

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Folk R3626

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State of Tennessee Franklin County

On this 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord 1852 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County William Folk and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration. That he is now ninety years old past, That he entered the Service of the United States in the War of the Revolution in the year 1779 or 1780 in Union District in the State of South Carolina, and continued in the service up to the close of the war of the Revolution. That he first entered the Service under Captain James Thomas and Lieutenant Daniel Mabry, and at another time he Served under Captain Pearson that this Service affiant thinks was in South Carolina Line as in the kind of service that affiant cannot now recollect, Affiant further declares that he was at the Battle of the Black Stocks [sic, Blackstocks, November 20, 1780], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & Baiders [sic] Bridge [Bacon's Bridge?] That he continued in the Service for three years and at the time he quit the Service he was stationed at Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina that he has no documentary evidence by which to prove his Service having lost his discharge many years past, and that being the reason he has not made application for a pension at an earlier day and hoping that he might meet with someone that served with him, but being disappointing in finding any one that Served with him, and old age bearing him down he being now unable to work, he has concluded to try the best traditionary evidence that he can produce and refers the department to the proof accompanying this declaration for proof of Service.

Affiant further declares that he is not on the pension Rolls of any State, and that he hereby relinquishes all other claim to a pension but this. 23rd day of June 1852

S/ William Folk, X his mark

[attested by]

James B. Foster, JP

[p 7: On March 7, 1853, James Bledsoe and Charles Wood, both of Franklin County, Tennessee, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On March 14, 1853, Mrs. Mary Adcock, 80, of Franklin County, Tennessee, gave testimony that she was raised in Union District SC and knew William Folk there and that he always enjoyed the reputation of having been a soldier of the Revolution while residing there and she never heard it doubted; that he returned from the service from NC to his home in Union District.

William Adcock

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[p 11, is a power of attorney dated March 14, 1853, given by William Folk to Taze W. Newman, to pursue his claim for a pension. In this document, Folk states:

“I having served in the war of the Revolution in the States of North and South Carolina for three years -- most of my Service being in North Carolina though I resided in South Carolina near the line of the two states -- and having never applied for a pension until recently owing to my being unable to prove my service -- I must refer to the records on file for the proof of my services and to the proof my attorney may make in the same.”]

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State of Tennessee Franklin County

Be it known that on this 6th day of August in the year while Lord 1853 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above mentioned William Folk an old Citizen of said County aged 95 years past and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration. That he was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution. That he entered the Service in Union district in the State of South Carolina under Captain Thomas and Lieutenant Mabry -- that he marched into North Carolina thence was in service in that State under the above named Captain and marched in North Carolina was in the Battle of Black Stocks -- and also at a small battle at the Waxhaw Settlements and the commanding officer was named Buford [Abraham Buford, Battle of the Waxhaws or Buford's Defeat, May 29 1780] and he thinks this was in the year 1780 -- he only having been in service a short time -- some five or six months at this time -- again he having remained in Service continually he was at the Battle of the Cowpens under Captain Thomas -- soon after said battle he marched into North Carolina joining General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] portion of the Army at the Catawba River -- and was then at the Battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] -- and continued in service in North Carolina being stationed for a while at Hillsborough and from there he marched to Salisbury in North Carolina and remained at that place for a considerable time and [indecipherable word or words] with a Company he marched to Ninety Six in South Carolina Affiant thinks this was in the year 1782 -- he was then marched back to North Carolina and was at Raleigh and was in the Service up to sometime in 1783 when he was discharged in Halifax and returned to his home in Union District South Carolina affiant's service was performed in North Carolina that is most of his service, he being but little in his own State -- that the discharge he received has been lost -- he is confident of the above service he having served in the revolutionary war for three years -- or more this length of time. That the reason he has never applied for a pension before lately was that he hoped to find some of his companions who served with him but having moved to Tennessee at a very early day and having never seen any one of the old soldiers who served with him and having no papers by which to establish his service he hopes to find the record of the same, he should not even now apply only he is old and feeble unable now to work and is very poor -- and knowing that he served his Country long and he hopes faithfully -- he now must rely on it for a support having never been paid for his service only the monthly pay which was small for he sold his certificates of pavement immediately after his service therefore he relies on the Justice of his claim and hopes that the fact of his applying at so late a day will not be taken against him, for he has

always been poor -- though by hard work he could (until old age forced him to keep from it) make a living, but now he has no means of support and is unable to do anything -- and no one would take up the business for him -- unless he could find witnesses who served with him -- though he has for many years tried different persons -- urging at all times the Justice of his claim and the truth of his Service -- he further declares he is not now nor never has received a pension from the Government in any way and is unable to attend Court.

S/ William Folk, X his mark

[attested by] S/ James B. Foster, JP

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State of North Carolina
Comptrollers Office

I, William S. Clarke Comptroller of public accounts
in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify
that it appears of record in my office among
the payments made to sundry persons
for Military services in the Revolutionary
war, as follows to wit:

" William Folk."				
Book F. No 2	Page 76	\$33.45. do	Specie	
" " 18 "	" 11	\$7.28 "	"	"
" " 14 "	" 14	\$4.16. do	"	"
" " 24 "	" 73	\$22.13. do	"	"

Indent or army certificate issued by auditors of Salisbury
District No 217 June 1782. \$6.40. do Specie
Ditto No. 4203 September 1782 \$7.15. do Specie
Ditto No. 2893 - 1783 \$6.44. do Specie

In testimony whereof I have hereto
subscribed my name and affixed
the seal of said Office July 26th
1854.

Wm. S. Clarke, Comptroller