

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Foster Achilles

VA  
(Margarett)

R3689

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[p3 content written into the blanks of the form below]

Virginia, Amherst County, 13Apr1855, Robert H Thornton JP, Margarett Foster, age 80, widow of Achilles Foster, pvt or sgt under Capt Booker, revolution declared by the U. States the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1776 against the Mother Country. Husband was a regular soldier and two prior tours in militia under Capt Cobles. Served in the north, around Hampton and Norfolk and at the taking of Cornwallis. Enlisted in Amelia County for 5 years. Sent discharge papers to Richmond to get paid for service. Uncles John Foster and James Foster served about the same time. Margarett Walthall married Achilles Foster by Major Bailey, a JP in North Carolina in 1790. Achilles Foster died May1833 in Appomattox (then Buckingham) County VA. Robert H Gray, power of attorney. Margarett Foster x her mark. Wit: John Hamner and William Hamner.

[perhaps James Foster file W7409 and John Foster S35950 who were from south central Virginia.]

[p4] Declarant further states that her dec<sup>d</sup> husband was taking steps to obtain a pension before he died and that Bat' Cyrus, Ja<sup>s</sup> Wilkinson and Robert Rogers had met at Plunket's and (now Appo<sup>x</sup> Co) to prove his service. And that she heard her decd husband say that Ned Stewart, Bill Bottoms, and Reuben Seay was in the same mess with him in the said service and that his nearest neighbor in Amelia County and at the close of the war were the Burton's, Morriss, Boothe's, and Cobb's, and Booker's.

Margarett Foster x her mark

[Ed note: Bottoms, Seay, and Stewart were not in the 1777 roster with Achilles so they must have been with Foster later in the war.]

Amherst County Court

This day personally appeared before me Robert H Thornton a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, Margaret Foster and made oath that the statement of the above in addition to the within declaration is the truth to the best of her knowledge and belief. Given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1855.

Robert H Thornton JP

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Certificate of Auditor's Office, Richmond that Achilles Foster was paid £11.1.10 delivered to James Burton 30Jul1783 as infantry soldier.

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Col Alex<sup>r</sup> Spottswood's 2<sup>d</sup> Regt. Ap<sup>l</sup>. 1777.  
.Company 6.

Francis Taylor  
Wm Taylor

Capt.  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut  
Sergeants

Francis Canherd  
Jas Burton

2d Lieut  
Ens

Saml Clayton  
Jas Broadus

Jas Welch  
Robt Dawson

Corporals

Jas Quire      Evan Branham      Thos Shelton      Wm Baum  
                  Drummer      Jere<sup>h</sup> Cox

Privates

Achilles Foster	Elijah Hankins
Henry Russell	Robt Chandler
Geo Brooks	Jas Brown
Randall Abbott	Jno Chouning
Wm Medley	Jno Gillock
Wm Ward	Saml Warren
Thos McClannahan	Wm Morriss
Robt White	Joseph Thomas
Andr Harrison	Jas Long
Stephen Harris	Henry Barnett
Elijah Deen	Turner Thompson
Leonard Sale	Joseph Harvey
Jno Almond	Phredrick Hill
Gerard Morton	Benj Dawson
	Thos Morriss

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Jno Finnel	Wm Davis
Thornburg Bowling	Humphrey Shay
Jas Dearing	Wm Martin
Thos Breedlove	Jno Snow
Jacob Burrows	Thos Flennau
Elisha Estes	Lewis Pines
Henry Patterson	Joel Foster
Wm Turner	Jas Jackson
Ed Broadus	Thos Ballard
Jas Gibbons	Jas Beasley
Jno Johnson	

A large number of the above names among the non com<sup>d</sup> off<sup>s</sup> and privates are common to the counties of Amelia, P.Edward, Halifax, Charlotte, Campbell, Pittsylvania &c

I have no doubt all of which identifies him as clearly as should be required at this late day. I certainly expect that but Ach<sup>s</sup> Foster was recruited either by his Jas Burton or by Sergeant Clayton or Dawson, which names are very common in these counties. Added to the fact that his Certif. of depreciation was delivered to Jas Burton in 1783, who was his neighbor he asked county mail no doubt, as well as that Achilles Foster belonged to as appears by the above rolls. All of which identifies him as clearly as should be required at this late day.

I certainly expect the War<sup>t</sup> on the above and certif of deprecia<sup>n</sup> together.

Your s.

Ro. H Gray

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Note: The officers commanding the 5<sup>th</sup> Co of the 2d Regt I find to have been Apl 1 1777. To wit:  
 Geo Nicholas Major                      Saml Cobbs    Lieut  
 Jno Holder    Lieut

The widow of Achilles Foster says her husband served under Lieut or Capt Cobbs in the militia before he enlisted. It is not immaterial however whether it was in the militia or as a regular soldier. He was no doubt recruited either by Lieut Cobbs or Ens Jas Burton. As it will be seen by the report of the committee in the case. If Capt Jas Burton \_\_\_\_\_ Commission 1838 Recd Claims page 375 that has appointed Ensign in 1776 and went to the North. Foster also served at the North as it will be seen both from the parole testimony as well as History. See further remarks. Sct.

Robt. H Gray  
Att for widow

STATE OF Virginia, Amherst County - TO WIT:

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1855, before me Robert H. Morrison a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State duly authorised by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Margaret Foster, a resident of said County aged 80 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by an act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1838, allowing pensions to widows.

That she is the widow of Achilles Foster - deceased, who was a private a Searge in the company commanded by Captain Cobbs in the Regiment of \_\_\_\_\_ commanded by Colonel \_\_\_\_\_ in the war of the Revolution - declared by the U. States the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1776 - against the Mother Country. That in addition to the service of her husband as a regular soldier - he also served 1 hour of duty in the Militia (before he enlisted) under Capt. Cobbs - and that he was in service at the North a long time, and was also in service down about Hanover and Norfolk - and after wards at the taking of Cornwallis

That he enlisted at \_\_\_\_\_ in America Co. V<sup>th</sup> or about the day of 1776 for the term of 5 years, as a regular soldier and continued in actual service for the term of 5 years - except about 2 months - and served to the end of the Revolutionary war - and rec<sup>d</sup> an honorable discharge, which he sent to Richmond to get the money that was due him for his services in said war. That \_\_\_\_\_ Foster and La<sup>rd</sup> Foster his uncle, was in service about the same time - and perhaps in the same Corps. Others of the same name was in said service also.

she further states, that she was married to the said Achilles Foster in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of North Carolina on the day of 1790 by one Major - Bailey, a Minister of the Gospel, and that her name before she was married was Margaret Walhall.

That her said husband died at \_\_\_\_\_ in Affirmative Co. V<sup>th</sup> on or about the day of May 1833 - (it was then Rockingham Co.) and that she is still a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining a principal pension under the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838 -

and that Robert H. Gray of Lynch & W<sup>th</sup> is hereby appointed my Attorney to receive the certificate of pension issued to her.

Margaret Foster  
mark.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written,

In presence of } Before me  
John Summers } Robert H. Morrison J. P.  
William Summers }

Addendum to Achilles Foster R3689  
By C. Leon Harris. 19 Feb 2014.

[The following in the handwriting of Robert H. Gray appears to be a copy from an original roll not found on Fold3. Corrected and full names, as well as pension-application numbers, are indicated in brackets.]

Col Alex'r. Spottswoods 2<sup>d</sup> Reg't. Ap'l 1 1777. Company 6. [Alexander Spotswood R18089]  
Francis Tayler Capt [Francis Taylor R19418] Francis Cowherd 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut [W6721]  
Wm Tayler 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut [William Taylor] Jas Burton Ens [James Burton S48412]  
Sergeants  
Sam'l Clayton [Samuel Clayton] Jas Welch [James Welch]  
Jas Broadas [James Broaddus] Robt Dawson [Robert Dawson]  
Corporals  
Jas Quin [James Quinn], Esau Branham, Thos Shelton [Thomas Shelton], Jno Baum [John Baum]  
Drummer. Jere'h Cox [Jeremiah Cox]

Privates,	Elijah Hankins
Achilles Foster	Robt Chandler [Robert Chandler W8598]
Henry Russell	Jas Brown [James Brown W403]
Geo Brooks [George Brooks]	Jno Chowning [John Chowning VAS268]
Randall Abbott	Jno Gillock [John Gillock]
Wm Medley [William Medley]	Sam'l Warren [Samuel Warren]
Wm Ward [William Ward S32048]	Wm Morriss [William Morriss]
Thos McClannahan [Thomas McClannahan]	Joseph Thomas [S38437]
Robt White [Robert White]	Jas Long [James Long]
Andr Harrison [Andrew Harrison]	Henry Barnett
Stephen Ham	Turner Thompson
Elijah Deer	Joseph Haney
Leonard Sale	Shredrick Hill
Jno Almond [John Almond]	Benj Dawson [Benjamin Dawson]
Gerard Morton	Thos Morriss [Thomas Morriss]

[The file includes another copy with the same names as above down to Andrew Harrison and Henry Barnett, followed by a sheet with the names below.]

Jno Finnet [John Finnet]	Wm Davis [William Davis S8277]
Thornbury Bowling	Humphrey Shay
Jas Dearing [James Dearing]	Wm Martin [William Martin]
Thos Breedlove [Thomas Breedlove]	Jno Snow [John Snow S38391]
Jacob Burrows	Thos Flennau [Thomas Flennau]
Elisha Estes	Lewis Pines
Perry Patterson	Joel Foster
Wm Turner [William Turner S38446]	Jas Jackson [James Jackson S38071]
Ed Broadas [Edward Broaddus]	Thos Ballard [Thomas Ballard]
Jas Gibbons [James Gibbons]	Jas Beazley [James Beazley W5044]
Jno Johnson [John Johnson]	

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To witt.

Geo Nicholas Major [George Nicholas]

Sam'l Cobbs Lieut [Samuel Cobbs BLWt355-200]

Jno Holder Lieut [John Holder]