

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Furguson R3502

VA

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State of Virginia Franklin County silicit [sic: scilicet]

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1835 personally appeared before the county court of Franklin county George Furguson a resident of said county of Franklin and State of Virginia aged to the best of his recollection about Seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration on order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. This applicant says he was born in Fauquier county Virginia. That he removed with his fathers family to Henry County now Franklin where he has since & now resides. That in the year 1781 he has forgot the month he was in Heny County drafted into a company of militia for three months commanded by Capt George Hairston and Ensign corn [Jesse Corn, pension application W909] & was marched to Guilford County North Carolina. A few days after the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] the company joined Gen'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army and was attached to Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson's brigade in a regiment commanded by Colo [St. George] Tucker and Maj'r Holcum [sic: John Holcombe]. They marched with the main army to Ramsey's Mill on Deep river. At Ramsey's Mill they were attached to Col Lee's infantry [infantry of Henry Lee's Legion] and were marched to Cape fear [sic: Cape Fear River] North Carolina and then he was discharged – In writing this discharge he has long since lost or mislaid in the summer or fall of said year 1781 he was again drafted in said County of Henry into a company of Militia commanded by Swinfield Hill Capt Hughes Woods [Hugh Woods] Lieut't and Wm Woods [William Woods] Ensign and was marched to various places finally to Yorktown Va where the company joined the main army commanded by his Excellency Gen'l Washington. The company was attached to a regiment commaned by Colo Skipworth [sic: Henry Skipwith]; and participated in the Siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. After the surrender of Cornwallis this applicant and the company to which he belonged were discharged. The discharge was in writing, – this discharge he has also lost. This applicant expressly avers that the term for which he was drafted both time was three months and that he faithfully served as above stated, and was honourably discharged. He has no documentary testimony but Josiah Woods Esq'r. [R11831] & Lewis Davis [S8280] two respectable men living in Franklin served both tours above with him & he refers to their testimony to support this declaration. This applicant is well known to many respectable people in Franklin County and can safely refer to them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Role or any agency in any state.

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

George Furguson

Franklin County Sct

This day Josiah Woods Esq'r. & Lewis Davis appeared before me a magistrate of s'd County & made oath that they have examined the declaration of George Ferguson this day made in the county court of Franklin and as they served with said George Ferguson they each on their oaths state that s'd Ferguson served as he alledges – Given under my hand & seal this 5<sup>th</sup> July 1835

[signed] Moses Greer

NOTE: A note in the file reads "Sus[pended]: see let. to the Hon N H Claiborne Dec 14 1835." The file does not include the letter, but according to the publication *Rejected or Suspended Applications for Revolutionary War Pensions* (Washington, D.C.: 1852), the suspension was "For proof of further service." In fact, however, service of six months was sufficient for a pension, and the evidence of his service complied with the regulations of the Pension Office.