

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Perkins (Perkens) W5516 Mary f26VA
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State of Ohio Licking County: SS

On this 2nd day of August in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel Bancroft one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County – Thomas Perkins a resident of Bennington Township in the County of Licking and State of Ohio aged seventy-one 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 in the Army of the United States in the month of October in the year 1781 with Captain Bohannan [Ambrose Bohannon] and served in the number of the Regiment not recollected, Continental line, under the following named Officers to wit General Mullingburg [Peter Muhlenberg], Colonel Brown & Captain Bohannon and left the service about the first of May 1782 having served six months. Resided when he Entered the service in the town of Winchester Virginia, where he enlisted into a company of Artillery and marched from Winchester to Albemarle Barracks and guarded prisoners to Winchester, where he continued in the Service at the Barracks until he was Discharged. He also states that he was born in the State of Maryland in the year 1762 according to the account he received from his parents and that he has now no record of his age he also states he never received a written Discharge, he further states that he is known in his present neighborhood to Samuel Rose, Bryant Thornhill and James Houk who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution – he also states that he has no written testimony and knows of no person at present 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 he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the Day and year aforesaid

S/ S Bancroft, Associate Judge

S/ Thomas Perkins, X his mark

[Bryant Thornhill & Samuel Scott gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 9: On September 28, 1838, in Licking County Ohio, Mary Perkins, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Perkins; that she married him March 8, 1783; that her husband died August 18, 1837; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 12: Michael Fry gave testimony on August 15, 1839 in Licking County Ohio that he is aged about 64 years; that he was well acquainted with Thomas Perkins and his wife Mary and 8 of their children; that he lived in Berkeley County Virginia in the same neighborhood with the Perkins family for about 20 years after the close of the war; that he knew the Reverend Mr. Jerret

who married the veteran and his wife and knows that the marriage took place in the month of March 1783. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 17]

Wesley Perkins also came before the subscriber and being duly sworn saith that he is the son of said Thomas and Mary Perkins aged thirty-three years And that his father died on the 18th day of August 1837. That his father was a pensioner and his mother is now and Applicant for a Pension.

Wesley Perkins]

[f p. 24: On August 10, 1839 in Licking County Ohio, Mary Perkins gave testimony that she has no family record of her marriage or the ages of her children because neither she nor her husband could write; that she was married in the house of George Lemons in Jerrets Town Berkeley County Virginia by the Reverend David Jerret.]

[f p. 26: On June 26, 1839 in Licking County of Ohio, Samuel Trigg of Hebron in Licking County Ohio about 63 (exact age not known) gave testimony that he was at the wedding of his sister Mary Perkins widow of Thomas Perkins; that she was married shortly after the revolutionary War at or after 1783 and before 1790 but deponent was young at the time and he has never been careful to preserve dates. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia artillery. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]