

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Fleet John
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VA

R14208

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To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of Thomas B Evans, administrator of John Fleet respectfully showeth: That he intestate actuated by that spirit which animated every lover of liberty and his country entered early into her service during her struggle for independence upon state establishment and remained in her service till the termination of the war which ended in acknowledgment of our independence-

It appears from the commission given to your petitioner intestate that he entered into the service of his country on the tenth day of September 1778 as a Lieutenant in the Second Virginia Regiment under the command of Lieutenant Colonel William Brent but under who else he might have served or what changes he may have experienced from the time of his joining the army until the year 1781 or 1782, your petitioner is unable to state but it appears that before that time John Fleet had been transferred to the Legionary Corps under the command of Col. Charles Dabney as is shown by his certificate which accompanies this petition.

Your petitioner further represents that it appears from satisfactory evidence that his intestate served faithfully from the time of his entering the army till the end of the Revolutionary war and never resigned. That he was reported in the Board of Officers who convened and sat in Richmond under the authority of an act of Assembly which passed in the month of November 1781, as one of those meritorious officers who was entitled to half pay for life as will be seen by reference to Documents to which your petitioner has it in his power to exhibit to the Legislature.

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Believing his intestate was entitled to that remuneration which has been made to others if he showed him justly entitled to receive it and that in his lifetime he never had received it, your petitioner qualified as his administrator for the purpose of asking in behalf of the family of the deceased soldier that to which he is entitled under the laws of his country as sanctioned by the General Assembly on more occasions than one. Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable Body will enact a law authorising [sic] the payment to your petitioner for the use and benefit of the family of half pay for life which was granted to the officers of the Revolutionary War by an act of the General Assembly passed May 1779 & your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Thomas B. Evans
Adm. of John Fleet

King & Queen County to wit:

This day John W. Fleet personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in the county aforesaid and made oath that John Fleet of the County of King & Queen aforesaid died leaving the following children to wit: Sarah Fleet who intermarried with Rob^t Jones (& died leaving one child named William Robert Jones) William Fleet, Elizabeth Fleet who intermarried with Andrew E Browne (& died leaving one child named Sarah W Browne at present the wife of Thomas B Evans) and John Fleet. Given under my hand this 12th Jan^y 1824.

John Du Val JP

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Pension Office
November 2, 1847

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of the late John Fleet, under the act of the 5th of July 1832, and I find that in 1833 his legal representatives were allowed half pay from September 3, 1783 till the day of his death and that half pay is still due from the 9th of February 1783, when he left the service. It is therefore my opinion that the claim for additional half pay should be allowed at the rate of one hundred and sixty dollars per annum from the eighth of February seventeen hundred and eighty three to the third of September of the same year, for the service of said Fleet as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Troops and that the amount is payable to Robert B Bagby of Virginia attorney of Thomas B Evans, administrator of said John Fleet.

Approved

Secretary of War

Commissioner of Pensions
Enter this in ½ pay
Entered-Register

Supplemented by Will Graves 5/2/15

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Lancaster County legislative petitions

To the Hon. the General Assembly of Virginia

Your petitioner John Fleet humbly represents to your Hon. House that sometime in the beginning of the year 1777 he was appointed by the Committee of Safety an Ensign for the Continental service. That after raising his quota of men agreeable to his appointment, he was turned over to the State service, for what cause he at this time cannot remember. And that he was added to the 2nd State Regiment. And in the spring of the year 1778 marched with that Regiment then under the command of Col. Gregory Smith to join the Grand Army at Valley Forge, where he was raised to a first Lieutenancy, and continued in service in that Regiment until the Siege of York, when he was ordered to join the Legionary Corps under the command of Col. Charles Dabney, in which service he continued until the 9th day of February 1783, when he was returned a supernumerary contrary to his knowledge or consent by the said Dabney not knowing anything of any arrangement in the Officers of the Legion, having at that time the command of the troops then at Portsmouth – the balance of the troops which composed the Legion being at York.

Now your petitioner relying upon the Justice and Equity of your Hon. body, prays that he may receive his Commutation or half pay Conceiving that in Justice he is as much entitled to it as any of those offices who have already received it under the Act of General Assembly passed in the year 1790 – And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c

The Auditor refuses to allow the Commutation claimed by the Petitioner because he became a supernumerary & was not called upon to reenter into the Service
Auditors Office 9 October 1792 S/ J Pendleton

[Reverse]
Fleets Petition
9 October 1792
Claims
reasonable
Special
Referred 11 [indecipherable abbreviation]¹ '92

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Addendum to John Fleet R14208

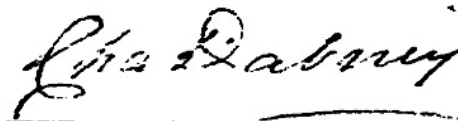
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 30 Jan 2020.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Richm'd. April 29th 1783

I do Certify that Lieut John Fleet has served upwards of three years in the service of of this State.

Chas Dabney Lt Col. [Charles Dabney R13624]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chas Dabney". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The first letter "C" is large and loops around the "h". The "D" is also large and loops around the "a". The signature ends with a long horizontal flourish.