

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Overton Peonix (Poenix, Nex, Pinnix) W5550 Malinda f72VA
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[f p. 10]

State of North Carolina Surry County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Sessions
1833

On this 12th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before William P. Dobson, Mallory Smith & William C Morton [?] Justices Assigned to hold the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid now sitting, Overton Peonix a resident of State and County aforesaid aged 73 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered as a Substitute for one Zachariah Casly [?] in February in the year 1780 or 1779 in the County of Louisa State of Virginia under Captain Moore Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor] was our Commandant, we Rendezvoused at Albemarle Barracks in the County of Albemarle & State aforesaid this enlistment was for three months that we continued at the said Barracks until we were Discharged we were here in service five weeks, then within the same year I enlisted as a volunteer for myself for three months under Captain Trice of the Command of said Colonel Taylor that we marched again to Albemarle Barracks and continued there in service 5 weeks and were Discharged. The next year I enlisted as a volunteer for myself under Captain Hughes the name of the Colonel I cannot recollect, we marched to Hanover Courthouse from thence we marched from place to place owned eastward of the State of Virginia and joined the Army under the Command of General Demarkis [the Marquis de Lafayette] from thence we came to Richmond and from there Discharged in this Tour I served four weeks. I next enlisted as a Substitute for man I cannot recollect his name I cannot recollect the time but it was a little prior to the City of Richmond being burnt by the British. Our Captain was Smith, our Major McGill we rendezvoused at Richmond from thence we marched to the Isle of White [Isle of Wight] Church near the Seashore from thence to Petersburg and there we got Discharged in this Tour I served 2 months and then I enlisted again as a Substitute for one William Smith for 3 months under Captain Johnson of the command of Colonel Batrup Rendezvoused at York and was at the taking of L. Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and was there discharged: in this Tour I served 4 weeks and in all my services I served 6 months & 2 weeks that he never received any written Discharge, that he has no Documentary evidence and knows of no Person now living who can testify to his Services – the following Answers are made to the Interrogatories propounded by the Court as set down in the Directions from the Department

1st I was Born in Hanover County in the State of Virginia on the 6th day of May 1760 –

2. I have no record of my age nor I know not that there was ever a record made, what I learned of my age I received from tradition by my parents when living.

3. I lived in Louisa County Virginia in the year 1783 I moved to Guilford County North Carolina from Guilford I moved to Rowan and from Rowan I moved in 1800 to Surry County and have resided in that County ever since.

4 I volunteered twice for myself – three a substitute once for Zachariah Casby, once for a man I cannot recollect his name & once for William Smith.

5 There was Colonel Taylor, General Damarkis, Colonel Mckey, and others as named in the declaration. My memory is also very bad as to names, one Adjutant was named Naylor.

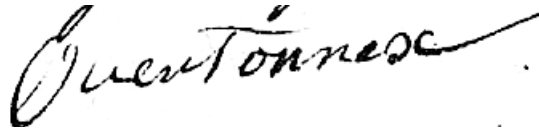
6 I never received a written Discharge, the Militia and that I served with were Discharged by their officers verbally

7 Josiah Cawles, Thomas Wright, George the Holcomb Esquire & others

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 or Territory Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ John Wright,CC

S/ Overton nex



[John Angel, a clergyman, and Thomas Wright Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 15: On May 13, 1840, in Surry County North Carolina, Melinda Peonix, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Overton Peonix who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him October 14, 1786; that her husband died December 5, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 19: On November 6, 1847 in Surry County North Carolina, Elizabeth Poenix gave testimony that she is the oldest living daughter of Overton and Melinda Poenix; that her older sister Mary is dead; that she, affiant, is 58 years old having been born February 22nd, 1789; that she has always lived with her parents; that her father died December 5, 1838 and that she has since lived with her mother; she recollects the birth of her brother Robert who is now 54 years old; that her parents had 12 children: viz.: Mary, Elizabeth, Melinda, Robert, Martha, Green A., William G., Wilie, Melinda Catherine, Lawson & Rhoda; that she remembers there being a family Bible record but that her brother Robert took it to school and that the school house burnt down with the Bible and it in 1812. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 19: On November 6, 1847 in Surry County North Carolina, Robert Poenix gave testimony that he is the eldest son and 4th child of Overton & Melinda Poenix; that he is now 54 years old on the 15th day of February last; that his sister Elizabeth is a maiden who has always lived with her parents; that he, affiant, lives within 4 or 5 miles of his mother's house.

S/ Robert Pinnix

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[f p. 6: On April 6, 1855 in Yadkin County North Carolina, Melinda Poenix, about 89 years old, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Overton Poenix, a revolutionary war

pensioner; that she married him in Warren County North Carolina October 14, 1785; that her name prior to her marriage was Melinda Gipson. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 6 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]