

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Peter Arrant S17824

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State of South Carolina, Chesterfield District

On this the twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before B. S. Earle one of the ordinary judges of the said State at the Court of Common Pleas now setting Peter Arrant a resident in the District and State aforesaid aged eighty three years in November next who being first duly sworn according to Law on his oath maketh the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832; That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War he resided and has continued to reside since in the District of Chesterfield and State aforesaid. That he went into the service first under Captain Thomas McManus in the militia service on Lynches Creek against the Tories and was absent at that time about four weeks. That he cannot fix the dates when he entered the service (being unable to read or write) that he afterwards joined General Francis Marion's Brigade under the command of Lieutenant George Taylor. That he recollects to have joined General Marion's Brigade at one time at Benbow's Ferry and march with that Brigade across the Santee River to Watboo near Moncks Corner in the neighborhood of Charleston; this was the last service he did where he was discharged from the service by General Francis Marion. That he was out at that time forty days. That at another time he was drafted to serve in the militia service for three months to the month of this, the particular service he does not recollect but recollects it was said to go toward Virginia and he hired on James Mac Deed as his substitute who performed the service and deponent paid him \$20 or \$25 for the service. That he several times joined General Marion's Brigade and was on Santee - Lynches Creek - Scott's Lake and Pee Dee River. That he was not personally present in any engagement which General Marion had with the Tories, nor does his imperfect memory enable him to state how often he joined the Brigade nor the precise time he continued when called out, he however does recollect that he was frequently out for short periods and continued out, until he was discharged at the times his terms of service severally expired. The Deponent is unable to fix with certainty the period of his whole service but is confident that he must have served at least six months exclusive of the three months for which he hired a substitute. That he recollects but two persons who served with him in the Revolutionary War who are now alive, viz, James Hunter and Robert Kirkley who reside in Lancaster District who are very old and infirm.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state whosoever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid S/ Peter Arrant, x his mark

S/ Baylis J. Earle, Presiding Judge of the Circuit of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas in open court at Chesterfield Court House in the State and District aforesaid.

State of North Carolina, Anson County

On this 30th day of November 1836 appeared before me Samuel Parker one of the acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid Peter Arrant a Soldier of the Revolution after being sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration hereunto annexed in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June the 7th 1832.

That he was called into service by the authority of the State of South Carolina in Class as Private Soldier under Captain McManus as my former Declaration made will more fully show served

one month in embodied corps. The year he does not recollect. I served one month under Lieutenant Taylor under General Marion, served one month and ten days under same officers, served three tours of duty at separate times one month each in General Marion's Brigade making six months and ten days which is as far as I can at this time recollect it being for short of all the service rendered to the United States during the Revolutionary War, the pass of time deprives my frail memory of stating with precision the length of all my service. I have some imperfect recollections of serving as much as nine months in all in General Marion's detachment but could not positively state his last service, he recollects was short time before the close of the war he returned home and soon after married by the date of the age of his oldest child, my reasons for not mending my Declaration sooner, I am old and infirm and not able to travel to the Court House now in th 87 years of my age and the Court House thirty miles distant and my agent died in the time my reasons for making this amended Declaration in North Carolina living near the line and is most easy for me in my present situation and convenient to a clergyman and Justice of the Peace.

I relinquish every claim to a Pension or annuity whatsoever and declare my name is not on the Pension role of the State or the United States.

Question 1: Where and in what year were you born? In the State of Pennsylvania the 30th day of November 1749.

Question 2: Have you any record of your age if so where is it? I had in a Book kept by my father of his children's ages in the Dutch Tongue but it has been destroyed.

Question 3: Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived ever since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Chesterfield District South Carolina into service and continue to live there to the present day.

Question 4: How where you called into service? Were you drafted? Did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? Once drafted all other times by Class.

Question 5: State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services? General Marion, Captain McManus, Lieutenant Taylor; there were Militia officers as I understood.

Question 6: Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? I received discharges from my officers but have been lost.

Question 7: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can certify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a Soldier of the Revolution. Jesse Lewellin Cleryman and Joshua Walters.

Sworn and subscribed this 30th day of November 1836 before
Samuel Parker, JP

S/ Peter Arrant, x his mark