

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Pitmand W9998 Margaret Minix (Minnix)¹ f50VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 10/26/12

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Virginia in Frederick County to wit

On this __ day of __ 1832 Personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Frederick County now sitting Andrew Pitman a resident of the town of Stephensburg in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia aged seventy-two 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 7th 1832. That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States about the latter end of the month of September 1777 and served three months, that he marched from Winchester in Virginia under Captain Wilson, Captain Williams Helms was also commanded another company – Robert White was our Major Marquis Calames [Marcus Calmes] and Charles M. Thruston [Charles Mynn Thruston] were both Colonels. After marching from Winchester this deponent recollects, that he proceeded to Lancaster in Pennsylvania, passing through Frederick Town in Maryland, Tanny Town, McCallisters Town, in Pennsylvania, & York in Pennsylvania, from Lancaster marched to Reading in Pennsylvania, from Reading marched down to the Schuylkill River within four or five miles of Philadelphia, where this deponent was discharged having served out his Tour of 3 months. That Captain James Wilson gave and signed the deponent's discharge, but that the same has been lost or destroyed, This deponent further declares that he enlisted under Captain Reynolds, as a Guard over the British prisoners in Winchester, this to the best of deponent's recollection was sometime in the latter part of the year 1779 or 1780 and continued that service about three months, and was discharged, The enlistment was conditional, if the Guard was furnished with regimental clothing within three months, we were to serve twelve months, if not we were to be discharged at the End of three months, Our regimental Clothing was not furnished in the time and we were accordingly discharged, at the end of the three months. To the best of deponent's recollection sometime in the Spring of 1781, he this deponent turned out as a Volunteer under Colonel Holmes [perhaps Joseph Holmes] and Colonel Zane [perhaps Isaac Zane] and marched from Winchester to Albemarle Barracks in Virginia passing through the Counties of Shenandoah, and lower end of Rockingham, crossing the Blue Ridge at Swifts run Gap, and from thence through the County of Culpeper to the said Albemarle Barracks from thence marched to Fredericksburg in Virginia and was stationed at Falmouth nearly opposite Fredericksburg about 15 or 16 days – and were dismissed – no written discharges were given for this Expedition the volunteers, not having served more than about one month, In the same summer 1781, he this deponent was drafted as a Guard under Captain Adam Heiskell to guard the British prisoners at the Winchester Barracks – for two months, but before his time Expired the prisoners were removed from the Winchester

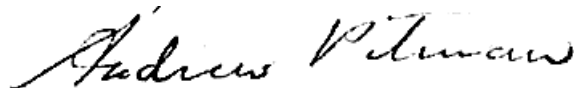
¹ former widow

Barracks to Fort Frederick in Maryland, this deponent marched with the Guard to Fort Frederick, and was discharged, does not recollect whether he obtained a written discharge or not for this Service. Early in July 1781, the deponent went Substitute for three months for Ezekiel Carter, and marched under Captain William Frost and joined the regular Army under the command of General Lafayette – Colonel Blackwood and Major Boyd commanded the Infantry, to which this deponent was attached – that the troops to which this deponent was attached marched from Winchester Virginia and passed through the Counties of Fauquier, Stafford, crossing the Rappahannock River at Falmouth through Fredericksburg in Virginia, from thence through Spotsylvania, Caroline, Hanover Counties to the City of Richmond, From thence through New Kent and York Counties and joined Lafayette about twenty miles from York, about three or four weeks after joining Lafayette the British under Cornwallis forced us to retreat under Lafayette as high up the Country as the raccoon Ford on the Rappahannock River, we were then joined by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] at the head of a Considerable regular force and, then the British soon commenced a retreat, and were pursued by Lafayette and Wayne, down the Country towards York, This deponent marched with the Army down to Williamsburg in Virginia, and after serving out his Tour of three months was detained about fifteen days over the time for which he Engaged, and the whole Company was so detained – It was urged by the General officers that we could not be spared until some Companies of militia arrived to whom we [our] arms were delivered, my discharge made out and signed by Lieutenant Linsey [Lindsey?] for Captain Frost, this discharge is lost or mislaid, The Siege of York commenced the day after this deponent was discharged as he was informed and believes.

The claimant begs leave to refer to the Certificate and Affidavit of General John Smith, who was County Lieutenant for the said County of Frederick during the war of the Revolution bearing date and sworn to before J. S. Dawson a Justice of the Peace the 8th day of September 1832. Also to the Affidavit of Jacob Speiry [Jacob Sperry] taken before John B. Telden Esquire a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Frederick which papers are here with Exhibited, and prayed to be taken as part of this declaration (No.1) and (No.2).

He hereby relinquishes all claim 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

S/ Andrew Pitman



1st Question by the Court

Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in the County of Frederick in Virginia in the year 1760,

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

Answer. The record of my age is at home in a German Hymn Book

3rd Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer. I lived in the County of Frederick before the war of the revolution, and have lived in the Town of N. T. Stephensburg in said County ever since the war.

4th How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you Volunteer, or were you a Substitute;

Answer. The deponent refers the Court to his preceding declaration, wherein he has stated all the particulars of his services to the best of his recollection

5th State the names 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

Services

Answer. The deponent again refers the Court to the preceding declaration for answer to this Question.

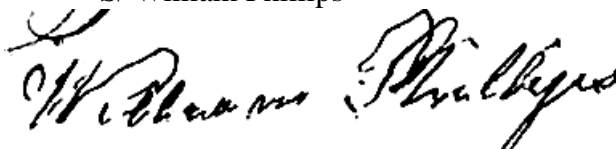
Sworn to in Open court the 7th of November 1832

S/ T. A. Tidball, CC

[John Allemong, a clergyman, and William Phillips gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

William Phillips² a resident in the town of Winchester in Virginia aged seventy-seven years in the month of August last who being first duly sworn in Open Court in the said County of Frederick declares that Andrew Pitman the present Applicant for the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June last, Served three months as one of the militia Guard over the British prisoners in Winchester, to the best of deponent's recollection this was in the year 1781 – in the spring of the year – Captain Reynolds Commanded the Company to which this deponent & said Pitman belonged.

S/ William Phillips

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Phillips".

[f p. 43]

Jacob Sperry³ came before me the 19th of September 1832 and made oath that he has been living in this County all his life time, that he is well acquainted with Andrew Pitman, and that he served 2 tours with said Andrew Pitman, one while the British were in Philadelphia under Captain Wilson; the other while Cornwallis was devastating Virginia under Captain Frost and in the spring of 1781; and that he well remembers Andrew Pitman in both the above tours which he believes exceeded 3 months each.

S/ [indecipherable signature]

[f p. 48]

Frederick County Virginia September 8th, 1832

I have been requested by Andrew Pitman to state my recollections of his revolutionary services as a militia man. He has made a statement of his services as performed under different officers: although I cannot from my own recollection vouch for the individual services of Andrew Pitman, excepting the expedition for covering the retreat of the Saratoga prisoners, still I recollect the services performed by the different officers which he has named & have no manner of doubt of the truth of what he has stated of himself. My official papers were given up to the executive of Virginia (and they were very ample) to settle the state account with the general government, this was patched up as I was informed & the documents destroyed. I had the safe keeping of the first prisoners taken in Virginia during the revolutionary war even before Lord Dunmore left the State, and so continued until late in the War, when a commission of prisoners was appointed and after that had to furnish a large portion of the guard for their safekeeping. The prisoners when exchanged (were soon replaced by others & it was a very short time that we

² [William Phillips W1471](#)

³ [Jacob Sperry W2187](#)

were without them – Captains Reynolds, Huskill, and Gilkinson each commanded at different times, but I have no date to say the exact time of service. That Pitman performed the service of covering the retreat of the Saratoga prisoners I well know from the circumstance of having let him a horse for the expedition = When Virginia was invaded in 1781 Colonel James Wood received orders to remove the prisoners from Winchester to Fort Frederick in Maryland & demanded of me 40 beeves and 400 men to do it, I referred him to the Governor for orders. In the meantime the Virginia Assembly was put to flight, one of them informed me that he was chased by Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] into Culpeper & the County Lieutenant of Loudoun made it his business to inform me that Tarleton would be in Winchester with 1200 men before the next morning. I did not hesitate, but paraded the prisoners & marched them off for Fort Frederick, with one company of militia, sending on in advance for the militia to fall land & the next day had the prisoners so well as I recollect the other side of the Potomac certain it is that a pay roll made out for the service was rejected as the company was but 15 days on duty & the Virginia law requiring 20 to demand pay. Colonel Wood returned in a few days with his orders for beeves & Troops, when he found the thing done as stated and that to his great mortification.

S/ John Smith,⁴ County Lieutenant
during the revolutionary War

*John Smith, County L^t.
during the revolutionary War*

[f p. 12: On January 25, 1856 in Frederick County Virginia, Mrs. Margaret Minix, 60, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Andrew Pitman, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him September 8, 1829; that they were married by the Reverend John Allemong; that her husband died September 22, 1838; that since his death she married in May 1840 John P. Minix who has gone away and she has not seen him since December 1848 and does not know if he is living or dead.

Margaret Minix

[f p. 16: On January 2, 1860 in Frederick County Virginia, the widow,⁶⁴ gave testimony that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Lefevre; that her husband died in N. T. Stephensburg, Frederick County Virginia September 15, 1839; that on May 12, 1841 [last digit written over and unclear] she married John P. Minix of Frederick County Virginia but from whom she has been divorced by the Circuit Court of Frederick County on November 15, 1859.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for

⁴ [John Smith S6114](#)

service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia. His former widow was pensioned in a like amount.]