

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Ferguson Edmond (Edmund) Elizabeth Ferguson VA R3501 f37VA
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[p3] 23Apr1782 transcribed certificate of marriage of Edmund Ferguson to Elizabeth Fuqua at Littleton Parish, Cumberland County Virginia. by Miller Woodson, clerk.

[p5] Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838 entitled An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows-
State of Virginia, Buckingham County to wit:

On this second day of March 1842 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid, Elizabeth Ferguson, a resident of said county and state, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows –

That she is the widow of Edmond Ferguson late of the said county and state, who was a regular in the continental and militia service in Virginia in the war of the revolution. She declares that she know nothing personally in regard to the services of her late husband in the war having married him subsequent to the expiration of the last period of his service. She often heard him speak of his services and also others who served with him and that he was in actual service a considerable length of time and was engaged in several battles and suffered and endured many hardships and privations. All of which she honestly believes to be thru and correct. That from bodily infirmity old age and the consequent loss of memory she cannot call to recollection the particulars of her husband's services as detailed by him in his lifetime. She therefore prefers to depend on

[p6] the statements of competent and credible old soldiers who served with him, to any statement that she could make on the subject. That for the same reason she cannot state precisely how long he was in actual service altogether but supposes that he served at the least five years as a Regular and three months as a militiaman, for she has frequently heard him say that he was in the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781] for which length of time she claims a pension. In support of her claim she refers to the army records of the period and the accompanying certificates.

She further declares that she was married to the said Edmond Ferguson on the 23rd day of April 1782; that her husband the aforesaid Edmond Ferguson died on the 26th January 1828. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated.

Elizabeth Ferguson x her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, this 2nd day of March 1842.

Benj D. Anderson J.P.

[routine county certification
Benjamin D Anderson JP
William Macey, neighbor
George Chambers, neighbor
John Ayers, JP

Rolfe Eldridge county clerk

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At a court held for Buckingham County at the court house on Monday the 11th day of November 1844

The Declaration of Elizabeth Ferguson widow of Edmund Ferguson decd claiming a pension under that act of 7th July 1838 and sworn to before Benjamin D. Anderson a justice of the peace in and for the said county was presented and read to the court and approved and the court doth order the same to be certified, that the proceedings had before the single justices Benjamin D Anderson and John Ayers are regular & doth further order the same to be certified to the secretary of war.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office this 12 day of November
Rolfe Eldridge CBC

[p10] State of Virginia

County of Buckingham

On this thirteenth day of February AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty four personally appeared before me John C Teemer a justice of the peace duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the county and state aforesaid Thomas Ferguson, a resident of the county and state aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is lawfully one of the heirs of Edmund Ferguson dec^d a Revolutionary soldier whose widow Elizabeth Ferguson made an application for a pension in her life time and was rejected. That his father and the said Elizabeth had none children to wit: Jude, Joel, Nancy, Edmund, Benjamin, Ryal, Mary, W^m S and Thomas this deponent. That there are now only five of them living to wit: Nancy Grizzle, who was Nancy Ferguson, Ryal Ferguson, Mary W Taylor who was Mary W Ferguson, William S Ferguson and Thomas Ferguson this deponent as aforesaid all of whom are now the surviving children of the said Edmund and Elizabeth Ferguson. That the said Edmund Ferguson was a revolutionary soldier as he doth verily believe and as his mother set forth in her declaration but in what company or regiment he served he is not able to say but believes he served in Captains Ballow and Shelby Company

[p 11] for over three years. He however believes that his mother set forth more inaccurately the service in her declaration for a pension than he could unless he had the aid of the rolls which will more clearly set forth his service and *upon* which he places more reliance. He further states that his mother, the said Elizabeth departed this life on the 16th day of May 1847 [*last digit very faint*] ¹evidence of which is herewith accompanied of respectable witnesses who saw her die and were present at her burial. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension due the children of the said Edmund Ferguson dec^d by virtue of the services he rendered his country in the Revolutionary War and desires that the application of his own sight and in behalf of others shall be filed under such act or acts as his attorney shall think advisable to obtain the full and complete _____ [lower margin illegible] interested.

[p12] and would now particularize the act of the 4th of July 1836 under which they claim subject to such other subsequent acts as his said agent and attorney may sue under.

Thomas Ferguson

[county certification by Jno C Turner J.P.

P12 certification of Rolfe Eldridge, county clerk for

Fred B Scruggs JP

¹ Other documents in the file indicate the widow died May 16, 1845.

James Meador, witness
Thomas Johnson, witness
John C Turner JP]

[p14] The affidavit of Bartholomew Cyrus² of Appomattox County, State of Virginia (aged eighty years) who states that he enlisted in the Regular Army in the Virginia line on Continental establishment either in the year 1776 or 1777 in the month of September and served under Capt. Saml Woodson and first belonged to the 15th Va Regiment and then attached to the 2nd Va Regiment and Edmond Ferguson belonged to the same company and acted as sergeant. This affiant went from the county of Chesterfield and said Edmond Ferguson from either Powhatan or Cumberland Virginia in the latter part of the winter 1779 or the first of the winter 1780 this affiant was left behind at Fredericktown State of Maryland to bring up some of the sick while the other part of the company including said Edmond Ferguson marched to the south. The said Ferguson was attached to Genl Woodford's Brigade which was marched to Charles Town State of South Carolina to the aid of General Lincoln. This affiant was not there at the time Charles Town was taken by the British but was still behind with the sick but the company to which said Ferguson belong [sic] was taken prisoners and said Ferguson was included. This affiant knew said Ferguson in the army about three years during which time he acted as Sergeant.

Bartholomew Cyrus x his mark

[certified by Wm Trent JP 19May1845]

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The declaration of John Fuqua of Fluvanna County Virginia (taken in Buckingham County Va) aged 75 years to establish the pension claim of Elizabeth Ferguson the widow of Edmond Ferguson who states that he knew said Ferguson before he enlisted in the Revolutionary War. He then lived in the County of Cumberland Virginia the same Edmond Ferguson enlisted in the Army of the United States for five years and this affiant believes he enlisted in the year 1777 and is certain that it was either seventeen hundred and seventy seven or eight. This affiant had a brother entered the service about the same time though as a drafted militiaman and said Ferguson did not return until after the siege of Charleston in South Carolina and was taken prisoner at that place and this affiant believes he returned in the year 1781 and was afterwards married to this affiant's sister the present widow of Edmond Ferguson in some short time after his return from the army.

John Fuqua

[p20] certification by county clerk Rolfe Eldridge

[p29] The affidavit of Hopper Ward³ of the county of Fluvanna State of Virginia (aged ninety two years) who states that he enlisted in the regular army in the Virginia line on Continental establishment and first served under Capt Samuel Woodson then under Capt Nathaniel Morris and was taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina and Edmond Ferguson was a regular in the same company and was taken prisoner at the same time and place acting as sergeant.

Hopper Ward x his mark

[certification 23Feb1844,
Wm B Shepherd JP
Abraham Shepherd Jr, Clerk
T. W. Omohundro, JP]

² [Bartholomew Cyrus W25467](#)

³ [Hopper Ward S38457](#)