

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Perill (Perrill) W5513

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The State of Ohio Highland County: SS

Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable George J Smith President and Moses Patterson, John Mathus, and Hugh Smart his Associates, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting John Perrill resident in the County of Highland and State of Ohio aged seventy-three 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 act of Congress passed June 7 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, in Captain Niswangers [John Niscwanger's] Company in Colonel Gibson's [could be either George Gibson or John Gibson] Regiment, under the command of General Hand [Edward Hand], entered the Service at Winchester in Frederick County in the State of Virginia about the last of September or first of October in the year of the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], March from Winchester through Hamsher [Hampshire County part of Maryland, and Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh, remained there until the next spring – then marched back to Winchester, and after the full expiration of six months, was discharged by Captain Niswanger, Served a Second Tour under Captain Gausney [?]¹, marched under his command to Fauquier Court house, or Fredericksburg in Virginia there joined Colonel Edmons [possibly Lt. Col. Elias Edmonds] Regiment, from there marched to York, and was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], then marched back to Winchester Virginia under the command of Colonel Willis and their kept as a guard to guard the prisoners taken at York, and after the full expiration of 6 months was discharged by Captain Gausney, as he believes, he was born in Frederick County, in the State of Virginia, on the 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1760 resided in said County until the year 1819, when moved to the County of Highland in the State of Ohio, and continues to reside in said County of Highland, ever since; the first tour he served as a volunteer under Captain Niswanger the Second tour he served under Captain Gausney as a drafted militia man, he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Service, 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 this 17th day of July 1833



¹ The War Department read this officers name as either "Gananey" or "Gasney"-- I could find no likely candidate for this officer under any spelling of this name.

S/ John Perill



[Moses Grantham and G W Barren gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born, Answer I was born in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia on the 11th day of February in the year 1760, 2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it Answer I have not.

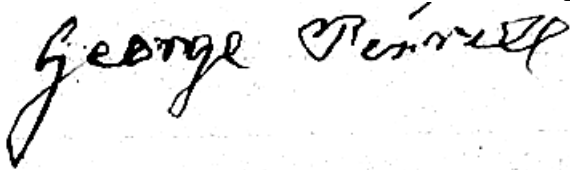
3rd Where were you living when called into Service, where have you lived since the revolutionary War. And where do you now live. Answer I lived in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia, when called into Service, and lived in said County until the year 1819, since 1819 and at this time, reside in the County of Highland in the State of Ohio. 4th How were you called into Service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute. Answer, the first tour I entered I served as a volunteer served under Captain Niswanger, and Colonel Gibson's Regiment under the command of General Hand; the Second Tour I entered the Service as a drafted militia man, under Captain Gausney, in Colonel Edmons Regiment, was in the battle at York, when Lord Cornwallis was taken afterwards was stationed at Winchester in Virginia as a guard under Colonel Willis, Question did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so what has become of it. Answer I received a discharge from Captain Niswanger for the first tour as a volunteer, and I believe I received a discharge from Captain Gausney for the Second Tour as a drafted militia man, both of said discharges are now lost.



[f p. On October 23, 1837 in Pike County of Ohio, Elizabeth Perrill made application for the balance of the pension due her husband as a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution is having died on August 5, 1837. She signed this application with her mark.]

[f p 36: On August 17, 1850 in Pike County Ohio, Elizabeth Perill, a resident of Perry Township in Pike County Ohio made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Perill a revolutionary war pensioner; that her maiden name was Elizabeth Price; that she was a native of Frederick County Virginia; that she married her husband in 1787; that her husband died August 5, 1837 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 21: on July 3rd, 1854 in Pike County Ohio, George Perrill filed a power of attorney in which he states he is the son of Elizabeth Perrill an applicant for a pension.



[f p. 26: On January 4, 1855 in Pike County of Ohio, George Perrill gave testimony that he is the son of John Perrill, a revolutionary war pensioner and Elizabeth Perrill his wife; that he knows of

no public or private record of the marriage of his parents; that his father once had a Bible in which the family records were recorded but it was destroyed in 1819 when the family moved from Virginia to Ohio; that he is the eldest child of John and Elizabeth Perrill and was born June 4, 1786; that his father died in Pike County of Ohio August 5, 1837 and his mother died in Pike County Ohio August 6th 1852; that he, Margaret Bennett formerly Margaret Perrill, Elizabeth McNight formerly Elizabeth Perrill, Reuben Perrill and John Perrill are the only surviving children of his parents.]

[Facts in file: The names of the children of the veteran and his wife are as follows:

George Perrill

John Perrill

Rebecca Perrill

Elizabeth McNight (or McHight)

Margaret Bennett

John Stipe testified in 1854 that he married a half-sister of Elizabeth Price; he was living in Frederick County Virginia aged and was 75 when he gave his testimony. In 1854 Eli Beall gave testimony that he was a first cousin of the soldier and was 65 years old and a resident of Hampshire County Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]