

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Peters S5897

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State of Virginia County of Giles: to wit

On this thirty first day of July 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Peace for this County Court of Giles now sitting John Peters, a resident of Giles County State of Giles & State of Virginia aged Seventy Seven 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he received the commission of ensign and performed the duties of said office for two tours of duty of three months each. The first Captain to whose company he belonged was Captain John Rush under the command of Colonel Noll in the year 1779 so he believes or at all events. Just a short time before Gates defeat at Camden. He was in no general engagement with the enemy. That he enlisted in the State of Virginia Rockingham County and was ordered into service from said County and State on his first tower and was marched from said County to Richmond in Virginia and was engaged during the time in the vicinity of said place having performed the term of service, he returned home.

The second tower was also in the character an ensign for three months but was discharged by General Stephenson from an accident before the end of the time (to wit for having lost his baggage and clothing on the march). Under Captain Ragen and Col William Nall of Rockingham until they reached the low country where they were transferred to Cols Dark and Matthews. The second service was in the year of 1781 and he was discharged just before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and was engaged in the marches and maneuvers which preceded his capture he served in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid during both these periods he was in connection with the regular troops of General Lafayette, Mulenburg [sic, Muhlenberg], Wayne and Stephenson and with General Washington on his march to Yorktown he had a discharge for the second tower but has lost the same but for the first tower of service he had no discharge or other written evidence of the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any State whatsoever.

Sworn on open court.

S/ John Peters

Jacob Meadows<sup>1</sup> a witness was produced before the Court who upon oath declared that he was in the Service of the United States at the time the said John Peters was and saw and knew him well and that he always understood he was an ensign in the same that they both resided in the same County and were neighbors and acquaintances.

We John H. Rutter a clergyman residing in the County of Giles John McClougherty residing in the same County do hereby certify that we are acquainted with John Peters who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy seven years of age and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion sworn and subscribed to this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1832.

S/ John H. Rutter

S/ John McClougherty

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1 [Jacob Meadows S9412](#)

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states and the court further certifies that it appears to them that John H. Rutter who has signed the preceding certified is a clergyman resident in the County of Giles and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I David French Clerk of the County Court of Giles County do hereby certify that the forgoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of John Peters for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of my office the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Augt. 1832 of the Commonwealth the 57<sup>th</sup> year.

S/ David French County Clerk Giles County