

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Pippen W5546

Temperance Pippen

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County} Personally appeared before us Joshua Pender and Henry Austin, associate Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Edgecombe and State of North Carolina, Joseph Pippen aged 80 years, a resident of said County and State, 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 of June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Talbert, State of Maryland and was brought to North Carolina by his parents at the age of 11 years and settled in the County of Halifax. That residing in the County of Halifax he was drafted into the service of the United States under the command of Captain John Higgins of the Regiment of Colonel Sherlock [perhaps a reference to Thomas Scurlock] of Halifax at Kingston [sic, Kinston], from thence he marched to Wilmington, at which place he remained about 2 months -- from thence to Charleston where he remained 4 or 5 months -- thence to a place called the Two Sisters on the Savannah River from thence to Augusta. He was at the defeat at Brier Creek [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] at which place General Ashe [John Ashe] and General Bryan [William Bryant] commanded. He received an Ensign's commission from General Bryan or General Ashe, while in Duplin County, a little after I started on my services after the battle at Brier Creek we met again at Bee Creek in South Carolina, at which place the same officers commanded and remained there about in Georgia and South Carolina for near 12 months and returned home: After returning I acted as recruiting officer under Colonel Nathan Mayo for 3 or 4 months. After this I served a 3 months tour at and about Halifax as an Ensign under Captain James Ballard, acting under the authority of my commission against the Tories during the war. He appends the certificates of Burrell Bradley, Jesse Coburn & Lewis Todd to substantiate the facts set forth in this declaration. 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 any Agency -- or any Agency of any State. --

Sworn to and subscribed this 29th of August 1832.

S/ Joshua Pender

S/ Joseph Pippen, X his mark

S/ Henry Austin

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I Burrell Bradley¹ to solemn swear that I was acquainted with Joseph Pippen in the

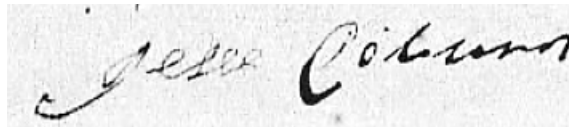
¹ [Burrell \(Burwell\) Bradley S6747](#)

Revolutionary War and that he was an Ensign in the company that I belonged to and that his services was 5 months.

S/ Burrell Bradley, X his mark

I Jesse Cockburn [sic]² do solemnly swear to the best of my Recollection that Joseph Phippen was at Halifax in a tour of 3 months in the Revolutionary War.

S/ Jesse Coburn



I Lewis Todd³ being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God depose and say that I was a private in Captain Edward Clinch's Company and William Hall Lieutenant and Joseph Phippen was Ensign and we started from Town Creek Bridge in Edgecombe County State of North Carolina in the month of October or the beginning of November in the year 17__and gone [?] with the above named officers' march through South Carolina & into State of Georgia and crossed at Augusta to the Battle of Bryar Creek [sic, Briar Creek] and the said Joseph Phippen as my Officer and I further state that the terms of the Service was upwards of 5 months near 6 months at this Tour the Commanding General was Ash [John Ashe].

Given under my hand & seal this 28th of August 1832

S/ H. Austin, JP

S/ Lewis Todd



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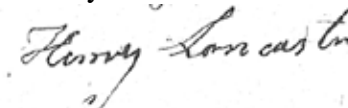
State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: April 23 1833

Personally appeared before me Henry Austin a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Lewis Todd & Henry Lancaster⁴ who being duly sworn depose & say

The that they were attached to the company commanded by Captain Clinch and knew Joseph Phippen who was an Ensign in the same brigade with them -- that to the best of their recollection he the said Phippen was with them in the tour of service respectively performed by them for the space of 5 months. The name of the Captain of Phippen's Company they do not recollect. They knew Captain Jones in whose company Joseph Phippen states he served -- but cannot recollect the distribution of officers --

S/ Lewis Todd

S/ Henry Lancaster



² [Jesse Coburn R2078](#)

³ [Lewis Todd S7736](#)

⁴ [Henry Lancaster S7131](#)

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County April 23 1833

Personally appeared before me Henry Austin a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Thomas Jenkins⁵ who being duly sworn deposed and saith

That he resided in the same neighborhood with Joseph Pippen -- that he recollects distinctly when Joseph Pippen went into the Service of the United States but from old age and consequent loss of memory cannot specify the year. He was at Brier Creek with said Pippen and for 5 months before and after that time belonged to the same Regiment with him -- that he knew Joseph Pippen to have been an Ensign cannot positively depose whether he held such office the whole 5 months but inclined to the opinion that he was. --

He did not serve with him after the expiration of the 5 months -- that he knew of his leaving home more than once for the purpose of going into the service and of his returning but he cannot state positively as to the time during which he was absent. --

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ T. C. Armstrong?

S/ Thomas Jenkins, X his mark

[p 35: Joshua Laurence, a clergyman gives testimony that he believes Joseph Pippen to be 80 years of age and that he has no doubt that he served in the Revolutionary War.]

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The Testimony of William Anderson⁶ who appeared 24 April 1833 before me H. Austin Esquire that he was in the same Regiment with Joseph Pippen and recollected of his being an Ensign and was at the Battle of Briar Creek and served 6 months or more.

In witness I have set my hand and seal

S/ F. C. Armstrong, JP

S/ William Anderson, X his mark

[p 10: marriage license dated February 9, 1827 for the marriage of Joseph Pippen to Mrs. Temperance Lee in Edgecombe County North Carolina.]

[p 13: On May 23, 1853 in Edgecombe County North Carolina Mrs. Temperance Pippen, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Joseph Pippen, a revolutionary war pensioner under the 1832 act at the rate of \$60 per annum; that she married him February 10, 1827; that they were married by Daniel Hopkins; that her husband died April 10, 1833; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow died June 7, 1854; veteran's daughters, Lydia Austin, Martha Porter and Nancy Ward were living in 1833.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as an ensign in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

⁵ [Thomas Jenkins S2651](#) Interestingly, Jenkins does not mention having been at Brier Creek in his own declaration.

⁶ [William Anderson S6512](#)