

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Pinson W5560

Margery Pinson f97NC

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State of Georgia County of Rabun } SS

On this seventh day of July 1834 Personally appeared before the undersigned Judges of the Inferior or County Court of Rabun Joseph Pinson a resident of Rabun County in the State of Georgia aged Eighty 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 Country by turning out volunteer & going into the service on the 15th of July 1776 and continued constantly in the service till 12th day of October 1776. He served under Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], and Captain J. Womack [Jacob Womack] during this term he was in only one Battle that he now recollects, and that was with a company of the Indians, who had been engaged in massacring the defenseless inhabitants of Nolachucky [sic, Nolichucky] River & the frontiers, this Battle was fought on the waters of the River they there killed one Indian the others fled -- He was discharged at Womack's Fort, on Holston River.

That on the 19th day of March 1777 he entered the service again as a volunteer under Captain Joseph Wilson, Colonel John Carter to protect the Frontiers of North Carolina against the Indians and Tories and was constantly out in actual service on the frontiers still 23 day of July 1777, during which time he was in no Battle, for which he got a discharge signed by Captain Wilson, which states his services commenced early in the spring. The Captain had not his field Book present when he gave the discharge or he would have given the exact time, which this applicant states he certainly knows was the 19th March. He was living in Wilkes County in North Carolina when he entered the service the second Tour but his services were done in Washington County which is now Tennessee, and during this time they were forted at Wilson's Fort on waters of Nolichucky River, during this period was in no engagement. The Indians had made peace except a few or a party who took shelter in the mountains & could not be found during his services in that section.

He afterwards turned out volunteer under Colonel Benjamin Cleveland to go with him to subdue the Tories on the waters of New River and did go with him on the expedition on New River they took one prisoner in the age of the State of Virginia and delivered him to Colonel Campbell who had him hanged immediately he was out on this Tour not less than 8 days.

He afterwards turned out volunteer under the same Colonel Cleveland and went down into Surry County North Carolina to guard the British & Tories who had been taken prisoners at the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] he served during this Tour not less than 3 weeks or 21 days. --

He was afterwards called on by Captain Herndon [Benjamin Herndon] to go with him to oppose the British under Cornwallis he went with the Captain down near Salisbury, where he

was dismissed, he was out on this time not less than 4 days.

The First Tour was in actual service	2 months 28 days
The Second Tour was in actual service	4 months 6 days
The Third Tour was in actual service	8 days
The Fourth Tour was in actual service	21 days
The Fifth Tour was in actual service	<u>4 days</u>
Total	8 months, 7 days

He is certain he served much more but cannot be positive to the exact time -- But is certain he did serve at the very least eight months & seven days all as a private.

He knows of no living witness who can testify to his said services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

He hereby makes the following answers to the interrogatories¹ required by the War department to be put by the Court to the Applicant.

Answer 1st he was born in Orange County North Carolina on the 30th of January 1754 as he has been informed.

Answer 2nd He has no record of his age but has often seen it in his Father's Family Bible.

3rd When first called into Service he lived in the Western part, called Washington in North Carolina now in Tennessee, afterwards lived in Wilkes County North Carolina after the War moved to Spartanburg District South Carolina from there to Pendleton District South Carolina and from there to Rabun County Georgia where he has lived for the last 11 years.

4th Drafted once & hired a substitute volunteered the other times, when he went into service.

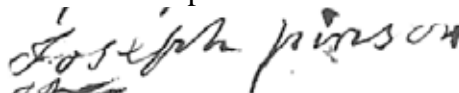
5. He was with no Regular Officers that he knows of or now recollects.

6. He received 2 discharges which are herewith sent, one signed by Captain Jacob Womack the other signed by Captain Joseph Wilson.

7th. He can refer with confidence to H T. Moseley, Senator, William Kelby, Representative, Colonel Sam. Beck, Maj. Coffee & Major Price & all who know him as a man of veracity and character.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Joseph Pinson



S/ William Gillespie, JIC

S/ Robert Brown, JIC

S/ JH Sloan, JIC

S/ E. Welborn, JIC

S/ B. Power, JIC

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

[John S. Henley, a clergyman, and H T Moseley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: On July 20, 1847 in Walker County Georgia, Margery Pinson, 89, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Pinson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him September 15 1775 and that her husband died May 26, 1838 and that she has remained his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On July 2, 1853, in Union County Georgia, Jane Carter, 55, filed an affidavit and power of attorney in which she states she is the daughter of Joseph Pinson and Margrey Pinson his wife; that her mother died August 25, 1852; that her parents were married in Wilkes County North Carolina in the year 1773; that there are now 4 children of her parents living in their names are as follows: Elizabeth, Mary, Milla and Jane.

Jane Carter

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[Facts in file: Joseph and Margery Pinson were married by Aaron Pinson, a minister, his relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated; the widow died at the home of Samuel Farris and she was buried near Lafayette Georgia; in 1853 the only surviving children of Joseph and Margery Pinson were as follows: Elizabeth Visage, born July 4, 1777, referred to as the eldest child of her parents and married to William Visage in 1820 and living in Union County Georgia in 1853; Jane Carter living in Union County Georgia; Mary Burch; Milla Burch; [p 43] in 1847 Moses Pinson appeared in Cass County Georgia and stated that he was the younger brother of the veteran;

Moses Pinson

Josiah H. Carter, a resident of Fannin County, Georgia, was the administrator of the estate of Margery Pinson in 1855 and was living in Morganton Georgia in 1857.]

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This may Certifie Joseph Pinson has Sarv'd as a Soldier from the 15 of July till the 12 of October and is now discharged Given under my hand this 15th of October 1776

S/ Jacob Womack, Cp

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Jacob Womack Cp

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State of North Carolina Washington County: To whom it may Concern &c
Whereas the within Named Joseph Pinson have applied to me for a Certificate of the Time he
Serv'd as a Soldier in my Company of the Washington Malitia Regiment: These may Certify,
that the said Joseph Pinson, in the year of our Lord 1777 Served as a faithful Soldier from
Sometime Early in the Spring of that year untill the 23^d Day of July in the Same year at which
Day, I and my Company were Legally by Colonel John Carter Commander of said Regiment,
Discharged for that Time.

Given under my hand the 15th of Augt 1780

S/ Joseph Wilson, Capt.

State of N. Carolina } To all whom it may concern
Washington County } Whereas the within Named Joseph
Pinson hath applied to me for a Certificate of the Time he
Serv'd as a Soldier in my Company of the Washington
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Given under my hand the 15th Augt 1780
Joseph Wilson Capt.

Sir please to Send to me by the Barrier [bearer] hearof [hereof] William Cowder [?]² a des charge
[discharge] in full Spesafying [specifying] how being I was a soldier under you and Sir in so
doing you will much oblige me your friend and well wisher august ye 7th 1780
To Mr. Joseph Willson, CP

S/ Joseph Pinson

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William Visage was born August the 21st [?] at 3 1774 [could be 1794]

Elizabeth Visage was born July the 4th 1777

William Visage

William Virage was
in quest the 12th 1799
Elizabeth Virage was
in quest the 11th 1799

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.44 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for service as a private for 8 months and 7 days in the North Carolina militia. His wife was pensioned in a like amount.]