebeca pilgrim was born 1773.

Mary pilgrim was Born in the year 1795 Sept 12th

Lee pilgrim was Born august 7<sup>th</sup> 1797

Christen pilgrim was Born February 28 1805 Son and Daughter of of amos pilgrim

In an application for bounty land dated 19 Aug 1856, Rebecca Pilgrim's age is given as 79. On 7 Aug 1866 Lee Pilgrim, 70, and Mary Carter, 72, sole heirs of Rebecca Pilgrim who died on 26 Sep 1863, applied for the pension that was suspended during the Civil War. Their application was certified by David Carter and John Cadis.