

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pierce S7320

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State of North Carolina Wake County

Personally appeared before me the, James M. Terrell one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn and residing in said County, to wit, John Pierce, an aged citizen of said County of respectable character and standing on this the Twenty first day of June, in the year 1844, and made the following Declaration before me, on oath, to entitle himself to the benefit of the Act of Congress made to provide Pensions for the Soldiers of the Revolution: that is to say: that his name is John Pierce; that he is now aged eighty-two years; that he resides in the County aforesaid; that he resided there at the time he entered the Army of the Revolution, and has continued to reside in said County ever since his discharge from the said service: that he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, as a private in the Infantry Company commanded by Captain Lane [Martin Lane and Robert Lane, both captains in the Wake County regiment of militia were at Eutaw Springs], in the North Carolina line of the Continental Army, under the command of General Green [sic Nathanael Greene]: that, as such, he was in the Battle at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and was stationed at the High Hills of Santee in South Carolina at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] -- at Little York -- soon after which he was discharged from the service and returned home: that his present great age and impaired memory, puts it out of his power to state precisely the date of his entrance into the said Army or the date of his discharge from the service, but to the best of his recollection and belief he served part of the years 1780 and 81 but that he will submit such other testimony of his service as a soldier in that war, as he can now procure which taken in connection with his own Declaration, as aforesaid, will, he is advised & believes, entitle him to a Pension: that he has never been put on the Pension Roll, and never applied for a pension until now and for the reason, that he never knew until lately that the Government of his Country had provided such relief for the Soldiers of the War of the Revolution: that he now relinquishes all right to a Pension, whatever, unless he can claimant under the Act of Congress of June 1832: and lastly, that his great age & infirmities put it out of his power to attend Court to make his Declaration aforesaid, and therefore can only make it before a single Justice at or near his own home in the vacation of said Court.

Sworn and subscribed by said John Pierce, on the date, aforesaid, before me

S/ James M. Terrell, JP

S/ John Pierce, X his mark

[Robert Hicks and John Wall gave affidavits in support of the character and reputation of the

applicant.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from a Book of Settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that John Pierce a Soldier of said line, was allowed for his services as a Soldier aforesaid, the sum of twenty-six pounds, sixteen shillings and ten pence (£26.16.10) by a Board of Commissioners at Hillsboro in the year 1792, and that he is the only person of that name to be found on said book.

Given under my hand this 24th day of June 1844

S/ Wm Hill Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from a book of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Pierce a Soldier of said line, was allowed the sum of twenty-six pounds sixteen shillings and ten pence (£26.16.10) for his services by a Board of Commissioners which sat at Hillsborough in 1792.

Given under my hand this 20th day of August 1844

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.55 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for service as a private for 10 months and 2 days in the North Carolina Continental line or militia.]