

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Feely John

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*Edited by Will Graves in italics*

State of Virginia

County of Pulaski to wit:

On this eighth day of June in the year 1843 personally appeared before the county court of said county of Pulaski in open court, John Feely, a resident of said County of Pulaski in the state of Virginia, aged seventy eight years the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November last (1842), who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and served two tours of three months each as a private of militia, each tour. Affiant's first tour was under Captain Adam Heiskill [*Adam Hiskill*]. Said Heiskill's company (being a part of the regiment of Frederick County Virginia) was ordered out in the month of February 1781. This affiant thinks for the purpose of guarding the British prisoners there in Winchester, and this affiant was one of the company so ordered out and served the full three months in guarding the said prisoners, partly in Winchester and partly in Lancaster Pennsylvania to which latter place the said prisoners were removed before the expiration of the three months having been escorted by said company. And affiant being one under the said Captain and major John Gilkerson according to affiant's present recollection. Col. John Smith had the command of the regiment of Frederick County Virginia during this three months, but affiant thinks that he took no active part in the service in which he was engaged. Affiant was discharged at the end of the three months in the month of May 1781 and returned home to Frederick County where he resided. And was again ordered into service some time in the month of August following under Captain George Bell, and proceeded with said company to join the main body of the army in the eastern part of the state of Virginia and continued in active service for the full three months till after the siege of York and the capture

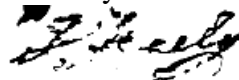
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of Cornwallis [*October 19, 1781*], where affiant was. After which affiant's company with other troops, were marched to Winchester with prisoners, and after the end of the three months, were discharged. During this tour, after affiant's company joined the body of the army, his company was placed under Col Dark [*William Darke*] & continued in his regiment till after the siege of York. From York to Winchester, affiant thinks that the regiment was commanded by Col Edmondson. He does not recollect Col Edmondson's Christian name or Col Dark. Affiant continued to reside in the county of Frederick till the year 1802 when he removed to the neighborhood where he now lives, being there in Wythe County, but now Pulaski County. Affiant received a written discharge from service from each of his captains at the close of the tours named above, but never preserved them and does not know where either one is. Affiant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency for any state.

Sworn to and subscribed

In open court, the same

s/ J. Feely



Being a court of record, the

Day and year first aforesaid

[Routine county certification  
William B. Charlton, clerk  
John Calfee, JP

*[p 5: Iby Feely, 86, Frederick County neighbor and sister of the applicant, gave testimony on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1843 in Pulaski County Virginia gave testimony in support of the applicant confirming his statements regarding his services. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]*

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28Feb1854 Pulaski County claim via William J Jordan attorney for Margaret Howe, daughter of deceased John Feely certified by Lynch J Currin, clerk. *The statement is made that Margaret Howe is the only living child of the veteran.*

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*State of Virginia Pulaski County: to wit*

*On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1843 before the subscriber Hy Wysor [Henry Wysor]<sup>1</sup> a resident of said County of Pulaski aged eighty-eight years & two months and two weeks and [too] inform to attend a Court of record being a man of good standing and respectability and entitled to full credit on oath: Who being first duly Sworn on his oath says that he is well acquainted with John Feely a resident of said County of Pulaski who as he is informed is an applicant for a pension for service as a soldier of the revolutionary War that he this affiant was drafted sometime before the taking of Lord Cornwallis & that said John Feely was drafted about the same time and served in the same Militia company with him commanded by Captain George Bell, this affiant believes said John Feely served the whole of the three months with him all the time except a few days before the expiration of the three months for which said Feely was drafted at which time this affiant took sick and got a permit to return home. This affiant & John Feely were both at Little York when Lord Cornwallis was taken. He was well acquainted with said John Feely then and has been for the last 40 years about which time said Feely moved to this part of the country and well knows that it is the same John Feely that served with him.*

*S/ Henry Wysor, X his mark*

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Congressman H. A. Edmundson of Salem/Roanoke 10Jan1852 expediting the pension office re/dependant's claim.

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06Aug1843 letter from John Feely to Commissioner Edwards that he knows of no more available proof of service and appeals that the Iby Freely and Henry Wysor evidence should be sufficient.

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<sup>1</sup> [Henry Wysor S7854](#)

Pulaski County Virginia Aug<sup>t</sup> 6 - 1843

Sir

Yours of the 29 of July I have received Asking some more  
Proof as a Soldier in the war of the Revolution you have the  
best that I can give as time has removed all others from me  
that served with me or was a guard with me but the  
Two that is before you - The Reason for not making applica-  
tion sooner, I did not no till some time back that I  
could draw unless I had served a year in the service  
If the proof of the Two is not admitted by the Justice of the  
County please to let me no I think the Court will say they  
are good and to in good harmony in the County  
I hope you will let me here from soon & say if the  
Court will ~~admit~~ establish the Case of the  
~~the~~ witnesses that you have and I would be very glad  
with you to let me no please Excuse my blots as my hands shake  
Best & Hope you will allow me what I am Entitled  
to and I remain your Obedient & True Servant

J. Feely

Thos. J. L. Edwards  
Comm. Pension

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19Jul1843 letter to Commissioner J. L. Edwards from John Feely asking how to begin receiving pension after filing all the necessary information.

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09Jun1843 letter from John Feely to Commissioner J. L. Edwards from Draper Valley VA asking requesting his pension certificate.

[Ed note: Draper's Meadow was the location for Judge Draper of Fincastle County VA. His paper were part of his grandson's, historian Lyman C. Draper, collection of documents microfilmed to preserve some history of Fincastle County and the Revolution from across the Blue Ridge.]

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Letters from Congressmen A. S. Fulton and W. Faulkner expediting the pension office re/John Feely pension.