

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Dogens Forester (Forrister) R3668 Mary Forester VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 16 Feb 2014.

State of Illinois } Ss on this fourth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty seven
Hamilton County } before the subscriber one of the Judges of the County commissioners of said
County personally appeared Mary or Molly Forrister a resident of said County aged ninty seven years old
who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to
obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of congress passed July 7 1838 March the 3 1843
and June 17 1844 granting pensions and half pay to certain widows – that she is the widow of John
Dogens Forrister who was a privet soldier in the army of the Revolution and served in the whole as much
at least as two years that he entered the service as near as she can remember in the fall or winter of
seventeen hundred and seventy five [or seven; not clear] as a drafted soldier in the state of Virginia
Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County and was in the army it seems more than one half of his time he would
be at home a while and then would be taken of to the army again cant remember how often he went nor
the length of each tour but think it was generally three month at a time and she thinks he went under capt
William Cirtly [sic: William Kirtley] all the time or every time he went out to the army – he said John D
Forrister was born in Culpepper County Virginia about the year 1750 and lived there until after the end
of the war he never applyed for a pension. after the war he moved to Roberson [sic: Robertson] County
Tennessee and in october 1815 he died there

we the said John D Forrister and she Mary Forrister was married July 17 seventeen hundred and
sixty eight in the said County of Culpepper by the Reverend Mr Midlrem a clergyman of the Church of
England by proclamation and she still remains his widow. we have a family record written by my said
husband John D Forrister some forty or forty five years ago and has been in our possession from that date
up to this it was written on the white leaves of a bible and are now marked A H cant remember any
thing about a discharge – my maid name was Mary Jollett.
She further declares she was married to the said John D Forrister previous to the commencement of the
war and that it was on the time above mentioned to wit the 17 of July seventeen hundred and sixty eight
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day and date above mentioned Mary herXmark Forrister
John G. Millspaugh J.C.C.H.C.

State of Illinois } SS be it known that on this day of December 1847 before the subscriber one of the
Hamilton County } judges of the County Commissioner cort in and for said County personally
appeared John Forrister who being of lawful age and first deuely sworn doth on his oath say that he was
born 28 of August 1783 in Culpepper County Virginia and is now 64 years old – that John Dagan
Forrister above named in the foregoing Declaration was also a citizen of Culpepper County Va the
earliest recolection of said Deponent until he left that country in the year of 1787 that he always
understood both from said John D Forrister and others that said Forrister had served for as much as two
years in the service in the State of Virginia on account of her Revolutionary forces and this deponent has
always understood and believes that the said John D Forrister was born in said County and State and was
in his lifetime the husband of the above named Mary Forrister whoes maden name was Mary Jollett and
who now clames a pension and that he first knew them as man and wife as early as he remembers any
other event of his boyhood and that by January 1794 they the said John D and Mary Forrister had nine
children living and the oldest was about twenty five years old
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day and date above written [signed] John Forester
John G Millspaugh J.C.C.H.C.
[Lucy Bolenjack made a similar statement

State of Georgia } SS

Rabun County } Be it known that on the sixth day of March Eighteen hundred and forty eight before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County & State personally appeared Fielding Forrister who after being duly sworn saith that he was seventy eight years old last June and that he of his own knowledge knows that his Father John Forrister & husband to his deponants mother Mary Forrister did in the year seventeen hundred & seventy seven or seventeen hundred & seventy eight join the army of the United States in the war of the Revolution in Captain Kirkly's Company and was attached to the Sixth Regiment of infantry (the Colonels name not recollected by deponant) and that the said John Forrister served as much as eight months in said Capt Kirkly's Company whilst it was attached to the said sixth regiment & that the said John Forrister then lived in Culpeper County Virginia & done a large portion of his said eight months servis in said County that deponant altho at that time a boy has a distinct recollection of his father's going to Albemarl County to guard the British [British and Hessians captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781] also that he assisted in collecting and driving Cattle for the Army in Culpeper County this deponant further saith that he recollects that on one occation his (deponants) father was detailed by his officers to make flour Barrels for the army and further deponant saith that at the expiration of the said John Forristers time of service he (deponant) took his fathers horse to him to ride home from the army
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year first above written [signed] Fielding Forester
John F. Marshburn

NOTE:

The family record is damaged and difficult to read, but a transcription is attempted below.

John Forester Was Born in the year 1750 and was Married in the year 1768 July the 17 day

Fielding Forester Was Born June the 10 1769

Delphy Forester Was Born oct the 4 1771

Lydda Forester was Born august the 22 1775

Jonathan Forester was Born November 16 1778

John Forester Was Born august 28 1783

[?]ley Forester Was Born July 12 178[?]

Joel Forester Was Born July the 16 178[?]

James Forester Was Born June 14 1791

Lucy Forester Was Born May 29 1793

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[Forrister Mary, Molly]

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[p2] State of Illinois
Hamilton County

On this fourth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty seven before the subscriber, one of the judges of the county born commissioners of said county personally appeared Mary or Molly Forrister, a resident of said county aged ninety seven years. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of congress passed July 7 1838, March the 3, 1843, and June 17 1844 granting pensions and half pay to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Dogens Forrister who was a private soldier in the army of the revolution and served in the whole as much at least as two years. That he entered the service as near as she can remember in the fall or winter of seventeen hundred and seventy five as a drafted soldier in the state of Virginia Culpeper County and was in the army. It serves more than one half of his time. He would be at home a while and then would be taken off to the army again. Can't remember how often he went nor the length of each tour but thinks it was generally three month at a time. And she thinks he went under Capt. William Girtly all the time or every time he went out to the army. The said John Forrister was born in Culpeper County Virginia about the year 1750 and lived there until after the end of the war. He never applied for a pension. After the war he moved to Robertson County Tennessee and in October 1815 he died there.

We the said John D Forrister and she Mary Forrister was married July 17 seventeen hundred and sixty eight in the said county of Culpeper by the Reverend Mr. Mildrem, a clergyman of the Church of England by proclamation and she still remains his widow. We have a family record written by my said husband John D Forrister.

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Some forty or forty five years ago and has been in our possession from that date up to this. It was written on the white leaves of a bible and are now marked A H. Can't remember anything about a discharge. My maid name was Mary Jollett.

She further declares she was married to the said John Forrister previous to the commencement of the war and that it was on the time above mentioned, to wit the 17th of July seventeen hundred and sixty eight. Subscribed and sworn to before me this day and date above mentioned.

Mary Forrister x her mark

John G. Millspaugh J.C.C.H.C.hon

[supporting statements

John Forrister, age 64, no relation stated, signature Forester

Lucy Bolenjack, age 54,

Daniel Marshall, clerk

Sidney Breese]

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State of Georgia

Rabun County

[affidavit of Fielding Forrister 06Mar1848

John Forrister served under Captain Kinkly in the Sixth Virginia Regiment, guarded prisoners in Albemarle County, skirmished in Culpeper County, made flour barrels. As a boy, Fielding Forrister took John Forrister his horse to ride home from the army.

Certified by John F Marshburn JP and James Bleckley, clerk, Edward Coffee, JP

[p10-11 family register shows dates of the Forrister marriage and births of nine children, among them the witnesses Fielding, John, and Lucy.]

[p14- April 1854 power of attorney to pursue suspended pension claim]