

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezekiel Perkinson W5506

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State of Virginia: Chesterfield County to wit:

On this 13th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Chesterfield, now sitting, (being a court of record) Ezekiel Perkinson, a resident of said County of Chesterfield, aged seventy-two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. – That he enlisted as a Fifer, in the month of March, in the year 1778, in the said County of Chesterfield, where he then resided, under Major Ralph Faulkner, in the Virginia State Line (believed to be on the Continental establishment) for the term of one year. Was then marched to the State of Pennsylvania and assigned to the company commanded by Captain William Fowler, in the 5th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Parker [Josiah Parker], in the brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], that after serving as a Fifer for about six months, he exchanged with one George Rayborne a soldier in said company and continued to serve as a soldier therein until the expiration of the period of his enlistment, which took place on or about the 20th of March in the year 1779, when he was discharged from service at Nowland's ferry [Noland's Ferry also spelled Nolan's Ferry] on the Potomac River in Virginia – that Obadiah Smith and William Smith were the subaltern officers attached to Captain Fowler's company – that while in the Army he was marched about in the neighborhood of Germantown, Valley Forge, Philadelphia & into the States of New Jersey & New York. That the said company was stationed in the rear of the Army at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] but did not participate in the engagement: – that at Nowland's Ferry aforesaid he received his regular discharge, but the Government owing him part of his pay, some few months afterwards, he sent his discharge by Thomas Burton one of his neighbors, with an order to receive his pay then do, and has never seen the same sense, but was informed by Burton upon his return that the same was retained by the accounting officer, or Pay master.

And the said Ezekiel Perkinson makes this further Declaration, upon oath, before the court aforesaid on the day aforesaid: – that sometime in the fall of the year 1780, he (still residing in the County of Chesterfield), reentered the service of the United States, as a substitute for his father Burwell Perkinson, in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Joseph Royall with Samuel Cheatham as Lieutenant and Joseph Taylor as Ensign, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goode, at Chesterfield court house, that he continued in the service for term of 8 months, when he was discharged at Chesterfield court house – that during the time of said service he was almost constantly on the march in the neighborhood of Richmond, Petersburg, Smithfield and the lower part of Virginia – that his company was never attached at any time to the Regular Army though frequently in the neighborhood of it, of course he contracted no

acquaintance with any of the Regular Officers – he only knows that General Muhlenberg generally had command – that while in service he with some six or seven others under the command of one Henry Stratton made an attack upon a Sloop in James River near Warrick which had been captured by the enemy, and retook the same with several prisoners and a cargo of goods, but the same with the prisoners and most of the goods were again shortly retaken by a superior force of the enemy: – that at a place called Sudburry's near Chesterfield courthouse, a detachment to which he belonged, was attacked by a part of Tarleton's [Banastre Tarleton's] force, and entirely dispersed, several being captured &c – that he never received any written discharge from – nor did he ever received one cent for his services in the Militia aforesaid: that his discharge took place he believes sometime about the month of May – in the year 1781, – The said Ezekiel Perkinson also declares that he was born in the County of Amelia on the 8th day of January in the year 1760 but was brought to the County of Chesterfield as he has been informed when about 8 weeks old, that he has a record of his age, now in his house at home, – that he has constantly resided in the said County of Chesterfield ever since the revolutionary war, that his services in the Militia aforesaid are known to Philip Vest and Allen Whitworth of the aforesaid County.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ezekiel Perkinson



William Fendley¹ personally appeared before the court aforesaid on the day aforesaid and made oath in open court that that part of the preceding Declaration of Ezekiel Perkinson in relation to his services in the company commanded by Captain Fowler in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Parker in the Virginia State line is correct and true, for that he the said Fendley also belonged to the said Company and knows that they both served the full term of one therein. – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid –

S/ William Fendley

I Allen Whitworth² residing in the County of Chesterfield do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Ezekiel Perkinson who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration, that I believe him to be about 72 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution – in fact I was in the Militia service along with the said Perkinson during the greater part of the said term of 8 months mentioned by him in his Declaration and of Corse personally knows of his services aforesaid in the Militia. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before the County Court of Chesterfield aforesaid.

S/ Allen Whitworth



[Philip H. Vest gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [William Fendley W7258](#)

² [Allen Whitworth S6367](#)

[f p. 5: On November 28, 1840 in Chesterfield County Virginia, Anna Perkinson filed an affidavit in which she stated that her maiden name was Anna Bragg; that she is in the 81st year of her age; was married to him Ezekiel Perkinson August 4, 1781 by the Reverend William Lee; that she is now claiming a pension under the 1838 act. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 28: On December 3, 1840 in Chesterfield County Virginia, Elizabeth Andrews, upwards of 80 years old, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Ezekiel Perkinson and his wife Anna Bragg before they were married; that they lived together as man and wife until June one, 1840 when Ezekiel Perkinson departed this life; that she believes they were married about the year 1780.]

[f p. 30: On March one, 1843 in Chesterfield County Virginia, Anna Perkinson, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1842 act stating that she is the identical person who had previously claimed a pension for the services of her husband in the revolutionary war.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 8 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]