

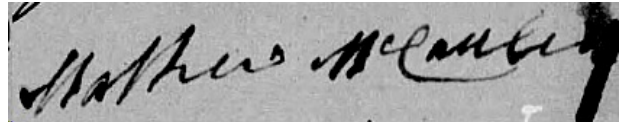
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Pettiford W9223                      Tabitha Pettiford NC  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 13 Dec 2014.

District of North Carolina Ss.

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1819, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the District aforesaid, personally appeared George Pettiford, aged about Seventy two years, resident in Granville County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said George Pettiford enlisted sometime during the revolutionary war and to the best of his recollection in or about the fall of the year 1778 in Caswell County in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Wm. Moore [William Moore], of what regiment he does not recollect, but of the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the war aforesaid, against the common enemy, for the term of nine months; that he continued to serve in the said company until the end of the said enlistment towit in or about the summer of 1779 when or some short time thereafter he was discharged from service in Hillsborough in the State of north Carolina, which discharge was stolen from him & never after reclaimed; that he was in no battles, and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

This day [2 April 1819] came Mathew McCauley [possibly pension application W17121] personally before me Thomas H. Taylor one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of Law that he was acquainted with George Petiford a soldier in the time of the revolutionary war with Great Britain and that said George Petiford Belonged to the Continental Establishment and that said George served but how long this Deponant will not undertake to say; nor does this Deponant know by whom the said George was Inlisted nor does he at this time know to what company or Regiment he belonged



State of N. Carolina }  
Granville County }                      County Court February Term AD 1821

On this Tenth day of February 1821 personally appeared in open Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for the County of Granville & State as aforesaid George Pettiford of said County aged Sixty three years who being duly sworn, according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, that he, the said George enlisted for the term of nine months in the State aforesaid in the company of Captain [William] Goodman in the fourth Regiment under the command of Col. Thaxton [sic: James Thackston] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the United States continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until he was discharged from the said service in said State of North Carolina – That he has no other evidence now in his power except the Certificate of Abram Gregory [pension application W7600] who served with him, taken and certified under the Hands & Seals of the Clerk of Person County Court

And in Pursuance of the act of the first May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 & that I have not, since that time by gift sale or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war, passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of

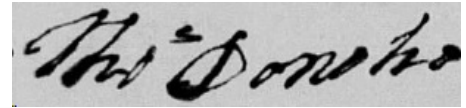
March 1818. & that I have not, nor has any person, in Trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed.

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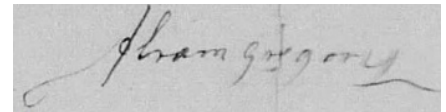
Inventory of George Pettiford's property subscribed & sworn to in open Court – To wit –

1 Cow & Calf \$12	1 Heifer \$6 & Yearling \$4	\$22.00
½ doz chairs		1.50
1 knife & ½ doz forks		25
1 Skittle & 1 pot		3.00
1 oven		2 —
an old Bed		8 —
7 small pigs		1.75
2 grubbing hoes		1 —
4 ax's		4 —
4 tilling hoes		2 —
2 Cottels[?]		1 —
2 Plough hoes		1 —
1 [two illegible words]		1 —
½ doz plates		— 40
2 Pitchers		— 50
2 Juggs & other Bottles		<u>2 —</u>
		\$49.40

I Thomas Donoho do certify that I was an officer in the American revolution, that I served in the N. Carolina line from the commencement to the close of the war, & was disbanded as a Majr. And I believe, from a number of circumstances, that George Pityford inlisted into the 9 month's service of the N. Carolina line, but I have no distinct recollection of him.  
Caswell, N.C. Nov. 19 1820.

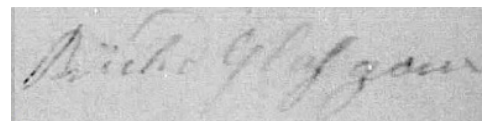


North Carolina } This day Came before me Abraham Gregory and made oath that he served in  
 Person County } the army of the united States in the fourth Ridgment under the Command of Colo  
 Thaxton and Capt Goodwin and that George Petefut Served with him at the same time  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Decmb. 1820  
 Test/ Isham Edwards JP



This is To Certify that I was in a Tower of Duty with George Peterford (a man of Colier) In the old revolutionary war in a Nine mounths Tower in South Carolina a Regular Soldier; under Capt. Gooderum  
 State of N.C. }

Granvill County }  
 This Day Came before me Richard Glasgow [W7536] and maid oath that the above Statement is True to the best of His knowledge and belief. Sworn To before me this [blank] Day of March 1825  
 Witness/ J. Glasgow



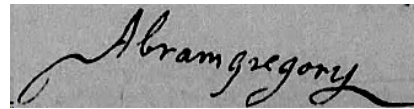
United States – North Carolina District.

Personally appeared before me (Henry Potter, District Judge of the United States for the district aforesaid) Willie Burrow [Willey Burrow S41466], of Randolph County, & maketh Oath that he was well acquainted with George Pettiford (a free man of colour, residing in the County of Granville & now present with the deponent) in the time of the Revolutionary war; and that he saw the said George bearing arms in the service of the United States, in said war, and believes it was in the Continental service; but for what length of time he served, deponent does not know – he thinks however he served more than six months. Deponent does not remember in what line, regiment or company he served, but he recollects that his Captain’s name was Goodrum – and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to before me, at Fayetteville, in the district afores’d. the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1827.

State of North Carolina }  
Person County }

Abram Gregory a Citizen of the County and State aforesaid now about the age of sixty six years makes oath that he is acquainted with George Pettiford a free man of Color now a Resident of Granville County and State aforesaid that he served as a soldier with the said Pettiford in the Revolutionary war being attached to the same Company that said Gregory in Company with said Pettiford started from the Town of Hillsborough Commanded by Capt Moore which belonged to the Regement Commanded by Colonel Litle [sic: Archibald Lytle] when they arived at Purysburg they were put under Capt Goodrum which belonged to the Regiment Commanded by Major [John] Armstrong and we remained under said officers for the space of nine months in the fourth Regiment I believe, that said Pettiford entered into the service with this affiant as well as he recollects in the Spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven Said affiant further states that he does not recollect being present when said Pettiford rec’d his Discharge but he does know that he was a faithfull and a valliant Soldier Sworn and subscribed this 21<sup>th</sup> day of June 1827.



State of North Carolina }  
Granville County }

Richard Glasgow, aged seventy two years the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1827, a Citizen of Granville County came before me William Merrell a Justice of the peace for the county and state aforesaid & made Oath o the holy Evangelist of Almighty God,

That a company of men belonging to the five months service marched from Granville county North Carolina to the South. That the company marched from Oxford to Hillsborough under Captain Isham Harris That this affiant belonged to said Company – On our arrival at Hillsborough our company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Saunders. From Hillsboro we marched to Charlotte in this state where we were commanded by General [Griffith] Rutherford.

That in the same Expedition and the year he cannot now distinctly recollect, a company was marched from the said County & State belonging to the nine months service. That a Private in the company of nine months Service as aforesaid, was George Pettiford a free man of Color of said County; That said Pettiford with his company marched to Hillsboro, Charlotte, and thence to Perysburg [sic: Purysburgh] on the Savannah River

This affiant is unable to state who commanded the company, or Regiment to which the said Pettiford was attached but he distinctly remembers that said Pettiford belonging to said Service and marched with him to the South.

And further this deponent saith not  
Subscribed & sworn to this 5<sup>th</sup> July 1827



NOTES:

In the 1850 federal census for Granville County NC George Pettiford is listed as a mulatto, age 106.

On 4 Feb 1856 Tabitha Pettiford, 68, applied for a pension stating that as Tabitha Johnson she was married on 10 May 1837 by Rev. John Mallory to George Pettiford, who died on 5 Feb 1853. The file contains a copy of a marriage bond signed on 1 May 1837 by George Pettiford and Edmond Pettiford for the marriage of George Pettiford to Taby Johnson. On 2 July 1855 Tabitha Pettiford, having moved from Granville to Warren County NC, applied for bounty land. In that application she gave her age as about 64, the date of her marriage as 2 May 1837, and the date of her husband's death as 15 Feb 1853. On 4 Feb 1856 she was said to be about 68 and a resident of Granville County.