

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hiram Pendleton ¹ W5517 Elizabeth Pendleton f37NC
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State of North Carolina Lincoln County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Sessions
1832

On this 31st day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County Hiram Pendleton a resident of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina aged eighty-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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated, that he was drafted in Pasquotank County in the State of North Carolina, for eighteen months in the year __ and appeared at Edenton North Carolina & was put in Captain Benjamin Bailey's company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong [probably James Armstrong], (being illiterate cannot state the month or year,) and was marched through Suffolk in Virginia for the North to join Washington's Army, but was ordered back to the South & was marched through Fayetteville North Carolina, to Georgetown South Carolina, & from thence to Purrysburg where our troops joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army, and marched to Savannah in Georgia and to a point near Augusta following the British Army, but never got into any engagement, before my time of service was out. I then determined that I would remain with the Army, till I had a fight & volunteered for eighteen months more, and under Captain Ben Bailey and Colonel Armstrong's Regiment & was marched to Stono River in South Carolina (I was in the battle of Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]) where Captain Bailey² & his Lieutenant Charlton [William Charlton] were killed. The Lieutenant was near me, when wounded and said [to] Pendleton I am a dead man & fell. After the battle at of Stono I was placed in the company commanded by Captain Jonakin [?] in Armstrong's Regiment called the 6th Regiment. After the battle of Stono I was sent by a boat to Charleston South Carolina to attend the wounded where I remained about 14 or 15 days when my time of service expired, and I was discharged in Charleston South Carolina by General Lincoln. After I left Charleston & set out for home, near Pedee [River] I was taken prisoner by the Tories who took away my discharge. After being prisoner with the Tories 2 or 3 days I was sent out with a Tory to drive up the horses I caught mine & took the Tory's gun and made off & joined Colonel Brown [Thomas Brown] on Cape Fear [River], and with him hunted the Tories in different places; in Bladen County N Carolina had a battle with

¹ BLWt28549-160-55

² Benjamin Bailey was not killed at Stono Ferry. He survived the war having served until he resigned in 1783.

them, when I received a wound on my right wrist; I was engaged with the Tories in the battles at the Raft Swamp, Bear Swamp, Drowning Creek, Elizabeth on Cape Fear, & at Shoe Heel at the last place there were about 50 Tories killed; at Elizabeth a man by the name of Cunningham had his club of hair cut off by the sword of a Tory -- in this service I remained near 2 years, & was discharged a few weeks after Cornwallis [surrendered?] while with Colonel Brown I was instrumental in taking Captain Bearfield [sic, probably Miles Barfield] a famous Tory --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. I have no person to prove my service.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S/ Hiram Pendleton, X his mark

[Hugh Quin, a clergyman, and Michael Reap gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where & in what year were you born?

I was born in Pasquotank County State of North Carolina, I cannot tell the year, but from what I was told I am 83 years old.

Have you any record of your age, & if so, where is it?

I have no record of my age. I understand it was set down in my mother's Bible. I was told by my mother, 32 or 3 years ago of my age, but I could not read.

Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live.

I lived in Pasquotank County North Carolina, when called into Service after the war I settled in what was then Bladen County North Carolina near Robeson County, & lived there about 30 years, from there I moved to Chester District, South Carolina, a short time, from thence back to North Carolina. I now live in Lincoln County NC & have been living here near 20 years.

How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Full answer to this question I refer to my declaration, & also for answer to the 5th interrogatory and for the 6th also.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

The Reverend Hugh Quin, Michael Reap, Hugh Spratt, & Barton Best &c

[p 9: On October 22, 1853 in Lincoln County, Daniel Lutz, 77, testified that he was a Magistrate in the year 1818 and that on August 10, 1818 he joined Hiram Pendleton and Elizabeth Smith in the bonds of matrimony.]

[p 11: On October 22, 1853 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Elizabeth Pendleton, aged about 64, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Hiram Pendleton, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him August 10th, 1818 and that her husband died August 6, 1834. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 17: On May 27, 1855 in Lincoln County North Carolina, the widow, dating her age as 77 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; in this document she states that she married her husband in August 1818 in Lincoln County North

Carolina; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Smith and that her husband died about 1833. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina State Troops. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]