

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Penny (Penney) W8512 Fanny Penney f40NC[sic, VA]
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State of Kentucky Anderson County

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of said County John Penny a resident of said County & State of Kentucky aged 73 years who being first 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 in the year 1777 he enlisted in the Town of Portsmouth in Virginia with Captain Thomas Bracy [possibly Captain Thomas Brassic] of the 2 Virginia State Regiment for 3 years and was marched to the North under Captain Gregory Smith and joined General Washington's Army at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, was at the battle of Monmouth in Jersey on the 28th of June 1778 and at the storming & capture of Stoney Point [July 16, 1779] by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] his term of engagement having expired he was honorably discharged from the Regiment in March 1780 by Major John Lee since which he served in the North Carolina militia was at the Battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina and that [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] near Camden in South Carolina when General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commanded, the time of his service in the Militia he does not recollect, and his discharge from the regular Service has been lost and knows of no living witness by whom he could prove his service.

S/ John Penny



[Jordan H. Walker, a clergyman, and William B. Wallace gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Note: John Penny further declares on oath that he relinquishes all claim to any Pension or Annuity except the present & that he is on no Pension roll in any State or Agency.

S/ John Penny

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Having been requested to testify on oath my knowledge of Mr. John Penny in order to his obtaining a Pension under the law of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 I have (with the Reverend Jordan H. Walker) on oath certify as to his age & reputation &c, and I do hereby further he certify that I was engaged in the service of the Revolutionary War from its commencement in 1775 to the peace of 1783 at which time I ranked as 1st Lieutenant of Artillery

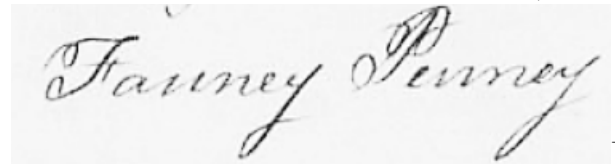
and consequently witnessed in the field some of the conflicts which gave us our standing among the Nations of the Earth. And although I was not acquainted with Mr. Penny in that service, I have conversed with him frequently on the subject of the War, and independent of his veracity and standing in society he has spoken of certain occurrences of that day and particularly the memorable battle of Monmouth which would leave no doubt on my mind of his service. Mr. Penny himself is a much respected minister of the Baptist Church.

S/ W. B. Wallace¹



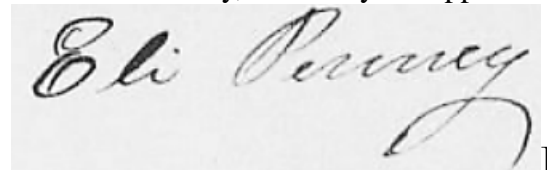
[attested August 19, 1832 in Anderson County Kentucky]

[p 14: On April 10, 1839 in Anderson County Kentucky, Fanny Penny aged 78 filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Penny; that she married him about the 23rd day of February 1785 in Hanover County Virginia; that they were married by a man by the name of Pollard then the clerk who issued marriage licenses; that her maiden name was White that her husband died June 19, 1833 of the cholera; that she remains his widow.



[p 12: Copy of the marriage bond dated February 23 at 1785 and issued in Hanover County Virginia, issued to John Penny and Thomas White to secure the marriage of John Penny to Frances White, spinster.]

[Facts in file: The widow died April 27, 1839; their only child named in the file is a son named Eli who signed his name Penney, who was 40 years old in 1839 when he filed an affidavit in Anderson County, Kentucky in support of his mother's application for a widow's pension.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia State Artillery. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

¹ [William B. Wallace S42612](#)

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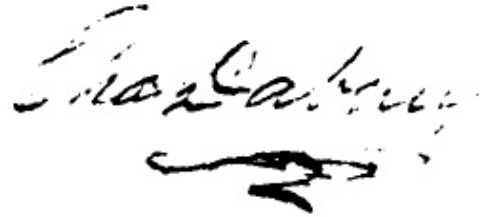
Addendum to John Penny (Penney) W8512

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 4 Jan 2021..

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Richm'd April 30th 1783

I do Certify that John Penney served three years as a soldier in the 2^d State Regim't
Charles Dabney Lt Col Comman[an]t [R13624]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Dabney". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.