

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Feagan R3473 Violet Feagan VA
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State of Ohio.

Fayette County. Ss.

On this 19th day of December in the year 1853 personally appeared in open court before the Probate Court in and for the County and State above named Edward Feagan aged 68 years who being duly sworn declares that he is a son and Administrator of the Estate of Violet Feagan dec. widow of Daniel Feagan who was a Lieutenant and Captain in the Virginia troops during the war of the Revolution.

That to the best of his knowledge and belief his father entered the service for and served during the war. That he first entered the service at Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Virginia in the latter part of the year 1776 as First Lieutenant and served as First Lieutenant until about October or November 1777 during which time he was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and soon after said battle he was commissioned as Captain and served as Captain until the close of the war, that his commission and discharge was in the possession of the family until about the year 1838 but cannot now

That his mother the above named Violet Feagan was married to the said Daniel Feagan in Loudon Co Virginia on or about the third day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty three, that her name before her said marriage was Violet Combs. that the said Daniel Feagan died at Brown County State of Ohio on or about the [blank] day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen and that his widow the above named Violet Feagan died in Fayette County Ohio on the fourteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty two (A.D. 1842) leaving the following named children. Fielden Feagan. Susannah Thompson. Edward Feagan. Franky Polk. Violet Arnold. and Willis Feagan all of whom are now living with the exception of Franky Polk Fielden Feagan. and that she remained a widow from the death of her husband until her own death.

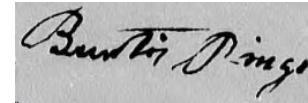
He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining for the benefit of himself and the other heirs above named the arrearages to which the above named Violet Feagan was entitled at her death under the provisions of the acts of Congress passed July 4, 1836. And he hereby constitutes and appoints Charles C. Tucker of Washington City D.C. his attorney to prosecute the beforementioned claim and to receive the the certificate of Pension that may issue therefor

Attest/ D. T. Mitchell/ Edward Thompson [signed] Edward Feagan

State of Kentucky } Sct
Mason County } [22 Dec 1846]

Personally appeared before me one of the justices of the peace in and for said county Burtis Bingo [sic: Burtis Ringo, pension application S31329] now in the Eighty fifth year of his age and being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and sayeth that he was well acquainted with Daniel Fagen in the State of Virginia Loudon County in the year 1776 and in the Spring of 76 and states that Danl Fagen was then a recruiting officer in the county louden and in the regular [i.e. Continental] Service and in the revolutionary Army the second lieutenant's name was Pollas Cooper. I well knew them both Fagen being first Lieutenant and Cooper Second Lieutenant Lieutenant Fagen soon got as many recruits as to fill his company went into actual service and joined the army I also knew Lieutenant Daniel Fagen as well as second Lieutenant Cooper was in the battle of Brandewine lieutenant Cooper was kiled Fagen survived that battle was in the fall of 1777 Soon after the battle of Brandewine Lieutenant Fagen was promoted to the office of Captain and served in the service untill the close of the war Captain Fagen did at the time of raising the Virginia State line either enter that line or was transfered to that line as I well know he was in and did served in the Virginia State line as I served in said line myself and know Capt. Fagen served

also in said line In Justice to Capt Fagen I can say he was as brave an officer as ever drew a sword and served as stated from the spring of 1776 to the close of the war



State of Ohio }
Brown County } Sct

On this the 1st day October 1853 before me a Notary Publick in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Edward Thompson aged seventy two years a resident of Brown County Ohio who being duly sworn according to law he declairs in the following words that I was will acquainted Captain Daniel Figgins or Feagan for twelve years intimately and personally but I knew him for at least twenty years alltogether but during all of that time I was not intimately acquainted with him. In the year seventeen hundred and ninty five or six I first saw him and in the years eighteen hundred and fourteen or fifteen he died. The first time that I saw him he was living in Mason County Kentucky and from there he mooved to what is now Brown County Ohio and from said County he and his family moved to what is now Fayette County Ohio and that was his home when he died but he died at his son in laws in Brown County Ohio. For twelve years before the death of said Figgins or Feagan I was intimately acquainted with him and all of his family his wifes name was Violet Figgins or Feagan and they had Eleven children which I knew Helby Figgins. Feildon Figgins. Daniel Figgins. Elisabeth Figgins. Lam Figgins. Susanna Figgins. Francis Figgins. Nancy Figgins. Edward Figgins. Violet Figgins, & Willis Figgins they are the lawful children of the said Daniel and Violet Figgins or Feagan I have often heard the said Daniel Figgins talking about his service in the Revolutionary War. I have heard him and Captain Robert Higgins (who was a reputed Capt in said war) often talking about their service in the Revolutionary War have heard them talking about the Battle of Brandywine and Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and a great many other thing that took place during their service in said war He said Figgins or Feagan has often told in my presence that he w a Captain in the Revolutionary War that in their marches through the country about the enemy tairing up the Bridges through the County that provision of ivery kind was verry scarce and I have heard him say that he has had to live on parched corn and shugar a many of a time during his service and I know that s'd Figgins or Feagan was always considered by all those who knew him as an old Captain in the Revolutionary war and from information that I have from him and other I believe he served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War.

I also knew his widow Violet Figgins or Feggan after her said husbands death she lived in Fayette County Ohio until she died and she lived many years after he died and I know she lived his widow after his death until her death and I know the oldest child of the said Violet and Daniel Figgins or Feggan that is now living is seventy three years old since twenty day of May last

[signed] Edward Thompson

State of Kentucky } SS:
Mason County }

On this 19th day of October A.D. 1853 before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid duly authorized by law to adminster oaths personally appeared William Ballenger aged seventy three years a resident of Mason County State of Kentucky who being duly sworn according to law declaires in the following words that I (William Ballenger) in the year Eighteen hundred and Eight I was married to the Grand-Daughter of Captain Daniel Feagan. And in this way I became acquainted with Captain Daniel Feagan. I also remember that I was at the house of said Captain Daniel Fegan he was then living in Fayette County in the state of Ohio at that time one of his daughters were married and a great many of said Daniel Feagan's Children an Grand-Children were there there at the marriage. The Old Man said Capt Daniel Feagan was then very talkative and was telling me a great many circumstances that had taken place during his lifetime with which he had been connected.

He told me he had served in the Revolutionary War, and a good many circumstances about his

service He also told me he received a Commission from Patric Henry then Geovener of Virginia [Patrick Henry, Governor 5 Jul 1776 - 1 Jun 1779] Commissioning him as Captain in the Revolutionary War, and I think in the Virginia State line. after the death of the said Captain Daniel Feagan, in the year eight teen hundred and thirty eight I and my son John F. Ballenger went over to Mrs Violet Feagan the widow of said Captain Daniel Feagan then living in Fayette County state of Ohio. And while there at that time she gave my son said John F. Ballenger the Commission, Discharge and Receipt of said Captain Daniel Feagan, as a Captain in the Revolutionary War. I had these papers in my hands at this time and read all of them, and recollect them distinctly. The Commission was on Parchment Commissioning Daniel Feagan a Captain in the Revolutionary war in the Virginia State line, and was signed by Patrick Henry Geovener of Virginia and it was dated somewhere between the years seventeen hundred and seventy six and seventeen hundred and seventy nine. His receipt was for sixteen or seventeen men and thirty stand of Arms delivered up to the Geovernment by the said Daniel Feagan and was signed by a Major but I do not remember his name I also saw his Discharge it was a written discharge but I do not recollect the officers name that was signed to it. At this time said Violet Feagan told me many circumstances about her Husbands service. That their Oldest son was sixteen years old when her husband was in the service, that he carried his clothes and other things to his father while in the service. She also told me that said Daniel Feagan volunteered first for three months as a private in the Revolutionary War and that he conducted himself so well for that time that Patrick Henry then told him if he would rais a volunteer Company he would give him the command of said Company as Captain in the service He did rais a Company and was Commissioned a Captain in the Revolutionary War by Patrick Henry. Said Daniel Feagan and violet Feagan his wife both told me that he served during the whole war and was in the service when peace was made. The said Captain Daniel Feagan and Violet Feagan were living together as man and wife the first time I saw either of them, and I became acquainted with them about one year before I was married, and I was married in eighteen hundred and eight Said Violet Feagan has also told me that Absolon Craig [Absalom Craig] my Father in Law and William Craig his Brother both served in said Captain Daniel Feagans Company, she also told me that at the time the said Daniel Feagan was in said service his family were living in Louden County in the state of Virginia and that she had to do the business of the Farm. The said Violet Feagan died in Fayette County in the state of Ohio. I also state that I have no interest in the application of the heirs of the said Captain Daniel Feagan to a Pension or any thin whatever. [signed] William Ballenger

State of Kentucky Ss.
Greenup County.

On this the 8th day of April in the year A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty four before me Thomas Abrams one of the Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Greenup and State of Kentucky personally appeared John Young [pension application S30811] aged ninety years a resident of Greenup County in the State of Kentuck who being first duly sworn according to law declaires that he is the identical John Young of Greenup County Kentucky who served in the War of the Revolution in the capacity of Express Rider for the American Army and served in that capacity from the month of May in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight to the close of the war that at the time he enlisted as express rider he was living in Spotsylvania County State of Virginia and carried the Dispatches of the American Army principally from Richmond by Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] to Alexandria Virginia back and forth and through the Country in that part of the State from one point or Station of the american army to the other and when required would ride on express south of Richmond into the State of North Carolina and at other times would cross the Potomac River in the north over into the States of Maryland and Pennsylvania. and for said Service he made application and received a Revolutionary Pension on the Kentucky Rolls. He also states that he was well acquainted with Capt Daniel Feagan formerly of Louden County Virginia whose children has made application for Revolutionary pension that the first time that he seen the said Daniel Feagan was in the Spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven at the town of Fredricksburg virginia he was then acting as recruiting officer

in the regular service and would receive recruits whenever he could get them to join him. and seen him recruiting at different times and places acting a First Lieutenant. and in the Spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight he made up a Company of Soldiers and then he took the command of them as captain and served as captain in the Continental line as long as he John Young knows any thing about his service and after he took command of said Company he seen him camped at Fredricksburg on his march toward Richmond to join the main army under Gen Marquis Lafayette in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight [sic: see endnote] and that he seen him at different times and places in the American Army under General Marquis D. Lafayette in command of his Company marching South to Richmond and when the army got to Richmond the Brittish army under Lord Cornwallis came in pursuit of them [sic: Cornwallis, 27 May 1781] and then the commenced a retreat north and in said retreat he remembers one circumstance which took place while he John Young was retreating with the said army some ten days after the army had began a retreat from richmond it ocured in the knight a verry hard storm of Rain and [illegible word] overtook the army, there was a great deal of Thunder and lightning at the same time it was so Scaire[?] that the horses that was hauling the Cannon became frightened and ran away with the Cannon through a lane when the Regt to which said Capt Daniel Feagan's Company belonged was marching and the men in Feagans Company became badly scared and a number of his men broke ranks and run and I recollect that it was some time before Captain Feagan could collect his men to go on with the march. they thinking the Brittish army had overtaken them. this took place about fifty miles north of Richmond near a place known then as Scotch Town [Scotchtown in Hanover County; see endnote]. And he thinks that Captain Dan'l Feagans Company belonged to the Regt commanded by Colonel Merryweather [sic: Meriwether] and he knows that Col Merryweather comanded a Regt in this army under Gen Lafayette He also knows that Colo [George] Stubblefield, Anderson and Muhlenburg [sic: Gen. Peter Muhlenberg] belonged to Layfaetts army. He also remembers annother circumstance which took place during said retreat after the American Army had crossed Pamunkey River Gen Layfeatt ordered Col Merryweather to station the Companys under his comand at the ford where the American army had crossed Pamonkey River in order to keep the Brittish army from crossing and at that time said Capt Daniel Feagan together with his company under his comand amounting to Seventy or Eighty Men was then under said Col Merryweather and and was left in defense of said ford and he John Young was there at said tim and while there Col Tarlton and all his Regt [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] came to the ford Tarlton rode down on the Bank of said River and he John Young asked the permission of Col Merryweather to take a musket that stood nearby and try to shoot Col Tarlton but Merryweather would not allow him to shoot. Tarlton did not cross the River and that knight Merryweather started together with the troops under his command and joined Gen Layfett at Mattaponi Bridge and then the army marched on and joined the the other Divission of the army under Gen Wayne at Yellow Church in Culpepper Co [sic: Culpeper County; see endnote] Va and then the army recrossed the Rappahannock River [sic: Rapidan River] at Raccoon ford and continued a slow march back to Richmond. and all of this time Capt Feagan commanded a Company as captain, and the army reach Richmond about the months of July or August [sic: 21 June] in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one and Capt Feagan commanded a company a compay during the Siege of York Town and after taking Cornwallace and his army [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] Feagan marched with the Brittish Prisoners into the State of Maryland he seen him on said march and he often seen Capt Feagan during the Siege of York Town that he was intimately acquainted with Capt Feagan and when he would come into camp with his express he would hunt up Capt Feagan because they were intimate friends and he knows that Feagan took a verry active part in said Siege. that he was a verry industrious and brave officer and always done his part. He also states that after said Capt Dan'l Feagan marchd with the Brittish prisinors into Maryland he afterwards seen him in Phillidelphia acting as captain in the Service at the time the said prisinors was surrendered up. He further states positively that he knows that said Capt Daniel Feagan served as recruiting officer and as first Lieutenant from the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven to the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight and from that time he served in actual service as Captain in the Continental line up to the time the Brittish prisoners

was delivered up at Philadelphia. He also states that he John Young removed from Virginia to the State of Kentucky in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven and settled in Woodford County that in the year seventeen hundred and ninety he was in Mason Co Kentucky on business and at that time he seen the said captain Daniel Feagan in the town of Washington in said County and Feagan was at that time living in Mason County Kentucky and at another time he seen him in said County near the town of Germantown and another time he seen him at Simon Kentons Station [3 mi SW of Maysville] in said County and at each time had conversation with him and he is the identical Capt Daniel Feagan that perform the beforementioned service. He also states that he has no interest in the claim of the heirs of the said Capt Danl Feagan to a Pension.

John hisXmark Young

Pension Office/ May 6 1854

Sir The case of Violet Feagan dec'd. widow of Daniel of Ohio – Act July 4 1836 cannot be allowed without the production of record proof corroborating the allegations of the applicant. The testimony of John Young of Ky cannot be regarded as of much weight. His pension has been suspended because he is not believed to have served as he alleged.

NOTES:

Gen. Marquis de Lafayette arrived in Virginia in March 1781.

The incident near Scotchtown described by John Young was called by several pension applicants “the running tour.”

Gen. Anthony Wayne joined Lafayette at Brock’s Bridge on North Anna River near Monrovia in Orange County on 10 June 1781.

According to J. T. McAllister’s *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War*, Daniel Feagan took the oath as Captain of the Loudoun County Militia on 11 May 1778. An 11 Oct 1853 letter from the Virginia Auditor’s Office states that they had no record of Feagan having served in the Continental Line, and that they would have no record of militia service. A search of the pension transcripts shows several who mention serving under Capt. Daniel Feagan.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Loudoun County on 3 Feb “in the third year of his Majesty’s Reign” by “Daniel Feagins” and Christopher Metcalfe for the marriage of Feagan to Violet Combes, “spinster.”

On 1 Oct 1853 William Thompson stated that Violet Feagan had told him that “Gen George Washington was often at their house and her husband and Gen Washington was often together,” and that Daniel Feagan died near Georgetown OH. On 19 Oct 1853 John F. Ballenger stated that Daniel Feagan was his great grandfather, and that his commission and other papers had been sent to the War Department to obtain a pension, but had been lost.

Sarah Upp of Loudoun County stated that Violet Combes (who was usually called Letty)... was the daughter of old Joe Combes.”

Some documents in the 95-page file are not transcribed.