Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pierce W9596 Ann Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Ohio Coshocton County: SS

On this first day of May in the year of our Lord 1820 before me the subscriber one of the Associate Judges for the County aforesaid personally appeared James Pearce [sic] aged fifty-six years resident in the County of Coshocton and State of Ohio who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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. That he the said James Pearce enlisted for during the war on or about the first day of January 1781 near Richmond in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain James Culbertson [also spelled Culverson and Culberson] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cambell [Richard Campbell] afterwards [indecipherable he faint interlineations] seventh [sic, first] Virginia line on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the end of the war that when the Regiment he belonged to marched to Cumberland Court house in Virginia to be discharged he was sick in the hospital in South Carolina that when he regained his health there was no officer there to give him a discharge that in the summer of the year 1783 he returned home, that he was in the Battles of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina and at the Battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] in South Carolina and at Siege of Fort Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] in South Carolina and in a battle near Savannah in Georgia then in Colonel Posey's [Lt. Col. Thomas Posey's] Regiment Captain Mosses' [? perhaps Capt. Henry Moss'?] Company and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Pierce

S/Mordecai Chalfant, Associate Judg

State of Ohio Coshocton County: SS

On this first day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record and the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio, now sitting within and for the County of Coshocton James Pierce a resident of the County of Coshocton State of Ohio late a private Soldier in the

Revolutionary Army aged 56 years by occupation a laborer and unable to labor by reason of the infirmities of age and the exposures of his youth in the service of his Country – whose family consist of his wife Ann Pierce aged 46 years, one nephew John Shaw aged 10 years residing with me at this time – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war nearly 3 years viz. in the year 1780 he entered the service during the war in Captain James Colbertson's [sic] Company Colonel Campbell's Regiment of the 7 Virginia Line and in January 1782 he was attached to Colonel Posey's Regiment at Cumberland Courthouse, Captain Mosses Company in which he continued until the close of the war, but being left in the Hospital at Camden sic was not able to return to Cumberland where the Regiment was discharged, in consequence of which he never obtained a discharge And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th 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

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[f p. 11: On November 28, 1843 in Tippecanoe County Indiana, Ann Pierce, 70, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Pierce, who was a soldier in the revolutionary war and on the pension roll of the Ohio agency at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she has no record of her marriage or the births of her children all her records having burned in her brother's house in the state of Virginia previous to coming to this country; said fire occurred more than 40 years ago; she states that she married James Pierce by license in Randolph County Virginia in the month of September 1787 or 1788; that her husband died in Coshocton County of Ohio September 17 1830 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Shaw; the file contains no information regarding the children of the veteran and his wife.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]