

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pearce <sup>1</sup> W3590      Nicey Pearce      f50NC  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina in Gates County }

On this 25 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the court of Pleas & quarter sessions now sitting William Perce [sic, William Pearce] resident of North Carolina & County of Gates aged 78 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 was drafted at the town of Hertford in the County of Perquimans in the spring of 1780 that he marched from thence under Lieutenant Nathaniel Williams to Edenton through Tyrell, Martin [Counties] & crossed Tar River at the red bank ferry from thence to headquarters Savanna [sic, Savannah] on the Savine river [sic, Savannah River] where he was commanded by Captain William Goodman Colonel Armstead General Langhorn or Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] from thence he marched to Augusta Georgia then to Stono where they encamped to prepare for battle. That the enemy were fortified in at Shelven hill [?] where they attacked the enemy & had a severe battle [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] that the battle commenced about 2 hours by sun A. M. & continued 4 hours that the Americans had about 3000 killed & mortally wounded & thus the enemy lost as many or more at this place he was put in the 5th Regiment of Regulars to make up the Regiment they being most killed Captain Goodman Colonel Armstead General Langhorn commanded that before this he was in the Battle at Savannah [presumably a reference to the Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 9, 1779] same officers that he was at Savannah at the time of Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] & that he stayed in South Carolina & Georgia until he was discharged which was 18 months that he was regularly discharged but where this discharge is or by whom it was signed he cannot recollect but received it in South Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Where & in what year were you born

Ans I was born in the County of Perquimans now Gates the 9 day December 1752

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans: When called into the service I lived in Perquimans [County] & during the war now in Gates County

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt19905-160-55

Ans: I have a record of my age & can present it at any time

How were you called into service, were you drafted? Did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans: I was drafted

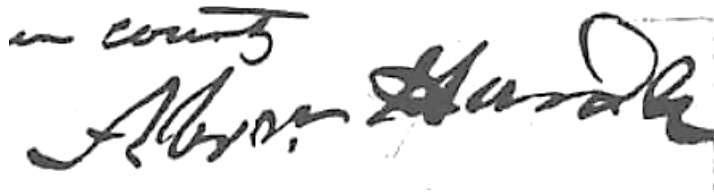
Name some of the principal officers Colonel or General Moutrey [sic William Moultrie], General Williamson was there but did not command.

S/ William Pearce, X [his mark]

Abraham Hardle being duly sworn deposeseth & saith that he hath known the said William Pearce ever since he was a boy & went to school with him that he would recollects when he was drafted & went into the service that he thinks he was gone about 18 months that he saw the said Pearce soon after he came home & recollects of seeing his discharge but does not recollect by what officer it was signed.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Abram. Hardle



Isaac Pearce<sup>2</sup> being also sworn saith that he was in the service with the said William Pearce in South Carolina that when he arrived at Stono he found the said William there that he staid 3 months in South Carolina that he was discharged at Stono & when he came away he left the said William there.

S/ Isaac Pearce, X his mark

[Reuben Harrell, a clergyman, Captain Jeff throw H. Reddick and Colonel John T. Pipkin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Pierce [sic] a private in Captain Williams's Company of the 5th Regiment enlisted in 1777 for 2 1/2 years, and was omitted in February 1778, that nothing more is said of him on the rolls. There are others of the same name on the rolls but not of Captain Williams's Company.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of January 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 7: On February 26, 1853, in Gates County North Carolina, Nicey Pearce filed for a widow's pension under the 1844, 1848 and 1853 acts as the widow of William Pearce; she states that she married him December 2, 1822 and that he died January 11 1842; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 21: marriage bond issued to William Pearce for his marriage to Nicey Gray [County is blank

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<sup>2</sup> Will Graves could not find any application for a pension from the federal government filed by anyone named Isaac Pearce. Consequently, this may be the only record of his service at Stono.

and the date is blank, but the attestation by the clerk of Gates County, says it is dated December 2, 1822.]]

[p 26 copy of the last will and testament of William Pearce in which he names his wife, Nicey; son, Jacob; son, James; daughter Sophia: Timothy Walton, named executor; dated Dec. 6, 1841.]

[p 12: On April 16, 1855 in Gates County North Carolina, the widow applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; in this document she says that her husband died February 11, 1842 and that she remains a widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Facts in file: veteran died January 11 or 12, 1842]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]