

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gabriel Ferrel (Ferrell) R3514

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[State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County]

On this __ day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina now sitting Gabriel Ferrell aged 73 years and after being duly sworn agreeable to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

I was born in the State of Virginia in the year 1760.

I entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 October as a volunteer for twelve months under Captain Tilman Dixon [Tilghman Dixon], Lieutenant Charles Dixon, Major Donahue [Thomas Donoho] and Col. Hall Dixon [Henry Dixon]. We marched under these officers to Guilford and was in the battle there [March 15, 1781], was then marched to Hillsboro and remained there two weeks and then was marched through Salisbury [to] Charlotte and there I was one of thirty who was ordered to guard 80 British Prisoners which we guarded on to Salisbury and there delivered them agreeable to our orders. We then returned through Charlotte and on to Camden where I was taken sick. The rest of the army went on & joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] before the Battle of Eutaw Springs, S. C [September 8, 1781]. My sickness was sore, near to death, and after I recovered, I returned to Caswell County and got a discharge for Twelve months service, which time I fully served. I served but the one tour of twelve months, as a private soldier. I have no documentary evidence to establish my claim not thinking it necessary to preserve my discharge.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 and declare my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

Interrogatories put by the Court:

Where were you born & in what year [?]

I was born in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of Virginia

Have you any record of your age [?]

No, I have lost it but recollect seeing it in a family Bible.

When & where did you enter the service of the United States [?]

In the County of Orange, N. Carolina.

Where do you now reside [?]

In the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina, where I have lived for near forty years.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court the 28th day of May 1833.

S/ Gabriel Ferrell, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

This day Moses Christenbury aged 65 years and after being duly sworn sayith [sic] on oath that he lived in Caswell County State of North Carolina within one mile of Gabriel Ferrell the above named applicant and perfectly recollects of his leaving home & going into the army and being absent for something more than twelve months.

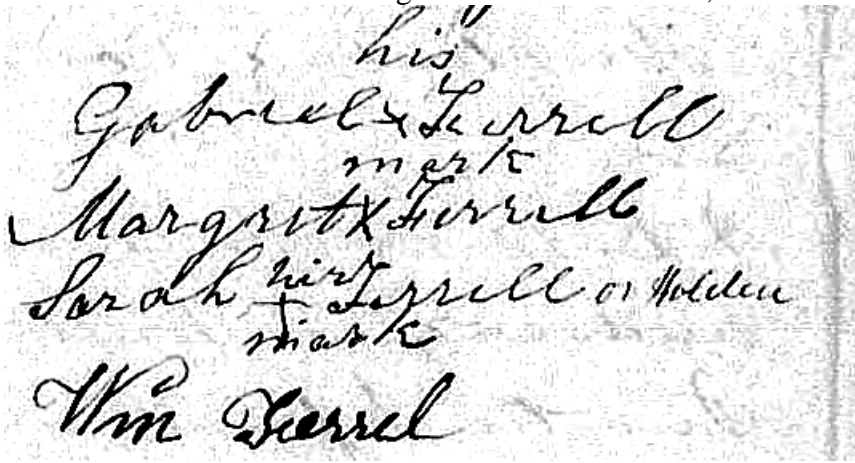
S/ Moses Christenbury, C his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8th day of June 1833

S/ Samuel Doherty, J. Peace

[p 4: Walter S. Pharr, a clergyman, and James Doherty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On June 15, 1852, in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Gabriel Ferrel, William Ferrel, Sarah Holden & Margaret Ferrel all was in Mecklenburg County North Carolina filed a claim for the pension benefit due their mother as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; they made oath that they are the children of Nancy Ferrel the widow of Gabriel Ferrel who was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$40 per annum for his revolutionary war services; that their mother married their father on the ___ day of ___ 17___; that their father died June 5, 1845 and that their mother, Nancy died March 6, 1848; that their mother remained a widow after the death of their father. Gabriel Margaret and Sarah Ferrell Holden all sign their name with an X, William signed his name "Wm Ferrel."



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Gabriel Ferrell
mark
Margaret Ferrell
Sarah Ferrell or Holden
mark
Wm Ferrel

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]