

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jasper (Gasper) Faust (Foust) R3468

Esther Faust f34SC

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District}

Dr. Jasper Faust 1

On this 3rd day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before William D. Martin -- one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting at Fairfield Court House in the District and State aforesaid Jasper Faust a resident of Richland District, aged seventy one 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 7th June 1832.

Deponent was born in Orangeburg District South Carolina & when a child was removed to Richland District within twelve miles from where he now lives about 14 miles from Columbia having resided there ever since. He was seventy one years of age last July. Has no record of his age and knows of none now in being, deponent's information received from his parents.

Deponent served as a private soldier in the militia during the Revolutionary war and never received any written or regular discharges. He sometimes served for his father & sometimes for himself & was in the following tours of duty.

1st Deponent first entered the service in place of his father who was drafted, in a Regiment commanded by Col. Robert Goodwyn. Does not recollect his Capt.'s name. Was on a march to Charleston during the time of the battle of Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776].¹ He had two uncles in that battle & after the battle they met him in Charleston. Deponent was in camp in Charleston one month as a soldier & returned home. Out in service this tour one month and a half.

2nd Deponent again performed in his father's place a duty of four months in an expedition to Florida² in Col. Goodwyn's Regiment, General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] commanded. Deponent was on horseback in this expedition & was with Col. Goodwyn almost always in scouting parties.

3rd The deponent served in the same Regiment at the Savannah River opposite Augusta three months. He saw General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] when he arrived at American camp with his aides. This deponent here and afterwards at Congaree Fort & in Orangeburg was with Jeremiah Taylor and performed the same service which he has at the same date with this declaration stated Seventeen months service performed in these expeditions with said Taylor. Deponent was at the battle of Biggin Church [July 17, 1781]³ when Col. Wade Hampton took 13

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

² Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer]

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/revolutionary-war-georgia#Three-Invasions-of-Florida>

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_biggin_creek_bridge.html

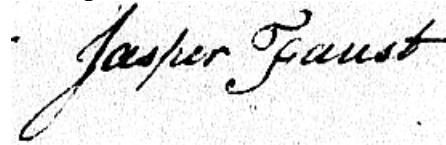
prisoners as Mr. Taylor has stated. Deponent then returned home having charge of some men who during the tour were injured by lightning Deponent then performed a three months tour in Orangeburg under Col. Thomas Taylor and three months more at the Four Holes bridge forty miles from Charleston. In all this deponent was with Jeremiah Taylor.

Deponent is confident that he performed duty as a militia soldier at least eighteen months and half was also our another tour under Capt. Jno. Winn [John Winn] to Edgefield one month making nineteen & half months in all, and 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.

Sworn to before me & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ J. Elliott

S/ Jasper Faust



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South Carolina Fairfield District

Before me appeared Jeremiah Taylor⁴ and being duly sworn makes oath that he has been well acquainted with Dr. Jasper Faust who makes the foregoing declaration, from some time before the Revolutionary war and excepting the duty performed in Charleston of one month and excepting the tour to Edgefield of one month he was with the said Jasper Faust in all the services which he performed in the militia during the war and knows that he performed the different tours of duty as he has stated. That he believes him to be seventy one years of age. The said Jasper Faust was considered a good soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 3rd November 1832 in open Court.

S/ J Elliott

S/ Jeremiah Taylor, X his mark

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I Meredith Taylor⁵ residing in Fairfield District hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Dr. Jasper Faust who has made the above declaration, that I believe him to be seventy one years old, that I served with him in the tour he has mentioned to Augusta, two to Orangeburg and to the four holes bridge, that his statements are correct with regard to those and that he has no doubt that his declaration is correct and that he has served as stated. He is reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the Revolutionary War and deponent knows the fact to be true.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ J. Elliott

S/ Meredith Taylor, X his mark

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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield

Before me personally appeared Dr. Jasper Faust (being the identical Jasper Faust who made his declaration in open Court before the Honorable William D. Martin Esquire Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the State of South Carolina, on the 3rd day of November A.D. 1832 in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress of June 7th, 1832

⁴ [Jeremiah Taylor S21527](#)

⁵ [Meredith Taylor S32547](#)

which declaration and the proceedings had thereunto are contained in two sheets of paper) 1st and being duly sworn makes oath that in the first tour mentioned in deponents declaration he served as stated one month and a half as a private. General Lee [Charles Lee] of the regular Army was in command in Charleston Col. William Thompson [William Thomson] commanded some troops on Sullivan's Island and Moultrie [William Moultrie] had command in the Fort. This term performed in the year 1776.

2nd In the Second expedition a tour to Florida, thinks Joseph Kirkland commanded the company. Kirkland was certainly along and in some command. This term about the year 1778. Served as stated in the declaration four months as a private in this tour.

3rd In the third tour to Augusta Col. William Goodwyn [William Goodwin] commanded the Regiment as deponent believes. He was in command as a field officer and thinks he was Col. Winns [Winn], Goodwyn and Singletary's Regiments were there, recollects no others. A Musician [?] Soldier was severely wounded from the firing of a cannon in honor of Gen. Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] arrival. Served three months as a private in this tour

4th in the tour to Congaree Fort deponent served three weeks perhaps longer as a private. Capt. Thomas Taylor (now Col.) commanded the Company. The Fort was on the right bank of the River and commanded by Capt. Maxwell. The company to which deponent was attached were stationed on the left bank opposite the Fort. The Fort surrendered on a detachment of artillery from General Greene's Army arriving to the assistance of the militia. Several militia companies present. This tour about the year 1781

5th The deponent performed two tours to Orangeburg South Carolina and served in each tour three months as a private making six months service to Orangeburg. Benjamin Arnold of Virginia was elected first Lieut. and acted as such and one of these tours in the Company to which deponent was attached. William Goodwyn was along and in some command in one and perhaps and both tours to Orangeburg. Thinks he commanded the company in one tour to Orangeburg.

7th In the tour to the Four Holes deponent served as stated in the declaration three months as a private Jacob Myers was first Lieut. in the company at the Four Holes deponent belonged to.

8th In the tour to Biggin Church mentioned in the declaration deponent served three months as a private Col. Richard Winn was along, also General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] was in command. This tour immediately before the Eutaw [Springs] Battle [September 8, 1781]. Deponent would have been in said battle had he not been ordered home with the men that had been struck with lightning at General Sumter's house on the Santee.

For a more particular account of the tours to Orangeburg, the Four Holes, and Biggin Church as well as the tours to Florida and Augusta deponent begs leave to refer the Department to the declarations of Jeremiah Taylor and Meredith Taylor who have as deponent understands received pension Certificates numbered 12751 & 12750 [last digit could be 6], and who made application at the same time that deponent did, their recollection as to dates and other particulars being more accurate and perfect than deponent's, whose memory at present is very imperfect. Deponent heard their declarations read and at the time thought them correct.

In the tour to Edgefield South Carolina mentioned in the declaration deponent served one month as stated. Col. Robert Goodwyn commanded the Regiment. This term before the Eutaw Battle.

Deponent by reason of age and the consequent loss of memory does not recollect the dates nor either the years of particular services rendered nor the names of but few of the officers, never served with any regular troops and has not mentioned bear Officers, excepting Generals Lee and Lincoln.

In all the tours of duty mentioned deponent served in a company regularly organized and embodied called out by draft from the Col. of the Regiment and acting from competent of party

as deponent then and still believes. That he served in all the tours to fill his own draft excepting the two first named when he served for his father. That he always served in the field excepting the first tour to Charlestown, when he was lodged in barracks during the time he stayed there. That for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit, but was actually occupied with his military duties.

That according to the best of deponent's recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned above, and in the grade of a private to it for twenty-two months and six days and for such service he claims a pension.

The Deponent has considered more diligently and accurately of the length of time he served in making this deposition than he was able (in the hurry of attending the court Application) to do in making his declaration, and is fully convinced that he served fully the time last aforesaid specified and the probability is a longer time. That the reason the Deponent applied in Fairfield and not in Richland District was because his acquaintances (now alive) in the Revolutionary war were applying in Fairfield, and from that circumstance was enabled with less inconvenience to obtain the aid of their testimonys.

Sworn to & subscribed before me June 27, 1833

S/ Jasper Faust

S/ J. Elliott, QU ExO

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State of South Carolina Richland District

On the 8th day of September in the year while Lord 1846 personally appeared before me Samuel R. Black one of the magistrates for the District and State aforesaid, Gasper Faust a resident of the District, and State aforesaid aged Eighty-six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 1st Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in Orangeburg District South Carolina on the 29th July 1760 --

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer Record lost.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer In Richland District State of South Carolina all the time since I was called into service --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was first a substitute for my father before the fall of Charleston under General Moultrie and General Pinckney at the time of the battle of Sullivan's Island afterwards drafted and served in Col. Thomas Taylor's Regiment of militia in the years 1781 and 1782.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

And served I went with Col. Joseph Kirkland and Col. Robert Goodwyn as a trooper on an expedition to Florida.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I received no discharge from the militia or if I did I do not recollect it now.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the

revolution.

Answer I am acquainted with J P Cook & Joseph A. Black Esquire. He also declares that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with General Moultrie and General Pinckney as a substitute for his father and served in Col. Pinckney's Regiment of militia as private footman and afterwards under General Williamson and General Lincoln at Augusta Georgia about three months -- then under Col. Joseph Kirkland and Col. Robert Goodwyn on an Expedition to Florida more than three months, then on and Expedition to Ninety Six Fort about two months, then under Col. Anderson [Robert Anderson] at Four Holes Swamp with Capt. Jacob Myers about two months, then in Orangeburg under Col. William Goodwyn two months then in Col. Thomas Taylor's Regiment of militia in 1782 three months and a half. He also declares that the whole amount of his service during the Revolutionary war was over two years though by reason of his age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than two years. He has now no living witness by whom to prove his statement of service the last one having recently died. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Gosper Faust

Gosper Faust

S/ Saml R. Black

[J. P. Cook, a clergyman, and Joseph A. Black gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 34: certificate dated September 9, 1846 from the Comptroller Generals office in Columbia South Carolina indicating the payments made to Gasper Foust Junior for militia service during the revolution.

Comptroller Genl's Office
Columbia S.C. September 9, 1846.

Book X,
indent 441 } I have the 24th August 1785 to Mr. Casper,
Faust Junr. for seven pounds 17th 1/2^d Sterling
for militia duty in 1781 & 1782 as per accoun-
-nt passed by the Commissioners
Print. L 7: 17: 1/2 d. chm. int. Co. 10: 11 d.

Book X
Account 441 } Mr. Casper Faust Junr.
for militia duty in 1781 &
1782 (viz) July 1st 1781 20 days as footman
in Col. Thomas Taylor's Regt. July 14th 1782
60 days as footman in the same. June 1st 1782
30 days as footman in the same, in all 110
days Sterling L 7: 17: 1/2 d.

I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records
in this Office
Chs Comptroller Genl.
J. Aug. Black Esq.

(No seal of office)

[p 12: Power of attorney dated October 28, 1852, given by Esther Faust, 81, in Richland District South Carolina; she states she is the widow of Gasper Faust, deceased, an applicant for a pension from the United States. She signed this document with her mark.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to Gasper Foust, Jr. pp12
Audited Account No. 2519
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[p 2] him No. 61
No. 441

Lib. [Book] X 26th of August 1785
Gasper Foust Junior, for 110 days in Militia in 1781 and 1782 at 10/[10 shillings old South Carolina] Currency per day

Charged	£6.17.1 ½
add more	<u>1</u> [Sterling]
Amt.	£7.17.1 ½

“The certifying and Attesting appeared to be the same writing.”
Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]
Passed TJ [?]

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State South Carolina

To Cosper Foust Junr. Dr. [Debtor] To Service

Done In Militia In Colonel Taylor's [Thomas Taylor's] Regiment
1781

July 1 st	To 20 Days as Footman at 10/per day	£10
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1782

Fby 14	To 60 Days as Footman at 10/	30
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1782

June 1 st	To 30 Days as Footman at 10	<u>15</u>
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Former Currency £55

£7.17.1 ½

I do Certify that the duty as mentioned Above was done

S/ Thos Taylor Colo.



Camden District} Before me Timothy Rives Esquire Personally appeared the above named
Cosper Foust and made oath That the above account against the public is Just and true and he
hath received no Part or Satisfaction for the above Service

Sworn to the 21st of August

1784 before me

S/ Timo Rives JP

S/ Gosper faust

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Jasper Faust

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Received 24 August 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 441 Book XI Order
S/ Christian kinsler

Christian kinsler

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January the 7th 1784

Gentlemen/

Please to send the indent to the Amount of my account against the public with the Interest thereon by Mr. Christian Kinseler and oblige your Very Humble Servant

S/ Casper foust junr.

Casper foust junr.

[p 6: Receipt dated March 19th 1849 reflecting the payment of \$60 as an annuity to Jasper Faust and bearing his signature as follows:

Jasper Faust.

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Petition of Esther Faust kept praying for a Pension

John H. Kinsler

Com. Pens.

Rejected

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State of South Carolina Richland District } To the Honorable the Speaker & members of House
of Representatives of South Carolina

The humble petition of Esther Faust respectfully Sheweth That she is the widow of Dr. Jasper Faust who died October 25 1849 and was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, was put on the State pension Roll in December 1846: that the facts of his Service may be found in detail in his petition⁷ together with the reasons of his being unable to get a pension from the United States & which reasons as your petitioner is now informed will prevent her from obtaining a pension from the General Government: Your petitioner is now Seventy Seven or Eight years old and was married to said Jasper Faust in February 1791, and is now left desolate aged and infirm and prays Your Honorable Body to take her case into consideration & Grant her the pension for her few remaining days together with the balance due her said husband up till the time of his death and as in duty bound she will ever pray

⁷ This document does not appear among the documents in this file.

S/ Esther Faust, X her mark

The facts stated above
sworn to before me
as Magistrate this the
18th November 1850
S/ John H Kinsler

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Report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions, on the report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives, on the Petition of Esther Faust praying to be placed on the Pension roll of this State and that the arrears of Pension due to Jasper Faust deceased be paid to her.

Dixon Barnes

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The Committee on the Military and Pensions to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Pensions, of the House of Representatives on the Petition of Esther Faust, praying to be placed on the Pension roll of this State, and that arrears of Pension, due to Jasper Faust deceased be paid to her ass leave to

Report:

That they have considered the same and recommend a concurrence there in

Respectfully submitted

S/ Dixon Barnes, Chairman

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The Committee on Pensions, to which was referred the Petition of Esther Faust, widow of Jasper Faust a deceased soldier of the revolution, & who was a pensioner of this State, praying that the arrears of Pension due to the said deceased at the time of his death be paid to her, and that her name be placed on the Pension roll of this State beg leave to report.

That said Jasper Faust was a soldier of the Revolution & a Pensioner of this State at the rate of sixty dollars per annum. He received his pension up to the first day of March 1849 and departed this life on 25 October 1849. The Petitioner was not married to the said Jasper at any time during his service, but in February 1791 – Your Committee therefore recommend that the arrears of Pension due to Jasper Faust at the time of his death and amounting to thirty nine dollars & sixteen cents be paid to the Petitioner and that her prayer to be placed on the Pension roll be rejected.

S/ G. W. Williams

Chairman