

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew Petticrew W5508

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State of Virginia Campbell County: to wit

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1843 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Ann Petticrew a resident of said County and State aged seventy-nine 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 the Act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:

That she is the widow of Matthew Petticrew late of the said County and State: who was a private and Regular in the infantry & Continental and militia Service of Virginia in the War of the Revolution: She declares that she knows nothing personally in regard to the services of her late husband in the War of the Revolution, having married him subsequent to the expiration of the last period of his service: except she knew him before he entered the service: and very well recollects he was gone a long time, and served different tours – she has often heard him speak of his services: and also others who served with him and that he was in actual service a considerable length of time: was engaged in several battles, and suffered and endured many hardships and private nations; all of which she honestly believes to be true and correct, That from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to recollection the particulars of her husband's service as detailed by him in his lifetime: She therefore prefers to depend on the statement of competent and credible old soldiers who served with him, to any statement that she could make on the subject. That for the same reasons, she cannot state precisely how long he was in actual service altogether, but suppose that he served at least 3 years, for which length of time she claims a pension. – In support of her claim, she exhibits, several certificates and discharges and refers to the Army Register of the period and the accompanying certificates. She further declares, that she was married to the said Matthew Petticrew on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1790. That her husband the aforesaid Matthew Petticrew, died on the 26 day of October 1817 [last two digits overwritten and difficult to discern, may not be correctly interpreted]. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, to wit at the time above stated.

S/ Ann Petticrew, X her mark

Virginia Campbell County: to wit

I do Certify that Matthew Petticrew late of said County, departed this life about the 26 day of October 1817 leaving at the time of his death his widow Ann Petticrew who is still alive, C resident in said County and that she has never married.

S/ Elizabeth Garvin, X her mark

I do hereby certify, that Matthew Petticrew has taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance and fidelity, as directed by an act of General Assembly in titled An act to obliged the free male inhabitants of this State above a certain age to give assurance of allegiance to the same, and for other purposes. Witness my hand and seal, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1777

S/ John Hunter

This is to Certify that the Bearer Matthew Petticrew has resided in this County from his childhood & has behaved himself as a good member of society, has served as a Regular Soldier one year in the Continental Army and has always shown the greatest willingness to serve his Country on all occasions.

Virginia Bedford  
County  
May 15 1780

S/ James Calloway – County Lieutenant  
S/ Thomas Mack Reynolds, Captain  
S/ John Hunter Esquire  
S/ John Calloway Esquire  
S/ Chas. Patterson, ???

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[f p. 3: Certification dated February 23, 1843 from the clerk of the Campbell County, Virginia court stating that the records in his office show that on November 11, 1790 Matthew Petticrew and Ann Akers were married by the Reverend William Mahon.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband's service as a private for 15 months in the Virginia Continental line.]