

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Parchment (Parchment) W3713

Mary

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County of Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania

On this second day of May 1828, personally appeared in open court (being the court of Common Pleas in and for said county) Peter Parchment, resident in said county, aged about seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820; That he the said Peter Parchment enlisted for the term of three years, in the year 1776, in the state of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by captain Sullivan, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia, on the first continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until sometime in the year 1778, when he was discharged from the service at Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania, in consequence of wounds received while in the service and in the line of his duty;

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State, except Pennsylvania; that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension;--Having been the owner of two tract of land for a considerable time, nearly thirty years, situated in the county aforesaid, containing about two hundred & seventy five acres, which were sufficient with common industry for the support of himself and family; but having become bail for the pavement of a large sum of money, as will appear from the documents herewith exhibited, Judgments were obtained, and all his property be taken in execution and sold by the Sheriff of Allegheny County, as will appear by the accompanying papers. Since the sale of his property as stated, the claimant finding that, he needed the assistance of his country for support, proposed to make application for a pension, but from negligence and want of proper information upon the subject, his application has been hitherto delayed.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property – Viz.: 150 acres (in my own right) situate in said County, sold by virtue of a *Venditioni exposeas*, at the suit of Morris & Brooks, who obtained Judgment against me, as bail of one James Amberson; and my right, title and interest (being a life estate in right of my wife) in another tract of land in said County containing about 125 acres, sold at the suit of one B. Good on a Judgment against me as bail of said Amberson; those two tracks being the quantity above mentioned. That I have had no personal property of any consequence, more than what is set forth in the following schedule;

Viz. -- two beds & bedding, two bedsteads, two pots, one skillet, two buckets, six old chairs, one coffee pot, some odd cups and saucers since the 18th of March 1818. That I am by profession a farmer, & from bodily infirmity unable to labor. That I have five daughters residing with me, Viz. Elizabeth aged 33 years, Sarah, 22, Ann, 18, Hannah 16 & Emily 14 years, whose labor is scarcely sufficient for their own support.

S/ Petter Perchment [sic]



Sworn to and subscribed, were declared & passed an open Court, being a Court of Record only second day of May A.D. 1828.

S/ Wm McCandless, Prothonotary

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I do with the advice of the Council hereby certify that Peter Parchment pay Private in the 9th Virginia Regiment, who was disabled in the service of the United States by a wound in the Arm is continued on the list of Pensioners with an allowance of twelve pounds yearly from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 3rd day of October 1789.

S/ Sam. Coleman

S/ Beverly Randolph

[Facts in file: Veteran married April 12, or 13, 1790, in Allegheny County, Pa., Mary Powell, the daughter of William and Agnes Powell; veteran died February 12, 1844, in Wilkins Township, Allegheny County, Pa. aged 88; Mary, the widow, allowed a widow's pension on application filed June 21, 1844; children of Peter and Mary Perchment:

Agnes born July 23, 1791

Elizabeth born October 4, 1792 (married a Dedritch)

Martha he warned February 15, 1794 (married a Kane)

John born March 15, 1796

Mary born there were 17th 1798 (married a Forsyth)

Peter born August 15, 1801

Margaret born August 15, 1801, died prior to January 21, 1844

Juliana or Julia Ann born July 24, 1803 (married an Amberson)

Sarah or one March 27, 1805

Ann born February 14, 1809 (married a McQuilliam)

Hannah born January 5, 1812, died prior to June 21, 1844 (married a Grant)

Emily born November 7, 1817 (married a Delany)

The widow, Mary Perchment, died April 23, 1850 in Wilkes Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; Mary had a sister named Martha Amberson. When the widow died in 1850, she was survived by 9 children, viz.: John, Peter, Martha Kane, Elizabeth Dedritch, Mary Forsyth, Julia Ann Amberson, Ann McQuilliam, Emily Delany and Hannah Grant.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing Made 2, 1828, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Peter Parchment a Soldier in Major Taylor's Company in the 9th Virginia Regiment is hereby discharged he having served four years in the same the time for which he first Enlisted and I do hereby Certify that during his Continuance in the Regiment he has always Behaved as a good honest and faithful Soldier. Given under my hand at Fort Pitt December 22, 1780

S/ Jn Gibson, Colo.
 9th Virg. Regt.

Jno Gibson Col
9th Va. Regt

I do hereby Certify that the above mentioned Peter Parchment had his arm Broke and Shattered by a One of which he received from the Indians on the River Muskingum in January 1779, whilst he was in actual Service of the United States.

S/ Jno Gibson Col.
9th Va. Regt.

[Note: on 9/7/1789, Joshua Hurd , Surgeon, certified that he had examined Peter parchment and found that there was a one received in his right arm sufficient to [indecipherable word] to get his living.

Joshua Hurd
Surgeon