

PENSION RECORD NO. 19595 OF RICHARD PIERCEALL

Richard Pierceall of Green Co. In the State of Kentucky who was a Private in the company commanded by Captain Allen of the regiment commanded by Colonel Barnes in the line for 6 months.

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Maryland Line Record.....Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky at the rate of 20 Dollars 0 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831

Certificate of Pension issued the 25th day of September, 1833 and William T. Willie Greenbury

Arrears to the 4th of September - 50.00
Semi-annual allowance ending 4th November - 10.00
Total - 60.00

Revolutionary Claim, Act June 7, 1832

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State of Kentucky, Green County, set on this 10th day of June, 1833, personally appeared before me, David Campbell, Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Richard Pierceall, a resident citizen of said County 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. He states that he has no record of his age but from the information he received from his relations and the family tradition he believes himself to be 89 years of age; that he was born in St. Mary's County, State of Maryland on the 25th day of March, 1744 - that a few days after the 25th day of December, 1776 according to the best of his recollection, he enlisted as a private soldier at Leonardtown in St. Mary's County, State of Maryland in what was called the 5th Independent Company under Captain John Allen Thomas, John Stewart was first Lieutenant of the company. The 2nd Lieutenant was by the name of Davidson. Henry Niel, was the Ensign, and John Blackstone was first sergeant. His enlistment was during the war the company he served in he thinks was on continental establishment though of this he is not certain. They may have been state troops he remembers that the bounty was paid in continental paper, and he was promised land as a bounty also at the time of his enlistment which he has however never obtained. The company above named to which he belonged was during his service therein stationed at Leonardtown and there continued except on one occasion when an alarm was given that the enemy was about to land from their shipping at the mouth of the Pautuxet and the company on that occasion was ordered & marched to the Pautuxet to prevent the enemy landing there, at which place the company remained some time and after the departure of the enemy from that quarter said Pierceall with said company returned to Leonardtown--the aforesaid company was all the troops that was stationed at

Leonardtown at the time referred to, and said Pierceall cannot state to what Regiment said company belonged unless it was to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Barnes who lived at the place where said Company was stationed--he well recollects that Colonel Jordan was the Colonel of St. Mary's County. The Company to which he belonged was stationed at Leonardtown principally he presumes for the purpose of guarding said town which was situated on what was called Brittons Bay to the best of his recollection. The company was drilled & exercised at said place until he was discharged which took place before the close of the war in consequences of his ill health at the time he was discharged he had served five months and a half in said company, he was then violently attacked with a disease supposed then to be the consumption, that his life was dispered of in consequences of which Captain John Allen Thomas gave him a discharge at Leonardtown, exonerating him from all obligation to perform any further service under the aforesaid enlistment, but that he never supposed said discharge would be of any account to him and it has been long since lost or mislaid so that he cannot find it. That after he was discharged as above he returned home and after he had recovered his health so as to be able to perform military duty again he volunteered and joined a militia company commanded by Captain Charles Jordan, which company was called into service in order to guard some storehouses & warehouses at a time when the British forces were descending the Potomac, and when they had done much damage and injury to the County by burning store & ware houses--he well recollects that they burnt and destroyed a ware house called Cedar Point warehouse, and on that occasion he well recollects that a Miss Ludlow (Daughter of a Mr. Ludlow who lived at the Cedar Point Warehouse) was brutally forced by one of the enemy--that he served in this tour under Captain Charles Jordan one-half a month. From age and loss of memory he cannot state the date of the year when this service was rendered, but according to the best of his recollection it was about one year after his discharge by Captain John Allen Thomas when he entered into service under Capt. Charles Jordan. The service was rendered in St. Mary's County, Maryland and he was discharged verbally by Capt. Charles Jordan, he served no more actual service himself during the war, but he hired a substitute to serve in his place in the militia at three different times afterward. He does not know that there is any person living by whom he can prove anything further in relation to his services than he has proven by the affidavit of Zachariah Yates, the affidavit of John T. Wise, John Greenwell, and others-- which is herewith forwarded. He formerly lived in Washington County, Kentucky, but has recently removed to Green County where he now resides and he has no intimate acquaintance with any clergyman in his present county he will therefore be unable to procure the certificate of a clergyman but amongst his old acquaintances and neighbors he has procured the testimony of Bennet Thomas, James White, Ignatius Newton, and others--as to his character for veracity and the general report of his former neighborhood. He moved from St. Mary's County, Maryland about 38 years ago to Kentucky where he has lived ever since-- by reason of old age and bodily infirmity he is not able to ride to Greensburgh his county town to make his declaration in court. He has no documentary evidence of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, David Campbell..... /s/Richard Pierceall [X]

WAR DEPARTMENT, Pension Office - Sir, the evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832 has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a trace, thus..... You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will by complying with this request greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

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A STATEMENT, showing the service of Richard Pierceall
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Enlisted 1776 at age 32
Served 5 months 15 days as Private under Capt. Allen and Col. R. Barnes
Served 15 days as Private under Capt. Jordan
Age at present - 89 yrs.
Proof by witnesses & declaration (?)

I am, respectfully your obedient servant, J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions
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Letter dated September 15, 1932

Mr. William L. Connor
432 E. 109th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letters in which you request information in regard to George Crist, to a soldier with surname Kyler, to Richard Purcell and Frederick Claycomb, soldiers of the Revolution.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims made to the United States for pension and bounty land based upon military service of soldiers of that war.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records has been made in your behalf and no record found of such claims having been made on account of the services of George Crist, or similar spelling, as described by you or of any soldier with surname Kyler,

searched under all spellings of the surname. The histories of Richard Pierceall, S. 1245 and Frederick Claycomb, S. 16083, are furnished herein.

The data furnished herein was obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pensions, S. 1245, based upon the military service of Richard Pierceall in that war.

Richard Pierceall was born March 25, 1744, in Saint Mary's County, Maryland.

He enlisted "a few days after December 25, 1776," at Leonardtown, Saint Mary's County, Maryland, and served five and one-half months as a private in Captain John Allen Thomas' Maryland Company, and about one year later served one-half month in Captain Charles Jordan's Company in the Maryland Militia.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 10, 1833, at which time he was living in Green County, Kentucky, having moved there from Washington County, Kentucky.

There are no data as to his family.