

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Forrester R3670

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

At a Court of Pleas and General Sessions opened and held for the district of Spartanburg Fall Term 1853 present and residing the Honorable J. N. Whitner one of the Judges of and for the State of South Carolina, personally appeared Robert Scruggs Administrator of the Estate of Mary Forrester deceased, a resident of the District and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath says, that he married Nancy who is the daughter of Solomon Forrester and his wife Mary both of whom are now dead, he states that there is no record of the marriage that can be found of said Solomon Forrester and his wife Mary as there was no public record kept of marriages in this State and they were married in this district and State aforesaid, nor does he know of any Bible containing any record of said marriage. He states that he believes his father in law Solomon Forrester was a Revolutionary Soldier in the Militia of South Carolina, that as he was long and intimately acquainted with him he had often heard him speak of his services, but recollects but little that he said, he well recollects, after deponent and his wife had returned from a visit to the State of Georgia about 25 years ago, happening to mention in presence of his father-in-law Solomon Forrester, that in going or returning that journey he deponent and wife, had crossed the Chattahoochee River, at the mouth of Peach tree Creek, where it empties into Chattahoochee River, they saw the remains of Fort Montgomery, he well recollects Solomon Forrester say that he assisted in the erection of said Fort, and was stationed there a portion of the time he was in the Revolutionary Service, he recollects hearing him state, that he was engaged at different times during the war, and was in service when the war closed.

He is not in possession of any documentary evidence of the service of his father-in-law, but relies on the testimony herewith sent, to establish the claims for his father in law's service, of at least 2 years for a pension under the act of 7th of June 1832 which from the 4th March 1831 to his death which was some time in June 1835 making 4 years and 3 months, and he claims a pension as the administrator of his mother-in-law Mary Forester under the act of 7 July 1838 from the 4th march 1836 a pension for 5 years and 11 months, she having died on or about the 1st February, 1841.

S/ Robert Scruggs, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

On this 7th day of June 1853 personally appeared before me Benjamin F. Dunkin one of

the Judges of the Court of Errors & Appeals of the State aforesaid Solomon Abbott¹ aged 92 years last March a Resident of the district of Spartanburg & State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration -- That he was well acquainted with Solomon Forrester knew him before the Revolution and was acquainted with him during the revolutionary war, was in service with him in the same Companies and under the same officers.

This portion of the State was infested with Tories, committing depredations, amongst those that were engaged in arresting the Tories and counteracting their operations was Solomon Forrester, knows that he was a Sergeant, during a tour in pursuit of Indians on the waters of the Chattahoochee River where at that time the enemy was overtaken 17 Indians were killed and 40 prisoners taken, among the prisoners taken was a white man by the name of Williams -- a Tory, and who had assisted in the massacre of Gov. Wood of South Carolina the fact was proved, Sgt. Solomon Forrester cut a raw hide into strings and the said Williams was hung with it, said Solomon Forrester acted as Commissary for the troops in that Campaign under Lieut. William Dickson & Capt. John Mapp, recollects that Solomon Forrester and himself was with Capt. Roebuck or Capt. Hannah in an expedition to the waters of Beaver Creek South Carolina dismissed at that time a few days before the Battle of Eutaw [presumably the Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Solomon Forrester remained in service after deponent left, recollects that this section of the State was so annoyed with Tories that detachments were constantly kept up before the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and afterwards among them to his knowledge Solomon Forrester was one of the most vigilant, all the time engaged with the scouting parties for the objects before stated, he is unable to state positively, the length of all the services in the tours spoken of, but, is perfectly satisfied that it would amount to more than a year, he further states that after the services mentioned, said first or was either a volunteer or drafted to go to "Parsons Station," under the command of Capt. Parsons -- deponent visited the Stationed a number of times after said Forrester was stationed there, -- and remained in service to the close of the War, he may have been 9 months or 12 or possibly more at that station in service before the close of the War, he is unable from loss of memory to state particularly -- The following are some of the officers under whom deponent and Solomon Forrester served, to wit Capt. Jeremiah Dickson, Capt. Dennis Trammel & Capt. John Lawson, Major Daniel White & Col. John Thomas -- General Anderson & General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] Commanding -- deponent states that he deponent, is now and has been, several years a pensioner of the United States, on the South Carolina roll and is disinterested.

S/ Solomon Abbott, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

On this 12th day of May 1855 personally appeared before me Philemon W. Head a Magistrate of the aforesaid District, Solomon Abbott aged 95 years, a resident of the District and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath says, that a letter from the Pension Office dated 25th of April 1855 having reference to the claim of Solomon Forrester, was read to him, the closing sentence of which says, "that his own description of his service and used the then commissioner to arrive at the conclusion that he (Solomon Forrester) had not served in a Military Capacity."

He says he was present when said Solomon Forrester swore to his declaration at

¹ [Solomon Abbott S17806](#)

Spartanburg Court House, affiant and Forrester were both living in the vicinity of the Cowpens battleground at that time, Forrester was a cripple and used two sticks, both walked to the Court House a distance of 8 miles, affiant was a witness for him at that time, and swore substantively what he swore, which is now before the department in the case of Solomon Forrester, and cannot conceive, how the Commissioner to arrive at the conclusion, that he Forrester had not served in make Military capacity. Affiant saith, that if Solomon Forrester could for any reason had been induced to deny that he did not serve off and on for years putting his military services together, he would to affiant's knowledge be guilty of a falsehood, he was with him in various scouts, and as sure as death just before him, that Solomon Forrester the husband of Mary Calloway was a Revolutionary soldier of South Carolina, on the side of the Colonies, -- He further adds, that in his own case, he had proved his services by a number amongst whom he thinks Forrester was one of them he was put off by the department, by one requisition and another for 2 years or more, the last requisition was, that he should swear to the day he entered, and left the service, he could not do that, and dropped the prosecution of his claim for possibly 2 years, when a neighbor of his, was going to Columbia South Carolina, he gave him money to search the records for his indents, obtained a copy, forwarded it, and obtained a Certificate of Pension, and placed on the Pension Roll. Forester was as much entitled to a pension as affiant, He further says, that he was well acquainted with Solomon Forrester, before the Revolutionary War, and knew him until he died, living in the same district and within a few miles all that time of him, believes as much that he received an indent for his services, as anything, heard Forrester say that he had, and he was a man of truth.

S/ P. W. Head, Magt.

S/ Solomon Abbott, X his mark

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Comptroller General's Office

Columbia South Carolina January 31st 1855

No. 3494

Lib X Issued 8 August 86, to Solomon Forester £68.5.8 ½ Sterling duty in Roebuck's Regiment pay audited

No. 114 Interest £4.15.7

3494 X No. 114 8 August 86

Solomon Forester, for Militia Duty in Roebuck's Regiment, before and since the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780] per Anderson's return amounting to

Currency £478.0.0

Sterling £68.5.8 ½

State of South Carolina to Solomon Forester

for Military duty in Roebuck's Regiment before & since the fall of Charlestown per Anderson's return amounting to

Currency £478.0.0

Sterling £68.5.8 ½

Received full satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3494 X per order

S/ Thomas Martin, TB his mark