

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

**Pension Application of William Perry
W5515**

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Know all men by these presents that we William Perry and Sherod Horn are held and firmly bound unto Patrick Henry, Esq. Governor of this Commonwealth in the sum of fifty pounds current money to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves jointly and severally firmly by these [?]. Sealed with our seals and dated this 19th day of Nov. 1778 ~

The Condition of the of the above obligation is is such that whereas John Waller Junr. Clerk of the County Court of Spotsylvania hath this day issued a license for the marriage of the above bound William Perry unto Ann Beasley of the said County. Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, or that no damage do occure by means of the license being issued as aforesaid, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue ~

Witness { }

William Perry {seal}

Sherod Horn {seal}

[Certified as a true copy by Stapleton Crutchfield, Clerk of the Spotsylvania County Court on August 10, 1843]

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Declaration to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 4th July, 1836

State of Virginia

County of Spotsylvania }ss

On this 8th day of August 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid, Ann Perry a resident of said County & State, aged about Ninety _____ Years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions [] the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836: that she is the widow of William Perry, who was a private of Militia, in the army of the Revolution; that she does not now recollect the names of any of the field or Company officers under whom he served, nor does she know the day, month, or Year when he entered the service nor the Regiment or Corps to which he belonged all she knows & recollects about it is that he was draughted some time during the early period of the War, for either three or six months, she cannot state positively which, and served out the time for which he was draughted and that he was again draughted for a tour of three months just before the siege of York and went into service and remained in service until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis she cannot specify the day or the month but well remembers that it was a Monday morning that he left her because the day before although Sunday she was compelled to make up some clothing for him – She further states that when he returned from service he had a disease which he contracted whilst in the army from which he never entirely recovered. She further states that he was a resident of the aforesaid County & State when he entered the service and that although she cannot recollect the names of any of the Officers under whom he served, yet she well recollects the names of two of the soldiers with whom he messed during his last tour, William Jackson and William Dunn, and the names of these are firm in her memory only because she heard her husband often speak of the fact that William Dunn was killed by a cannon Ball passing through his abdomen, as her husband informed her, whilst he was engaged in throwing up an entrenchment at the siege of York. that her husband the said Perry was standing over the

said Dunn when the ball struck him & that her husband further informed her that the said Dunn's entrails came out, and that some of the blood and excrements lodged upon himself. She further states that she has no recollection that her husband was draughted more than thrice but that he was in service at least six months or more that she has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does she know of any person now living who can testify as to his service. She further declares, that she was married to the said William Perry on the thursday before Good Friday in the month of April or May (she does not know which, nor the precise day of the month) in the year seventeen hundred and seventy ~~nine~~ and that there was a record of her marriage & the ages of all their children kept by them, but at the death of her husband, the Bible in which that record was kept, was lost or destroyed so that she cannot now refer to it – That her husband the said Perry died on the 15th day of January 1814, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period [?].

Ann Perry
her mark

Sworn and subscribed to
on the day & Year above
written before
Gabriel Long, J.P.

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William Perry Va Continental role
Recd. 62.1.10

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The affidavit of Benjamin Ballard of the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia, taken on the 5th day of May 1845 before Mr. Hubbard Minor a Justice of the Peace for Said County

This affiant being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is now in his seventy seventh year of age; that he was well acquainted with William Perry deceased, of the county of Spotsylvania, the husband of Ann Perry_ That he was raised, and lived, nearly all his life within a very short distance of his House, and at times worked with him_ and this affiant knows that the said William Perry Enlisted some time during the Revolutionary War (about the year Seventy Seven) in the Continental line of the State of Virginia in the Second Regiment for three Years in Captain James Mabon's¹ Company, and served his time out. This affiant states that the said William Perry married Ann Johnson² of the aforesaid County of Spotsylvania and that they were married before he entered the service _ This affiant further states that after the said Perry had served out his three years, he was drafted and served in the Milita at the Siege of York.

Benjamin Ballard

Sworn to and subscribed
this 5th day of May 1845 before me
H.T. Minor, J. P.

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The affidavit of Bartlett Russell of the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia, taken at his House on the Ninth day of November 1843 before John McCoull a Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid county of Spotsylvania.

¹ A note on p. 15 of this file states “ James Mabon was Lieutenant to Capt Stokes of the 2nd Va Regiment”. Capt. James Maben [Mabon, Maven] B.L. Wt. 12-300; Capt. John Stokes B. L. Wt. 526-300

² The marriage bond on p 2 of this file W5515 is for a marriage of William Perry to Ann Beasley (not Johnson).

This affiant being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, states that he is now seventy nine Years of age; that he was well acquainted with William Perry, late of the County of Spotsylvania, aforesaid, that he knew the said Perry both before, and after the Revolutionary War, and knows that he, the said Perry, was an enlisted soldier in that war, that he entered the service some two or three years previous to the summer of Lord Cornwallace at Yorktown [1781], and was in service a long time but, for what period he entered, or how long he served, or under what Officer he enlisted, he does not now remember. This affiant further states that the said Perry was a married man, and lived in the aforesaid County of Spotsylvania, near the Carolina line, and that the said Perrys widow is now alive, and resides in said County of Spotsylvania

Bartlett Russell
his mark

Sworn to, and subscribed
before me the day and date
above written

John McCoull

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[A letter dated April 12, 1846 from Jno. C. Cammack, appointed administrator of the estate of Ann Perry, states that Ann Perry was allowed a pension on June 21, 1845 and died on January 27, 1846].

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Having on a former occassion given an affidavit in relation to the enlistment and services of William Perry deceased the husband of Ann Perry of this County, Spotsylvania, in the Revolutionary war, and being again called on, and requested to state, whether the said Perry belonged to the Virginia line, or to the Virgina Continental line. I state that he belonged to the Virginia Continental line, went to the North, and served his time out, as I always understood, and afterwards served in the Militia some time. Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of August 1844.

B. Russell [Bartlett Russell] {seal}

[Statements by George Hamilton, J.P. and Stapleton Crutchfield, Clerk]

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The affidavit of Ann Perry widow of William Perry taken at her House in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia, on this 11th day of January 1844. before me John McCoull a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Spotsylvania.

This affiant being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following additional statement in order to obtain the benefits of the third section of the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That at the time she made her former declaration, she could not recollect any of the field, or company, officers, under whom her husband served, nor could she state the Regiment or Corps, to which he belonged. She now begs leave respectfully to state, that she thinks, that her husband William Perry, was in the Second Virginia Regiment, under Captain Mayberry or Maben, or some such name, and that instead of saying that he was drafted in the early period of the war, for three or six months, she ought to have stated, that he enlisted in the early period of the war, for three Years, and was then drafted towards the close of the war, for either three or six months, she could not recollect which, and remained in service until after the Siege of York

Ann Perry

Sworn to and subscribed
on the day and date first above
written before me John McCoull