

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Fowler R3704

Hannah Fowler

f39SC

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State of Illinois Randolph County: Sct.: County Commissioners Court Special Term 1834

Be it remembered that this Seventh day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Roberts and William G. Hizer two of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court now sitting William Fowler a resident now of the County and state aforesaid aged Sixty nine years old on the Eighteenth day of November last 1833 who being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he was drafted and entered the Army of the United States in the year 1781 or 82 in then Camden District South Carolina in what is now called York District South Carolina, sometime in the summer I suppose I know that it was warm weather, the month I do not now recollect: I was enlisted or drafted as a private under the command of Capt. John Chambers under the command of Col. William Bratton who commanded the Militia the second Col.'s name was John Wallace at Orangeburg Town Orangeburg District South Carolina -- from Orangeburg District or Town I marched to Salt Catches [sic, Salkehatchee River] in said State where I remained for some time say about three weeks, during which time I was engaged in collecting cattle for General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army from thence marched back to Orangeburg and was stationed and rendezvoused at said Orangeburg and in the immediate neighborhood for the space of one year which term and time I was engaged in scouting Expeditions under the command of the aforesaid Capt. John Chambers, when I was discharged from the service by my said Capt., I never received from my Capt. a written discharge. It has been so long since that I do not recollect of all the scouts, courses and places where I was but I know that I was in the service for the space of one year. I never was engaged in any battle, I was born in Mecklenburg County North Carolina as I have been told on the 18th day of November 1764 I know of no public record of my age but I had given me a small book by my Father about the year 1799 which book was written by my Father in which book it was written that I was born on the 18th November 1764 which is all the evidence I have of my age. I was raised principally in York District South Carolina and I left York District South Carolina in the year 1811 and went to Livingston County Kentucky where I lived until the year 1816 then I removed to the State of Illinois in Randolph County, where I have lived since and where I now live -- I know of no person now living by whom I can prove the rendering of my Services to the United States I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State in the United States.

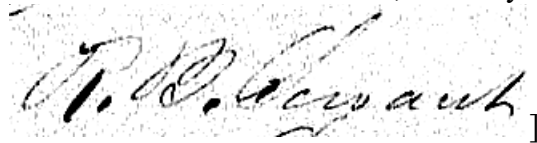
Sworn & subscribed to in open Court this 7th April 1834.
S/ James Hughes, Clerk

S/ William Fowler¹

[Alexander Barber & Harvey Clendenin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

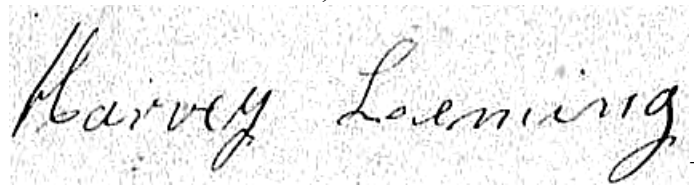
[p 8: On April 7, 1852 in Randolph County, Illinois, William C. Marlen and Reuben W Tindall gave testimony that they previously had possession of the family record of William and Hannah Fowler, that they gave it to R. B. Servant for the purpose of applying for an increase in pension payments; that Servant's office burn in 1850 and with it the said family record; that said record reflected that William Fowler and Hannah Tindall were married in SC in 1788; that William was born November 18, 1764 and Hannah in February 1768; Reuben W. Tindall also testified that he had known William and Hannah Fowler, who lived together as man and wife, in Chester Parish [sic] SC 51 years ago, Kentucky, Livingston County, 33 years ago and in Randolph County 36 years, and lived within a mile of them in SC and 2 miles in Illinois.]

[p 37: On September 13, 1854 in Randolph County Illinois, R. B. Servant, Esqr., Gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with William and Hannah Fowler from the year 1831 until the day of their deaths; that William Fowler died April 18, 1846; that Hannah Fowler died April 1, 1851; that in the fall of the year 1849 Hannah Fowler made application to the deponent to procure the arrears which she might be entitled to, but due to extreme old age, about 80 years, she was so imbecilic in mind that she was not capable of making an affidavit; that she left with the affiant the family Bible of William Fowler; that on April 13, 1850, the affiant's office together with its contents including the family Bible were consumed by fire; to the best of affiant's recollection the said family record showed that William Fowler was born in 1764 and that Hannah was born in 1768; that they were married in South Carolina in 1788.



R. B. Servant]

[p 19: Power of attorney dated April 7, 1852 signed by Harvey Leming as administrator of the estate of Hannah Fowler, widow of William Fowler.



Harvey Leming]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]

¹ probably not only actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the handwriting in the application itself.