

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Penion (Pennel, Pinyan, Pinian) W5519 Lydia f37NC

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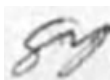
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State of North Carolina, Anson County} October Session 1832

On this 9th day of October 1832 – personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting – Reuben Pennel, alias Reuben Penion, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 80 [? last digit is unclear]¹ years a Soldier of the Revolution who being 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.

First-- I entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated under the following named Officers. I volunteered in the County of Surry State of North Carolina on September 1778 – for six months under Captain James Shepherd in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams [Joseph Williams] – General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade – was marched to the head of the Catawba River in the County of Burke North Carolina to a place called the Pleasant Gardens where we joined General Rutherford was marched into the Cherokee nation of Indians. We traveled over the greater part of their Country but they had taken flight & fled the Country. The Army left the Cherokee nation – returned back to the Settlements in Burke County North Carolina, where I was discharged in March 1779-- having served out my time of six months. I volunteered again in the County of Surry North Carolina in August 17 80 – under Captain James Shepherd Colonel Martin Armstrong's Regiment, was marched in September through North Carolina into South Carolina York District near the ___ where we arrived in October – Joined the combined forces from South Carolina and Kentucky and was in the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] against the British and Tories. Colonel Armstrong had charge of the prisoners taken in this battle – marched to Hillsboro North Carolina where I was discharged in November 1780 having been in three months.

I volunteered & joined in December 1780 – in the County of Surry State of North Carolina under Captain James Shepherd in Colonel Armstrong's Regiment. Was marched to Hillsboro North Carolina from thence to Guilford Court House & was in the battle [October 15, 1781] at Guilford C. House in March 1781 – after the battle I was marched into Virginia and continued under the command of Captain Shepherd, Colonel Armstrong's Regiment until the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town to the American forces in October 1781 [October 19, 1781] . Served 10 months and was discharged at Hillsboro North Carolina in October 1781

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by Colonel Armstrong – having served in all during three terms eighteen months. I have lost all my discharges. I have no documentary evidence of my services and know of no person who can testify to my Services except my brother Benjamin Pennel, alias Penion, of Wilkes County – whose deposition I have had taken (herewith enclose &c).

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Reuben Pinion, X his mark

1st Question by Court, Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: in the County of _____ State of Virginia in the year 1752.

2nd Question – Have you any record of your age, if so where is it?

Answer: There was a record kept in the family Bible which he considers as my brother's.

3rd Question – Where were you living when called into Service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, & where do you now live? Answer: In Surry County State of North Carolina. I continued to live in Surry for many years after the War – removed from there to Montgomery & from there into Anson County where I have continued to live for 30 years -- & where I now live.

4th Question by Court – How were you called into Service, were you drafted – did you volunteer or were you a Substitute – and if a substitute for whom? Answer – I volunteered in every instance.

5th Question – by Court: State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops with whom you Served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Services.

Answer – General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was a regular Officer at the battle of G. C. H. -- Colonel Williams and Armstrong & General Rutherford of the Militia – I do not recollect the numbers of the regiments – I served nearly all the time in North Carolina [except] for Cherokee expedition & at the close in Virginia.

6th Question by Court: Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? -- Answer: I received three discharges – the first I cannot recollect from whom I received it the 2nd & 3rd I received from Col. Armstrong. I have lost all of them.

7th Questioned by Court: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your Character for veracity & good behavior – your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: -- the Reverend Mr. John Culpeper and Russell Rogers are well acquainted with me.

S/ Reuben Penion, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Wilkes County

This 14th day of August 1832 at Ft. Defiance Benjamin Pennel (who is often called Benjamin Penion) appeared before me William Lenoir a Justice of the Peace of said County and solemnly made Oath in due form of Law that he by the best account he can obtain at this time [is] about 63 years old and that in the time of the Cherokee Indian war he lived with his Father in Surry County, North Carolina, and that this Deponent well Remembers that he is Brother Reuben Pennel entered into the Service as a Soldier in the Indian war under Captain James Shepherd and Lieutenant Edward Lovel, in the Regiment of militia of said County of Surry Commanded by

Colonel Martin Armstrong and that when he returned with the other Troops he brought home an Indian Basket or two made of corn spits and that he frequently heard his said Brother Reuben takj of various transactions that happened while he was in the Indian Towns – And also that he Remembers that his Brother Reuben was in the Militia Service Several other times, and particularly in the expedition to Kings Mountain and that he was there under the command of the aforesaid James Shepherd.

Sworn to and subscribed Before me.

S/ Wm Lenoir, J. P.

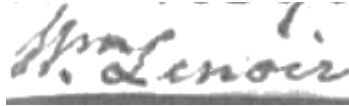
S/ Benjamin Pennel, X his mark

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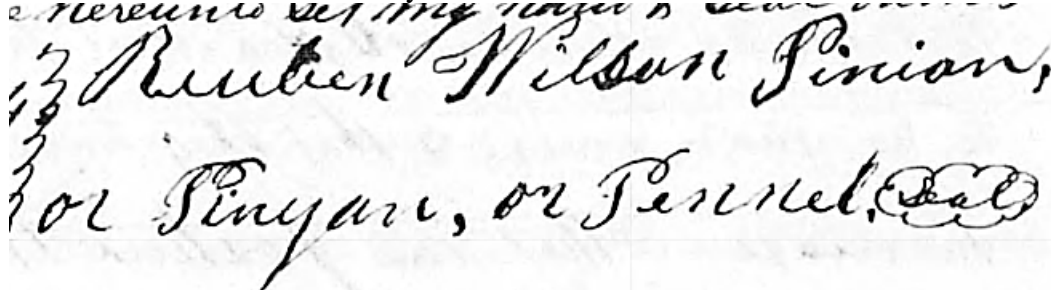
I William Lenoir² do hereby Certify that I was in Officer in the Regiment of Militia of Surry County and that Colonel Martin Armstrong Commanded said Regiment in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the summer and fall of the year 1776 under General Griffith Rutherford.

I also certify that the above mentioned Captain James Shepherd was in the Battle at Kings Mountain, which I well Remember by the Singular Circumstance of his informing me in the time of the Battle that he could not get his gun off, and Asking me what he should do, but at present I remember but few of the names of the Soldiers that were in either of said expeditions. 14 August 1832.

S/ Wm Lenoir



[p 12: On January 3, 1854 in Union County North Carolina Reuben Wilson Pinion (alias Pinyan) a resident of Union County, 53, filed a claim under the 1838 act, 1843, 1844, and 1848 acts in which he states that he was born February 1, 1800 in Anson County North Carolina in that portion of said County that was afterwards made part of Union County; that he is the only living child of Reuben and Lydia Pinion (alias Pinyan) late of Stanley County (which had been cut off from Montgomery County); that his father was a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$63.33 per annum; that his parents were married by one Joshua Williams Esquire, JP in Anson County North Carolina in the fall of 1793; that his mother's maiden name was Lydia Bond; that his father died March 3, 1843 intestate leaving his mother, Lydia, a widow; she never remarried; she died December 18, 1849 leaving the claimant as the only surviving child; that his mother died in Cabarrus County North Carolina intestate.



Reuben Wilson Pinion,
for Pinyan, or Pennel, Seal

² [William Lenoir S7137](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]