

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Fawcett Obediah
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[p2] Virginia certificate 7072
Obediah Fawcett private
Virginia Line two years
Issued 05Mar1819 @ \$8/mo

[p12] Virginia Hanover County to wit:

Obediah Fawcett, a resident citizen of the United States and of the County aforesaid, came before me, Thomas Tinley, presiding judge or Justice for the County aforesaid, and made oath, that he served two years as a soldier in the revolutionary War in the 7th Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment, commanded on the first instance by Capt Dangerfield. He well recollects that he enlisted on the 14th day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six under the late Genl Henry Young, at that rime 1st Lieutenant in Capt John Webb's company.

He states that he was in the several different actions of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine & German Town besides being in a number of smaller actions or skirmishes. He further states that he either lost his discharge or that it was entirely worn out in his pocket. Having faithfully served out the term of his enlistment, he was honorably discharged, at Valley Forge by Genl Woodford, the particular time he does not now remember. He further maketh oath that he never was on any pension list and that from his advanced age, bad health, and reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support. And it appearing to my satisfaction that the applicant served in the revolutionary war against the common enemy, and from my knowledge that

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that [sic] he is in reduced circumstances and, in absolute need of the assistance of his country for support.

I do hereby in pursuance of the 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." Certify and transmit the foregoing evidence to the Honorable Secretary of War.

Given under my hand this 13th day of May 1818

Ths Tinley

Annexed is additional testimony of the said Fawcett being a revolutionary soldier, and in such reduced circumstances as to require the aid of his country for support

Ths Tinley

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Routine county certification
William Pollard, clerk
John Pate JP
Thomas Tinley, judge

[p18] a cover addressed to
John Tyler, esq

A representative from Virginia in Congress.

Postal cancellation- Richd VA on Feb 21

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Hanover, near Richmond February 16th 1819

Dear sir,

Inclosed [sic] is certificate of the case of Obediah Fawcett, an old revolutionary soldier returned to me by the Secretary of War, endorsed as you will see (inadmissible, not on Continental establishment) This certainly is a mistake. The 7th Virginia was on Continental establishment. When I authenticated this case, I consulted Chief Justice Marshall. He knew the officers well, as recited by Fawcett in his affidavit & knows that the 7th Virginia Regiment was on Continental establishment. Fawcett attended with me at his office at the time his was authenticated. I don't know but what he belonged himself to the 7th Regiment himself. Will you be pleased, at my request, to speak to Mr. Marshall on the subject. He will readily recollect the circumstance, and will, I know, be prompt in aiding you in setting this thing right. From what I am informed, this poor old soldier can't live long to enjoy the pension, should he obtain it. In the other case (Gentry's) that I authenticated, the pension has been allowed. I had not the smallest doubt of the rejection of Fawcett's.

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Be pleased to let me hear from you as early as possible on this subject.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Your obedient Servt

Ths. Tinsley

P.S.

Direct to me, near Richmond

In the case of Genl Jackson, the result

Has been quite different to what I expected.

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Virginia Hanover County June 20th 1818

It is known to us that seeing the great scarcity which prevailed in the summer of the last year, that in the opinion of a society formed in the said county for the purpose of affording relief to those most in want, the said Obediah Fawcett was considered by the said society as requiring the aid of their charity and an allowance was made to him.

Benj Pollard

James B Clarke

Wm Gordon

Rich G Smith

Robert Lumpkin

William Pollard

[p22] certification of the p21 letter by Thomas Tinley, clerk

[p24-25] another petition by two dozen neighbors in behalf of Obediah Fawcett

Certified by John Pate JP

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Virginia Hanover County to wit:

Benjamin Kidd came before me, Thomas Tinley, a magistrate for the county aforesaid and made oath that he well knows that Obediah Fawcett was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

That he enlisted in Capt John Webb's Company in the 7th Regt. That he and the said Fawcett were near neighbors then residents of Essex County Virginia. He believes the said Fawcett faithfully served the term of his enlistment and made a good soldier. This he always understood.

Given under my hand

This 24th day of June 1818

Tho. Tinley

[The file also contains various papers regarding the rejected application of Obediah Fawcett's daughter, Sarah C. Austin, widow of Thomas Austin, for a pension based on the service of her deceased father and mother.]