Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Peters S38298 Transcribed by Will Graves f10SC 7/19/09: rev'd 11/13/17

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Georgia Oglethorpe County In the Superior Court September Term 1818

Elijah Peters came personally before me & made oath, That some time in the Spring of the year 1776 he enlisted himself at near the Fish dam Ford on Broad River in South Carolina into Captain Robert Goodwin's [Robert Goodwyn's] company in Colonel Thompson's [sic, William Thomson's Regiment [South Carolina 3rd Regiment], which this deponent understood & believes was on the Continental establishment & formed a part of the South Carolina line of Regular Troops. That he enlisted only for six months but served nine months in consequence of an expedition being about to be undertaken against the Common enemy, which detained him three months longer, when he was discharged at Charleston in Indian Territory which discharge he has lost by losing his pocket book. That afterwards, at time he Resided in Georgia, This deponent enlisted under a Colonel William McIntosh (who was acting as Captain in this deponent enlisted) in a Troop of horsemen or dragoons, which Troop belonged to the Regiment or Battalion (but usually called a Regiment) of dragoons, commanded in this deponent enlisted by Colonel Lachlin McIntosh [sic, Lachlan McIntosh] afterwards General Lachlan McIntosh. That whether General Lachlan McIntosh belonged to the Dragoons or not he does not know, but this deponent obeyed him as a Commanding Officer. That after his enlistment, the Regiment of horse was commanded by Colonel John Baker. That in this Troop this deponent performed thirteen months service, & was discharged at Midway Settlement in Liberty County in Georgia in some part of the year 1778. That he received a discharge, signed by Colonel Baker, but also lost that discharge in his pocket book. This deponent saith that he is now old, infirm, decrepit & blind & is so reduced in his circumstances as to require the aid of his Country for his support. That his inability to labor is apparent to everyone, & he has even applied to the County for a support from the poor funds.

Him S/ Elijah Peters, X his mark Sworn to this 11th September 1818 S/ Isaac Collier, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 18, 1818, for service as a private for 9 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]