

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Peck W26296

Mary Peck

f45NC

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County } This day ^{being the 17th September 1833} personally appeared before the court of Pleas and quarter Sessions held for said County the same being a court of Record Peter Peck aged about Sixty-Seven years who being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

States that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That sometime in the spring of 1780 that he resided in Roan [sic, Rowan] County in the State of North Carolina where he was drafted to perform a three months Tour of duty and that he belonged to Company commanded by Captain Lopp [John Lopp] which said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke] and we then marched to various places through the Country and then we marched to Salisbury and after my time of service had expired I received my discharge from Captain Lopp which said discharge he cannot produce the same being lost

and deponent states he shortly after he was discharged from the last above mentioned Campaign that he then volunteered, his services in the Army of the United States for the Term of nine months under the same Captain and the same Colonel and we then marched to the Fork of the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] and from thence we marched to Abbott's Creek and from thence to Salisbury and various other places in search of the Tories and we took a great many of them prisoners and conveyed them to Salisbury and delivered them to Captain the Yarberrry [sic, Edward Yarborough] this applicant states that we marched into the County of Randolph and Mecklenburg County in the said State in pursuit of the Tories and took a great many more prisoners he states in the last above mentioned campaign that he was in Engagement with the British and he states that he had several skirmishes with the Tories applicant states that [he] did not receive any wounds while he was in the Army. He states he thinks it was sometime in the month of November 1781 that his time of service expired and that he then received his discharge from Captain Lopp which said discharge he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce the same. Applicant states that he did serve his Country in the Army of the United [States] in the Revolutionary war the Term of twelve months putting the whole together in the two last above mentioned Campaigns. Applicant states that some time after he had been discharged from the last above mentioned campaign that he again volunteered his services in the Army of the United States for the term of six months under Captain Carr and applicant states that he did not bear

arms but that he drove one of the forage wagons which supplied the Army which were then stationed at Salisbury and applicant states that he performed said duty for the term of six months as above stated and has never received one cent from the government for his service.

Applicant states that he is a very poor man and very infirm and decrepit and that he has no means by which he can be get a living except by labor and that his constitution is so much impaired that he is scarcely able to perform any language and his wife is also very infirm so much so that she cannot contribute much towards a living.

Applicant states that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any living Testimony by whom he can prove them & he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State whatsoever.

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina in the year 1766

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have no Record of my age I only know my age from what my father told me.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in the County of Rowan when I was called into the service I lived a while after the Revolutionary war in the State of North Carolina and awhile in With [sic, Wythe] County in the state of Virginia and I now live in the County of Claiborne in the State of Tennessee

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I [was] drafted and I volunteered

5th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I received two discharges from Captain Lopp

6th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I knew General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] Colonel Locke Colonel Parson and many others

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer John Hoges, David Rogers and many others

S/ Peter Peck, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court this 17th of September 1833

S/ Benj. F. Cloud, Clk

[Henry Holt, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[David Rogers gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: March Sessions of the County Court 1834

This the amendment to the Declaration of Peter Peck for a pension the applicant being duly sworn in open Court according to law states as follows to wit that the whole of his services performed in the Army of the United States as in his Declaration mentioned was as a private. This applicant begs leave further to state that the nine months Tower [tour] of duty described in the second engagement which he was under in his declaration he was mistaken for he enlisted in the said Campaign and did not volunteer as he stated in his declaration but he most positively states that he did serve the nine months Tower of duty as described in his declaration.

Sworn in open court March 19th 1834.

S/ Peter Peck, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County

Personally appeared before Simpson Hurst an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Peter Peck, a resident of said County of Claiborne and State of Tennessee aged 84 or 5 years and being sworn according to law doth on oath make the following statement of his service in the revolutionary War in order to get his pension increased.

1st He volunteered a private for three months under Captain Lopp in the spring of the year not recollected

2nd He was Drafted a private under Captain Lopp six months in the Summer of the year not recollected he lived at the time of said service in Rowan County NC -- these are the tours that he filed his declaration for and drew a pension. He further swears that he employed Judge Robinson to get his pension for him. That he told Robinson that he was enlisted for five years beside the above militia service that Robinson advised him that he was not entitled to his Regular service and he did not put it in his declaration But he now makes a statement of his Regular service believing he is entitled to the same.

He enlisted a private in Rowan County North Carolina some time in February or March in the year 1782 or 83 under Captain __ Carr¹ and Lieutenant Rickart for five years was marched against the Indians to where Knoxville in East Tennessee now stands from thence to Kentucky on the Ohio River near where Louisville now [stands] in [sic, and] was stationed the greater part [of] his time there had some light skirmishes with the Indians and [was] wounded one night while on guard in his right leg by an Indian from a canoe on the River the Main part of the Army was stationed further up the River he thinks he belonged to the 6th Regiment and it was commanded by Colonel or General __ Clark [George Rogers Clark]. He deems it unnecessary to give further details of his service as he supposes it is on the rolls of the department, but he was honorably discharged at the end of 5 years by his Captain or Lieutenant not now recollected which. That his discharge was wet & destroyed in crossing the Holston River. The true and only reason he did not make a statement of his regular service in his first declaration was the advice of his attorney to the contrary.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ Simpson Hurst, JP

S/ Peter Peck, X his mark

[p 31: On November 18, 1853 in Claiborne County Tennessee Mary Peck, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Peter Peck; that she married him December 19 1804; and that her husband died April 10th 1851. She signed her application with

¹ Perhaps Captain Thomas Carr—suggested based on [W6473 Abram \(Abraham\) White](#)

her mark.]

[p 4: On June 9, 1854 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Mary Peck, aged about 70, filed another application for a widow's pension, this won under the 1853 act; in this application she states that she is the widow of Peter Peck, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 19, 1805 to the best of her recollection; that her husband died April 10, 1851. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.