

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Peale (Peal, Peel) W5521

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[f p. 9]

In Nansemond County Court 8th July 1833

State of Virginia County of Nansemond SS

On this 8th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Josiah Riddick, Hamlin L. Eppes, Wm H. Godwin and Nath'l P Phillips the Court of Nansemond now sitting Jeremiah Peal a resident of Nansemond County and State of Virginia aged 77 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That he served first under Captain Abraham Cole, then under Captain __ King, then under Captain Willis Parker, then under Captain Ro. Riddick [Robert Riddick], and served under each of the above named captains a tour of six weeks each. That he also served a tour of six months under Captain James Roberts and went to Georgia and was at the battle of Briars Creek [Brier Creek, March 3, 1779] – General Nash [sic, John Ashe] commanded us until the battle at Briars Creek commenced; and at the beginning of the battle General Nash broke through the American ranks on his horse and ran away like a coward as he surely was – After General Nash ran away Colonel Briant [William Bryant] took his place and continued the command during the battle. The enemy proved too strong for us and we retreated across the River Saverder [[Savannah River] and joined General Linkhornes [Benjamin Lincoln's] regular troops, he thinks at a little town called "Peusesburg" [Purrysburg] on Severder River – That in all he has a distinct recollection of having served during the Revolution under different officers at least twelve months. – That he served two or three tours of six weeks each after he returned from Georgia, but does not recollect the names of the Officers under whom he served. That he was drafted in service, but has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person who can testify to his services. – 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 the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jeremiah Peal, X his mark

Amended Declaration of Jeremiah Peale

State of Virginia County of Nansemond

I, Jeremiah Peale of the aforesaid County and State, being duly sworn according to law, doth, on my oath make the following amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. – That by reason of old age and the

consequent loss of memory, I cannot swear positively as to the precise length of my service; but according to the best of my recollection, I served during the revolutionary war as a private in the militia in the expedition to Georgia a period not less than 11 months and 18 days, and for which service I claim a pension. – That during the year 1777 I performed one tour of 6 weeks under Captain Abram Cole in 1778 one tour of 6 weeks under Captain King, in 1779 one tour of 6 weeks under Captain Robert Riddick and in the same year (1779) one tour of 6 weeks under Captain Willis Parker; and in the year 1780 (or at the time Wallace landed at Savannah) I entered the service under Captain James Roberts as a Substitute for John Miller (General Nash [John Ashe] and Colonel Bryant were the field officers now recollected) and marched to Georgia and served a term of 6 months, that during this last tour I was at the battle of Briars Creek, and was discharged at Pewsburg, but supposed my discharge has been destroyed, not having seen it for many years – That the service I performed during the year 1777, 1778 & 1779 under the first named officers was in the Counties of Nansemond, Norfolk and Isle of Wight, Virginia – that I was called into service by competent authority –

That my service was performed in the field and not in Garrison, and that I was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the performance of this service.

Sworn to and subscribed this 19th day of October 1833 – and interlined before signed.

S/ Jeremiah Peel, X his mark

[Henry Skinner & Robert Booth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 14: On April 11, 1853 in Nansemond County Virginia, Peggy Peale, 70, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jeremiah Peale, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$34.80 per annum; that she married him in Nansemond County Virginia April 17 1823; that they were married by one John Livesay, a minister of the Christian Church; that her husband died in Nansemond County January 12, 1849 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 6: On April 7, 1855 in Nansemond County Virginia, Peggy Peale, 68, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jeremiah Peale; to her previous application she is the information that her name prior to her marriage was Peggy Boothe.]

[f p. 20: Certificate dated September 27, 1853 signed by the clerk of the Nansemond County court stating that records in his office show that Jeremiah Peale and Peggy Boothe were married by John Livesay , a duly authorized minister of the gospel of the Christian Denomination on April 17, 1823.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia Troops for 11 months & 18 days. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]