

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Borders W2914 Esther Borders NC
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State of Kentucky }
County of Allen } SS.

On this the 8th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Will Hain, Jno Carruth, Will Fitzpatrick, Sam[?] Austin & Tho Suttin[?] Justices of the County court of Allen County State of Kentucky then in the courthouse of said county in court sitting Peter Borders a resident of said county aged 77 years the 4th day of January last; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed June 7, 1832.

That in June or July of the year 1778, to the best of his recollection, in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina where he then resided, this declarant entered into the service of the United States a private of militia infantry as a substitute for Peter Workman and as such under command of Capt. David Smith and in his militia infantry company and in the Regiment militia commanded by Gen'l. or Colo. Reatherford [sic: Gen. Griffith Rutherford] of N. Carolina Militia he he marched from Salisberry [sic: Salisbury] to the western part of the state against the Indians who were committing depredations on the frontier settlements. That he served as a private of infantry in said company and Regiment not less than Three months, that after several partial engagements with the Indians, and having burned their villages and destroyed their corn the detachment was marched back to Salisberry and there discharged he being of the number in the latter part of September or first of October 1778 as is his best recollection.

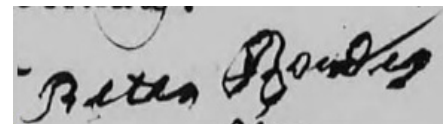
That in the year 1780 and in the spring of that year the month not recollected he was drafted out of Capt. Hattericks militia Company in the County of Rowan N. Carolina where he still lived and was placed under Capt. Wright of militia infantry and served in said Wright's company as a Sergeant and in the Reg't. of N. Carolina militia infantry commanded by Colo. McKissick or McKusick not less than Six months, and was again discharged at Salisberry N. Carolina in October 1780 as is his best recollection.

That in 1781 and in February as he believes, declarant again entered into the service of the United States in the County of Guilford N. Carolina, his residence still being in Rowan County, as a substitute for Adam Powers, and served as a private in the company of horse commanded by Capt. Jones, and in the Reg't. under command of Colo. or Maj'r. Blount [Major Reading Blount] and that he served as a private in said company and Regiment not less than Five months.

That declarant enlisted as a Regular Soldier for and during the War in the United States service at 96 [Ninety Six] in South Carolina in August 1781 and served as a private in the company of Dragoons, commanded by Cap't. Powers and in the Regiment under command of Colo. [William] Washington, not less than one month, when he was taken prisoner by the British at at the Eutaw Springs S. Carolina on the 8th September 1781. That from the Eutaw Springs he was conducted by the British a prisoner to Charlestown S. Carolina; and there by them detained a prisoner of War untill the summer of 1782 when he escaped from Chrlestown and repaired to General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] then at Dorchester and from him obtained a discharge a permit to return home. Declarant states that from the time he was taken prisoner at the Eutaw Springs untill he obtained the permit or discharge from Gen'l. Green was not less that Eight Months, and he recapitulates his services as follows. I served not less than three months a private (substitute) for Peter Workman under Capt. Smith in 1778. I served not less than Six months as a sergeant drafted out of Capt. Hetericks company under command of Capt. Wright in 1780. I served not less than Five months a private substitute of militia, for Adam Powers, in Capt. Jones company in 1781. I served not less than one month a private of Dragoons in the Regular service under Colo. Washington. I was detained a prisoner of War by the British not less that Eight months; making in all one year eleven months. And for such service I claim a Pension. This declarant upon his said Oath further states, that by

reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned above and in the grades, time, companies and Regiments above set forth. To the Interrogatories propounded by the War Department this Declarant upon his said Oath responds as follows. To Question 1st that he was born in the County of Bucks in the state of Pennsylvania on the 4th day of January 1756 as he has been informed and from the best information he believes. To Question 2nd that the Register of his age is in his possession in Allen County Kentucky. To Question 3rd That he was living in Rowan County North Carolina when called in to the service of the United States, that since the Revolutionary War he removed to and resided in Greenville County South Carolina, from thence to Tennessee and that he now lives in Allen County Kentucky. To Question 4th That he was called into service by draft from a militia company; and also as a substitute for Peter Workman and for Adam Powers and also as a private in the Regular service having enlisted therein for and during the War. To Question 5th That in 1778 whilst he was in the expedition against the Indians there was no Regular officer with the troops where he served, that Capt. David Smith commanded the Company and General Retherford or Colo. Retherford the Regiment in which he served. That Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates commanded all the troops with which he served in 1780. That General Green and Colo. Washington commanded the troops with which he served in 1781. that the general circumstances of his service in the years 1780. and 1781. (the circumstances of his services in 1778 having been already given) are as follows. That in 1780 he marched from Salisbury to near Cambden, and was in that battle [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], after which he retreated to Charlottesville [sic: probably Charlotte NC] and from thence to Salisbury where he was discharged. That in 1781 he marched under Capt. Jones to Guilford courthouse and was in the Battle fought there between the British and Americans [15 Mar 1781], that his Capt. (Jones) was killed in that battle and thereafter Capt. Geo. Smith [George Smith] commanded the company, that after the battle he retired to the [Troublesome] Iron works and from there marched in said Smith's company and under command of Gen'l. Green to Ramsey's mill on Deep River, from thence to the neighbourhood of Camden and to 96 in S. Carolina, where he entered the Regular service. That he was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs under Colo. Washington and there taken Prisoner as stated above. To Question 6th That it is his best recollection that he received from General Retherford a discharge in writing from the service in 1778. that he has no recollection of his having obtained a written discharge from the service in 1780. That in 1781 he entered the service as a private of militia and whilst at 96 with the militia company in which he served, and with the knowledge and consent of his Capt. (Smith) he then entered the Regular Service as above stated, and that he does not recollect of his having received a written discharge from the militia service. That Gen'l. Green gave him a permit to return home or discharge in the summer of 1782 he thinks he cannot be mistaken, that he was never afterwards called into service. That after the War, believing that the papers he obtained from Retherford and Green were no longer of use, and moving as he did from place to place, they were mislaid and lost many years ago. To Question 7th he responds, that Reubin Wessaker, Jeremiah Hinton George Follis Edmund Waggoner and others reside in his present neighbourhood and to whom he is known, and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. This declarant states that he has no documentary, or other evidence of his service as above set forth, nor has he any knowledge of any surviving witness by whom he can prove the same except Samuel Sears of Sangamon County Illinois whose deposition he expects to procure and herewith forward. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter Borders", written on a light-colored background.

NOTES:

Samuel Sears stated that he knew Peter Borders and his father, John Borders, in Rowan County

NC.

On 13 Dec 1840 Esther Borders, 72, applied for a pension stating that she married Peter Borders on 16 Aug 1786, and he died on 31 July 1837. On 8 April 1843 Esther Borders was said to be 77, and on 17 Sep 1843 she was said to be 87, and on 1 Sep 1848 she was said to be 88. On an application for bounty land dated 23 May 1855 Esther Borders was living in Barren County KY and said to be aged 107. The file includes a page from a German Bible dated 1785 with the names and birth dates of children transcribed below.

Caterine Borders was born March the 3 Day 1787

Mary borders was born the ~~July~~ 1788 October

Elisabeth Borders was born the 28th July 1792 [last digit not clear]

David Borders was born the 3^d January 1795