

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Peters¹ W5503

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Virginia to wit

On this 6th day of May in the year 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court for the State of Virginia personally appeared James Peters aged 52 years & resident in the County of Nelson in the State aforesaid who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension from the United States that he the said Peters enlisted as a regular soldier of the Virginia Line on Continental establishment immediately after General Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] in South Carolina, for the term of 18 months, That he marched in 1781 under Captain James Pamplin to North Carolina where he was attached to Captain Ewell's Company which belonged to the 2nd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Hawes. That he continued to serve in the Regular Army until after the Siege of York in the State of Virginia when he was duly discharged, That he was in the Battles of Guilford Court house, Eutaw Springs & at the siege of York & several other actions of less importance, That he is now in reduced Circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country for support & that he hath no other Evidence in his power of his said services than that now exhibited
Sworn & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Arch: Stuart [Judge]

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At a Court of quarterly Session continued by adjournment and held for Nelson County at the Courthouse on Thursday the 29th day of November 1821
Commonwealth of Virginia: Nelson County to wit:

On the 29th day of November, 1821 James Peters aged about fifty-seven years resident in said County, personally appeared in open Court it being the inferior Court of law for said County and a Court of record, and being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said James Peters, in a short time after Gates's defeat was enlisted in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia by one Mayo a recruiting Officer for the southern Army, and was sent to the town of Hillsboro in North Carolina, where he joined the Army under Captain William Ewell who then commanded a company of Infantry on Continental establishment, which company composed part of the 2nd Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Hanes [sic]; which said enlistment was then and

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there made for the term of 18 months, that he served in said company under Captain Ewell, and subsequently under Captain Coward until the capture of Cornwallis at York Town Virginia, in all upwards of 2 years – That he was in the battles of Guilford, Camden, Eutaw Springs, and in various skirmishes, during which time the said Regiment was attached to the aforesaid southern Army under the command of Major General Green [Nathanael Greene] and that after the capture of Lord Cornwallis being as aforesaid he was honorably discharged at Salisbury in the said State of North Carolina, by said Captain Coward, whose certificate he obtained but casually lost the same many years ago: that he hitherto made a declaration to the foregoing effect and an application to the "Department of War" obtained a warrant for the pay of a private in the Army of the revolution inscribed on the pension List Roll of the Virginia Agency, at the rate of \$8 per month to commence on the 6th day of May, 1818, which said warrant bears date the 20th day of September 1819. – Now in pursuance of the said act of the 1st of May 1820 entitled, in addition to an act entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" I James Peters do hereby 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 in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions 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 as 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 – And I the said James Peters do hereby further solemnly swear, that I have had 13 children by one Wife all of whom, as well as my said Wife, are now living, and 9 of my children to wit: 7 females and 2 males are now living with me, 5 of which are small and unable to support themselves.

The following is a schedule of my whole estate, and income referred to in the foregoing oath – to wit: one horse of the value of \$50 – one ditto of the value of \$26 (to be paid for in June 1822), 6 head of horned cattle (large and small) \$36, 5 head of sheep of the value of \$7.50, 15 head of hogs of the value of \$28, one trunk \$2, 7 pewter plates \$1.50, one desk \$.50, 2 pots and one Dutch oven \$4.50, 15 pewter tablespoons, and 11 ditto teaspoons one dollar, one shot gun \$6, one crop cut saw \$10, 3 carpenters plains and stocks \$8, 2 ditto chizzels \$.50, 2 axes \$.50, 2 scoop plows \$3, 2 hilling hoes \$1, 2 grubbing hoes \$1, 3 gunnals and one plank for Batteaux \$8.50, 2 cotton wheels \$3, one linen wheel \$8, 110 acres of land (suit for the title thereof depending in the Court of Chancery) \$550, I am upwards of \$300 in debt and have no income but the product of the foregoing Estate arising from my personal labor, and that of my wife and children.

S/ James Peters

[f p. 8]

Nelson County to wit

On this 23rd day of December 1822 personally appeared in open Court being the Court for the County aforesaid and a Court of Record James Peters aged 57 years, resident in said County of Nelson, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said James Peters enlisted the term of 18 months on the __ day of __ in the year __ at Amherst Court-house in the State of Virginia in the

Company commanded at different times by Captains Ewell and Coward [perhaps Francis Cowherd] in the Regiment most commonly called the 2nd Virginia Regiment of the South commanded by Colonel Haws or Hors [Samuel Hawes], the Majors at different times belonging to which were Major Ridley and Major Hill, in the Southern division of the Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene], in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps until ___ when his tour of 18 months service expired, when he was discharged from said service at ___ in the State of _____. That after his discharge aforesaid he reenlisted in said Corps during the War of the revolution and did serve until the end of the War. That he was then honorably discharged at Salisbury in the state of North Carolina. That he was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], Utaw Springs [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Camden [probably the Battle of Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781], besides minor engagements and skirmishes and that he has now no evidence of said services having lost his discharge except that he made oath to an original declaration bearing date the 6th day of May 1818 and received a pension Warrant No. 14296, 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 in any manner whatever 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.

And I do moreover solemnly swear that my occupation is that of an agriculturalist – That I am aged 57 years and feel my strength much impaired by age, that I am unable in my advanced stage of life to support myself comfortably by my own exertions. That my family consist of a wife aged about 50 years and 12 children, 5 sons viz.: William age 26 years, Elisha 25, Bannet 22, Blewit 21 & James 12 and 7 daughters – Elizabeth aged 18, Nancy 16, Judith 13, Susannah 11, Martha 9, Polly 6 and Sarah aged 4 years. That all the children are living with me except the 4 oldest sons William, Elisha, Bannet, & Blewit. That the youngest son and all the doors remain. That the family is helpless and that this declarant believes and deserves the bounty of his Country – that I owe to the amount of about \$200.

S/ James Peters

Schedule of the undersigned James Peters subscribed this 23rd day of December 1822

A tract of land in Nelson County about		
110 acres about which a suit is depending [sic, pending]	@12/	\$220—
1 horse (bay)		40—
six head of cattle including 1 Yoke of Oxen		25—
8 head of Sheep & 15 head hogs		40—
2 Feather beds furniture bedstands		40—
2 Spinning Wheels, 1 dish & 1 doz plates		6—
Kitchen & Table furniture besides		<u>5—</u>
		\$376

S/ James Peters

[f p. 6: On January 28, 1839 in Nelson County Virginia, Elizabeth Peters, 63 on the 4th of August

next, filed for a widow' pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Peters who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war; that she was married to him March 14, 1793; that he died November 1, 1823. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 7: On January 28, 1839 in Nelson County Virginia, William Cunningham gave testimony that he was acquainted with James and Elizabeth Peters; that Elizabeth Peters maiden name was Stephens the daughter of Bennett O. Stephens.]

[f p. 57: copy of a marriage bond dated March 11, 1793 issued to James Peters and Barnett Stevens conditioned upon the marriage of James Peters, Bachelor, and Elizabeth Stevens, Spinster, both of Amherst County Virginia

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 6, 1818, for service as a private for one year & 6 months in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]