

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Parris (Paris) Pearson W4761

Mary Pearson f28NC

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[p 3: Copy of a marriage bond issued to Paris Pearson & John Gilmore in Wake County North Carolina September 21, 1785 for Pearson's marriage to Mary Gilmore.]

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the Fifth day of August in the year while Lord 1844 came Mary Pearson before me Noah Trice one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County and made the following declaration on oath in order to obtain a pension by the several acts of Congress passed on the 7th of July 1838 the 3rd of March 1843 and the 17th of June 1844 and after being sworn doth declare on her oath that she is the widow of Paris Pearson who was a soldier in the revolution war and that he entered the service in the County and State aforesaid in a five months tower [sic tour] to the State of South Carolina and Georgia against the British and Tories commanded by Captain Lewis Bledsoe¹ and under the Control of General Ashe [John Ashe] and Colonel Caswell [Richard Caswell] and after he returned home from the five months tower, he again entered the service and served a three months tower in a Horse Company and was in the battle at Lindley's Mill² under the control of General Butler [John Butler] and commanded by Captain Matthew McCullers and she further says on oath that she was married to her husband Paris Pearson in the County of Wake and State aforesaid in the year 1785 and some years after that he emigrated to the County of Orange where she has resided ever since and the said Paris Pearson died in the year 1832 and he was 71 years of age when he departed this life and she further deposeth and says that she herself is now 75 years of age and very infirm and that her Maiden name was Mary Gilmore and she further says that she nor her husband Paris Pearson never was placed on the pension list of this or any State or territory and that she relinquishes all claim to a pension whatsoever except the present and she further says the reason that she has delayed affording her claim until this time was that she did not know that she could procure any evidence.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

Attest: S/ Noah Trice, JP

S/ Mary Pearson, X her mark

¹ [Lewis Bledsoe W17315](#)

² September 13, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html how were you will be delivered duly will but the little rate to all the all all you ever will be little Barack the AME

[p 12: On December 16, 1844, William Pope, 74, of Wake County, NC gave a supporting affidavit saying he was aware of Paris Pearson going into and coming home from the two tours of service described by the widow above.]

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this the 21st day of August in the year 1844 came James Stephenson³ personally before me Amos Coats one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is now eighty-five years of age and that he was born in the State of Virginia and his father emigrated to the County and State aforesaid when he was about seven years of age and that he has made said County his home ever since and he further says on oath that he was well acquainted with Paris Pearson who married Mary Gilmore and that the said Paris Pearson was a soldier of the revolution war and that he was drafted in the County of Wake and served a five months tour in the State of South Carolina and Georgia against the British and Tories and the said James Stephenson fur [sic, further] says on oath that he was there and served in the same Regiment with the said Paris Pearson under the control of General Ashe and [line of text obscured]

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written

S/ A. Coats, JP

S/ James Stephenson, S his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

³ Sic, [James Stevenson \(Stephenson\) S7644](#). Stevenson states that during his service under General Ashe he fought in the Battle of Brier Creek. March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>