

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Perkins S41953

NC

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United States of America

To the Honorable the Secretary at War of the United States.

The Petition of Isaac Perkins a Citizen of the United States sheweth, That he enlisted as a private soldier in the tenth North Carolina Regiment in the Continental line in the year One thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, in the Company commanded by Captain Silas Sears Stevenson, was marched to Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, where the tenth Regiment was distributed & deponent passed into the Second Regiment and into the Company commanded by Captain Clement Hall. he served in that Regiment in its northern Campaign, marched with it to South Carolina and was taken prisoner at Charleston [12 May 1780]. he escaped from the enemy, returned to North Carolina & served until peace in the militia of the State. His whole service in the Continental line of the State of North Carolina against the Common Enemy exceeded three years. He never received a discharge. deponent is now Sixty One years old has a family, is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for his support. He prays the benefit of the Act of the last Session of Congress providing for his Case.

Sworn to in open Court 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1818

Isaac hisXmark Perkins

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an “Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution” approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828 I Isaac Perkins of the County of Craven and State of North Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for three years or for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a private in Captain Clement Hall’s Company in the second regiment of the North Carolina line. And I also declare that I afterwards receive or was entitled to receive a certificate for the reward of Eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States.

Isaac hisXmark Perkins

[9 Aug 1828]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT./ Sept. 2 1828

Isaac Perkins, of [blank] in the County of Craven, in the State of No. Carolina, has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled “An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution,” approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in captain Hall’s company, in the Second regiment of the No. Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

The name of Isaac Perkins cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line, to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued.

Peter Hagner Aud

at the Request of Isaac Perkins of Craven County in the State of North Carolina an old Revolutionary Soldier and a claimant for a pension under the former act of Congress granting pensions for the relief of Indigent Soldiers of the Revolutionary war – we the undersigned have met and have valued all of the property he the said Perkin is now possessed off – which we apprise and value as follows — that is to say

100 Acres of poor piney land valu'd at 25 ct. pr. Acre	\$25.00
11 head of Cattle val'd at \$2.00 Each upon an Everage	22.00
22 head of hogs mostly pigs Everage 5/ Each	11.00
House hold & kitchen furniture valued in toto at \$15	15.00
1 small canoe valu'd at 10/—	1.00
3 head of Sheep val'd at 10/—	3.00
	<u>\$77.00</u>

we the undersigned haveing been long acquainted with the above clament Perkins as well as also with his resorces and means of support his age and infirmities beleave him to be deserving & also intitled to assistance from the Bounty of his Country we hereby certify that we have valued his property fair and Equitable to the best of our Judgements and abilities and we find it to be worth at most, at this this time of pressure – not Exceeding the sum of Seventy Seven Dollars in money.

Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of April 1829— Isaac hisXmark Perkins  
 [signed] Abner W. Seabrook Wm. Physioe John S. Whiteham Meshack Ah[?] J.P.  
 Jos Physioe J.P.

Craven County Sct

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1829, personally appeared, in Open Court of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions of the County of Craven & State of No Carolina, being a Court of Record which proceeds according to the Course of Common Law with a jurisdiction unlimitted in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceeding Isaac Perkins, a resident of aforesaid County aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth make Oath to the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by Congress of 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said Isaac Perkins, enlisted for the term of three years about the month of May 1778 in the State of No. Carolina in the Company Commanded by Capt Sears Stevenson in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment Commanded by Colo. Benj'n Sheppard [sic: Abraham Shepard] in the Line of the State of No Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve under different changes of the Corps and Capture at Charleston untill discharged in the State of No Carolina by Colo. Patton [possibly John Patten]. that his name has been placed on the Pension list & dropped therefrom on account of his property  
 And in pursuance of the act of 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and 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 and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and 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 and by me subscribed. My Occupation being that of a Farmer, and my ability to pursue it very uncertain. Owing to my great bodily infirmity under which I labour, My family now consits of myself and my wife Deborah who is now sixty six years old. and not able to support herself. The changes of my property since 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 are as follows I sold 150 acres of Land for forty doll's. part of which has ever [sic] been paid me and used toward my support along with some of my stock being heretofore able to support myself by my labour Is the reason I did not apply sooner to be restored to the pension List. the number of my pension Certificate granted on the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov'r. 1818 is 4666.  
 Sworn to and declared on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'r. 1829 Isaac hisXmark Perkins

NOTES:

Osborn Clark (pension application S41489) certified Perkins's service.

The file contains a copy of a deed dated 30 Jan 1827 by which Perkins bought a 150-acre tract on the south side of Neuse River at the head of Hancock Creek for \$50. The difference between this amount of acreage and the amount claimed in the schedule of property raised questions in the Pension Office,

prompting several neighbors to state that “(though a man of Colour) we do believe him to be too honest in principal to practise anything like a frawd.”

The 1820 federal census for Craven County NC lists Isac Perkins as a “Free Colored Person” over 45 with a female over 45.