

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Abner Perry W4231 Sarah Horton NC
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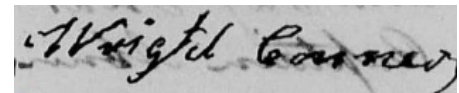
State of North Carolina }
Bertie County }

On this 12th day of July 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said county, Mrs. Sarah Horton resident of Bertie County and late of Hertford County North Carolina, aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Act of Congress passed 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows; That she is the widow of Elisha Horton and was formerly the widow of Abner Perry who was a Captain in the Militia of North Carolina during the war of the Revolution. That he served more than two years as Captain as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed; She farther declare that she was first married in March 1773 and that her husband Captain Abner Perry died in month of December 1810. That she was not married to Captain Perry prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place afterwards as stated She farther declares that she has no record of her marriage or the ages of her children the one that was kept has been lost or mislaid That she afterwards married Mr. Horton & is still the widow of Elisha Horton.

Sarah Horton

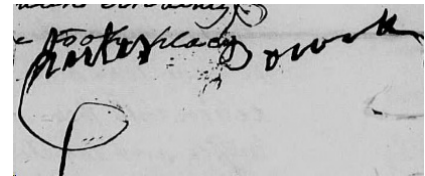
[Sarah Horton also swore before Perry C. Tyler, the Justice of the peace, that she lived 26 miles from the court in Windsor and was too old and infirm to travel the distance.

State of North Carolina } [12 July 1843] The affidavid of Wright Conner [pension application
Bertie County } R2222] taken to prove the services of Capt. Abner Perry
in the war of the revolution This affiant being first duly sworn according to Law testifieth and say That he was well acquainted with Captain Abner Perry and can testify to the following service rendered in the Revolution The first time I saw Abner Perry he was then a Lieutenant of a Company commanded by Captain Withington he was in Winton North Carolina in October 1778 in Nov 1778 he marched to South Carolina he was in the battle of Briar Creek in March 1779 and continued in service until after the defeat of Gen'l. Gates in august of the same year [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. Capt Perry was in service in South Carolina in 1778 and 79 for the period of twelve months; after the defeat of Gates about two or three months Capt. Perry returned home. In the month of January 1781 Capt Perry was again called into service & joined Gen'l. [Thomas] Eaton and marched to Guilford & was in that action [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] he continued with Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and marched with him to South Carolina under the command of Gen'l. [Jethro] Sumner and was in the battle of eutaw springs; in Sept. 1781 [8 Sep 1781] he was in service & from home more than twelve months in this service. Capt. Perry lived all his life near me so that I have a perfect knowledge of his service in the revolution & I also well know his widow who is now applying for a pension & the period of his marriage; her name was Sarah Jordan & she was married to my knowledge in March 1793. Capt Perry died in December 1810 & his widow married Elisha Horton.



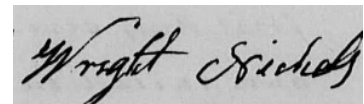
State of North Carolina } [15 July 1843] The affadavit of Charles Powell [S7323] now a
Hertford County } pensioner of the United States taken to prove the services of Captain
Abner Perry in the war of the Revolution: This affiant being first duly sworn according to Law testifies

and says, That he was well acquainted with Capt Abner Perry and can testify to the following service which he rendered in the Revolution. The first service in which Captain Perry was engaged was when Suffolk was burnt by the enemy [sic: possibly at the time of the burning of Norfolk VA, 1 Jan 1776]; he was then a Lieutenant of a Company commanded by Captain Withington & was from home two months, and on his return he in the same year marched to put down the Tories on the Cape Fear River under the same Captain and was in the action with them at Moors Creek [Battle of Moores Creek Bridge, 27 Feb 1776]; from thence he marched to Wilmington and assisted in preventing the enemy from taking that place his service in this expedition was four months. This service was in 1776. In the fall of 1778 he marched to South Carolina and was at the Battle of Briar Creek [Battle of Brier Creek GA, 3 Mar 1779] & remained in the service until after the defeat of Gen'l. Gates in august of 1780 the same year Captain Perry was wounded in this engagement. he served as Captain in South Carolina & Georgia in 1778 & 1779 for the period of twelve months & returned home; Captain Perry was again called into service in the month of January 1781 and joined Gen'l. Eaton and marched to Guildford and was in that action he continued with Gen. Green and marched with him to South Carolina under the command of Gen'l. Sumner and was in the battle of Eutaw Springs he was from home & in service more than twelve months in this service. I was in the south with Captain Perry a part of the time & I left Captain Perry in the service Capt Perry lived all his life in a short distance of me so that I am well acquainted with his services in the Revolution and I also well know his widow now applying for a pension & the period of her marriage she was married in the month of March 1793 and Captain Abner Perry died in December 1810 her name was Sarah Jordan – after the death of Captain Perry his widow married Mr. Elisha Horton 1819 he lived fifteen or sixteen years & died but I do not recollect the precise time & she is now the widow Horton. The time of the marriage of Captain Perry I am able to speak certainly of, because my own marriage took place the next year – June 1794.

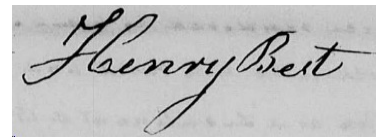


State of North Carolina }
 Hertford County } This day [23 Nov 1843] personally appeared before me Wright Nichols aged 82 years, who being first duly sworn testafies and says – That he was born and raised in the same neighbourhood with Capt Abner Perry and knew him up to his death in 1810. In the fall of 1778 this affiant was drafted and mustered in the Company of Capt'n. Perry to go to South Carolina and marched two days on the way to head quarters where he was taken sick and discharged Captn. Perry went on to Tarboro and thence to the South and remained there until the defeat of Genl Gates; in that action he had his leg broken which caused his long detention from home – after his return he was several times in service the commencement and termination of which I am unable to state with precision; my recollection of it fully confirms the statement of Mr Conner and Mr Powell – my health incapacitated me from performing service during all the war, but living as I did near to Captn Perry I had the best right to know of his services – and after the close of the war and up to his death we were neighbours and friends and when he died he made me his Executor in which capacity I have acted. I will here say that Maj'r Frank Pugh [Francis Pugh] had command of the Troops when I stated to go with Captn Perry.

In relation to the period of the marriage of Captn Perry this affiant can speak with great certainty, from the fact that this affiant has a record of his own marriage which was on the 17th of April 1793 and Captn Perry was married to his widow now applying for a pension one month before; The precise day I do not recollect.



State of North Carolina } [27 Nov 1843] The affidavit of Henry Best taken to prove the services
Hertford County } of Captn. Abner Perry in the War of the Revolution. Being first duly
sworn according to Law testafies and says – That he was well acquainted with Captn Perry and can
testafy to the following service rendered by him. He was in 1776 in service when Suffolk in Va. was
burnt and on his return he marched from Winton as a Lieutenant of the Company commanded by Captn
Witherington and at Tarboro he joined Col Jonas Johnston, and marched to near Cross Creek [now
Fayetteville NC] and faught the battle of Moores Creek I was in this service; we were then marched
under the command of Col Johnston to Wilmington and remained there three months, this service and
that to Va. was fully five months. In the month of January 1779 he marched for South Carolina and, as I
have often heard him say was in the action at Brier Creek. He remained in South Carolina and had the
command of other men than those he marched from his county with. He certainly remained until after the
defeat of Genl Gates for in that action he had his leg broken by a ball. That he was more than twelve
months detained there in service and by his wound I well know. Majr Frank Pugh was in command when
Captn Perry started on this expedition – Captn Perry was again in service in February 1781. he marched
to Halifax and there joined Gnl Eaton and proceeded to Gnl Greens army and was in the action at
Guildford Court House – all the malitia [North Carolina militia] were dispersed there; and such as could
be found were mustered into service for nine months; the company of Captn. Perry went with Gnl Green
to South Carolina and remained until the fall he was at Eutaw Springs under Gnl Sumner – and returned
home in October of that year. I well know that Captn Perry served as a captain from the time I was with
and under him at moors Creek and Wilmington, to the close of the war.



State of North Carolina } This day [27 Nov 1843] personally appeared before me John Vann, Esq.
Hertford County } aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law testifies and
says That from a very early period he knew Capt. Abner Perry and continued to know him up to his death
in 1810. I have every reason to know that Abner Perry was a Captain in the Revolution and served
several tours of duty in that rank: I say every reason short of having served under him. – I was not old
enough to do that. But from my own recollections, aided by the testimony of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Powell,
Mr. Conner and Mr. Best all of whom are known to me and persons of unquestionable truth & veracity,
there is not one doubt in my mind that he has performed all the service they have testified to. in the
course of a long life I have never heard it questioned that Capt. Perry did serve; on the contrary, I have
often heard his meritorious services spoken of, by those who served with him. But there was better
evidence of his being in the service of the country; in the defeat of Gen'l. Gates he was wounded and had
his leg broken and he was necessarily detained there some time before his return home is well known to
me. In relation to his marriage I cannot speak with that certainty that Mr. Nichols has; but my
recollection of the time corresponds strictly with his. But what is conclusive of the fact is this; his oldest
daughter, if now alive, I know would be upwards of 50 years old. Mrs. Horton (formerly Mrs. Perry) has
been married three time since the death of Capt. Perry – her repeated changes of residence connected
with the fact that the records of our Court were destroyed by the hand of an incendiary in 1830 will well
account for her inability to furnish record testimony of her marriage. Jno. Vann

State of North Carolina/ Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that there is in
this Office a list of draughted militia under the following Caption Viz, The third Division of the militia
Draughted in the Regiment of Hertford County, in which is the name of Capt. Perry; which said list is
certified to be a copy by Benjamin Wynns Colo.

Given under my hand this 24th day of February 1845./ Wm. Hill Secretary of State

NOTES:

On 24 Nov 1843 Josiah Holley stated that it was through his advice that Abner Perry courted and married his wife.

On 21 Mar 1857 Abner J. Perry, son and executor of Sarah Horton, applied for the pension due her from the last payment until her death on 4 Aug 1847.