

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rodham Petty¹ W2567

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State of Kentucky County of Anderson: SS

On this 9th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of Anderson now sitting Rodham Petty a resident of the United States in the County of Anderson and State of Kentucky aged eighty-one 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the year 1776 he enlisted in what was called the minute service as a private under Captain Philip Lee. Said Petty was then a resident of Prince William County Virginia. The troops rendezvoused at Lanes old field Loudoun County Virginia, he states that the field officers by whom he was commanded were Colonel Ewell and Major Ewell he marched with the troops from Lanes old fields to Dumfries from Dumfries to Fredericksburg and through Williamsburg through old York to Hampton where the troops were stationed and where he remained to the best of his recollection 8 months. There was no general engagement while he lay at Hampton but the American troops had many skirmishes with the British under Lord Dunmore who were endeavoring from time to time to effect a landing. He served under this enlistment eight months. In 1777 in the fall of the year he was drafted in Prince William County Virginia to serve as a private soldier a tour in the militia and entered this service under Captain Britt in a Regiment commanded by the same Colonel Ewell he marched from Prince William County Virginia through Fredericks town in Maryland and through Lancaster in the neighborhood of Philadelphia where he remained three and a half months when he was discharged without any written discharge with the rest of the Virginia troops, who were discharged in a body, he was at this place under the command of General Washington.

In 1780 or '81 said Petty was again drafted in Prince William County Virginia and served a three months tour as a private under a Captain Hampton. During this tour he with the troops to which he belonged was stationed at different places on the Potomac and Rappa[? Rapidan or Rappahannock River?], he joined no main Army or troops during this tour. In 1777 in the spring said Petty volunteered in Prince William County Virginia and served a tour of three months under a Captain John Hedges [?], he marched with three companies commanded by Colonel Hoe [?] to the state of Pennsylvania near Philadelphia where they joined the Militia commanded by Major Smallwood and Major Crawford – he volunteered for three months and served out the full tour. Said Petty states that he served in all 17 ½ months as appear by the foregoing statements and was born in the County of Prince William in the year 1752. The said Petty further states that

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he received a discharge from the minute service by John Payton Lieutenant of Captain Lee, Lee having gone to raise a regular company. This discharge about two years since, was blown off in a hurricane, together with other papers & house itself. Said Petty received a discharge from Captain Hampton also, which discharge was also blown off & lost in the same hurricane. Said Petty does not recollect definitely whether he received a written discharge from Hedges or not, but is of the impression he did & if so it was with the papers lost as above mentioned.

Said. He states that he is well known to his neighbors John Busey, J. P., James McBrayer, high Sheriff, John Morgan, J. P., Andrew McBrayer, JP, David Egbert who will testify to his veracity & their belief of his Revolutionary services. Also said Petty states that he has no record of his age in this state. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services, his age having no record of either, except Jeremiah Wilson who can testify to a part, he hereby relinquishes every claim whether to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Rodham Petty, X his mark

[Jordan H Walker, a clergyman, and Jo. McBrayer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

As one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid I Certify that Jeremiah Wilson² of said County this day personally appeared before me and upon his oath made the following statement that he said Wilson was well acquainted with Rod him petty in the time of the Revolutionary War & that he said Pattie was in the service in the State of Virginia amongst the troops called minute men in the County of Prince William, under Captain Phil Lee, Deponent states that he saw said Petty at the Rendezvous at Lanes Old fields in Loudoun County from whence he understood said Pattie with the Troops marched to Dumfries & from thence on to Hampton & Norfolk Deponent states that in the year 1777 himself in said Pattie was drafted into the service for a tour of duty in the militia Service and that they were placed under the command of Captain Britt in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jesse Ewell that they marched from Prince William County Virginia through Fredericks town Maryland thence to Lancaster thence to the neighborhood of Philadelphia after which we were with the rest of the Virginia Militia were discharged in a body without receiving any written Discharge deponent is 74 years of age.

S/ Jeremiah Wilson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremiah Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".

[Facts in file: Veteran died January 12, 1843 in Anderson County Kentucky; Veteran married December 12, 1819, Sarah Steward in Shelby County Kentucky; she applied for a pension April 11, 1853 aged 71 and a resident of Lawrenceburg, Anderson County Kentucky. There is no mention in this file of any children of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for

² [Jeremiah Wilson S31491](#)

service as a private for 14 months and 15 days in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]