Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Petters S5902	NJ	VA
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State of Virginia }
Hampshire County Sct }

On this 24 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William Donaldson, John Sloan, Sam'l Cockerill & David Parsons gentlemen Justices of the Court of Hampshire County now sitting John Peters a resident of the county of Hampshire in the State of Virginia aged 78 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 1832.

That he enlisted in the year 1776 in a company commanded by Capt. John Anderson for five months which time he served out, that he was attached to a regiment commanded by Cols. Johnson of the Jersey line. that he belonged to that portion of the Army called the flying Camp & that he enlisted in Hunterdon County New Jersy, that they marched to the city of New york & from thence to Long Island where he was present at a battle [27 Aug 1776], that they then returned to New York to fort Washington above New York from thence they marched to the White Plains where he was engaged in another battle [28 Oct 1776], they then crossed & march down into Jersy & was in the army during the retreat thro' New Jersy – that after this he Volunteered in the Milia [militia] in New Jersy and served for one month and a half during which period he was in a battle at Millstone [22 Jan 1777 or 17 Jun 1777], that he was under the Command of Capt. Greenardite & Colo. [David] Chambers of the Militia & does not recollect any of the regular officers as he was not under their command. that after this he removed to Virginia in 1777 and went as a substitute for two months from Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County for Philip Unkafer[?] in a Company commanded by Capt. Thomas that he marched to Pennsylvania to the neighbourhood of Brandywine that he thinks He was under the command of Colo. West or Colo Clapham & that he was in battle during the period of two months for which he was in service under this enlistment he was in no battle. [sic] that after this he received the enclosed commission was called into service & marched below Richmond and there being too many officers He was discharged & sent home & that he has no other evidence of his service

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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

The Commonwealth of VIRGINIA

KNOW YOU that our GOVERNOUR, on Recommendation from the Court of the County of Loudoun hath constituted and appointed you Ensign in a Company of Militia in the said County. In Testimony whereof, these our Letters are sealed, with the Seal of the Commonwealth, and made Patent.

Witness THOMAS JEFFERSON, Esquire, our said Governour, at Richmond the Fifteenth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One.

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