

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Fox R3734      Virlintia Fox

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State of North Carolina, Burke County

On this \_\_\_ day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting John Fox Sr. a resident of said County & State was born according to his Father's record on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1764 & was as he believes 69 years of age last February, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

I first volunteered for three months under Captain Absalom Cleveland in Wilkes County N. C. in 1779 or '80 in the fall of the year; was transferred from Captain Cleveland to Captain Henderson [Pleasant Henderson]; we were kept upon duty after the Tories. We were never stationed at any particular place for any length of time but generally kept scouting about over the Country in pursuit of Tories & to guard the Country against them. I served out my three months without being in any battle or skirmish and was dismissed at the end of my time but got no written discharge. In the next spring or summer there was a volunteer company raised under Captain Benjamin Herrendon [sic, Benjamin Herndon]. I believe we volunteered for three months but was not in service quite that long. This was another expedition against the Tories for we had to keep continually on the lookout & kept men in readiness to protect the Country against them. There was no battle or skirmish during this tour. I next volunteered under Captain Joel Lewis in the latter end of the summer before the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] and was stationed at a place in Wilkes County at one Cargill's house from which we made excursions out against the Tories & was then returned. After being sometime upon this service we were marched by Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] & joined Colonels Campbell [William Campbell], Sevier [John Sevier] & Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & marched on to Kings Mountain where we overtook & defeated Colonel Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson]. I was under Colonel Cleveland's command in the battle & was one of the advance that brought on the battle. Within half an hour after the commencement of the battle I was wounded by a ball passing through the flesh of my left arm & into my left side which ball remains in me to this day. I was unable to do anything more in the fight. The next day after the battle I was placed on a horse with a bundle of bedclothes on the pinnacle of my saddle which I leaned on & was able to travel

by short journeys to my home in Wilkes County North Carolina where I lay for a considerable time before I was able to do any business. This ended my service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court.

Test: S/ J. Erwin, Clk. [no signature by applicant or signature too faint to discern]  
[Jos. L. McGinnsey and Saml. Reed gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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In addition to the foregoing Declaration made in open Court at October Term 1832 by John Cox a Soldier of the Revolution for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, the said John Fox has appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Burke and State of North Carolina and after being sworn as the law directs makes the following statement of his services as a Soldier of the Revolutionary.

1st: I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer about the middle (say 15<sup>th</sup>) of September 1779 under command of Captain Absalom Cleveland and was soon after transferred to Captain Henderson commanded by Colonel Williams [Joseph Williams] and served until about New Year 1<sup>st</sup> January 1780 – (three months Tour).

2nd: I entered the service again as a volunteer in the spring of the year 1780 (I am able [sic, unable] to say this precise day) but from every circumstance I can now call to mind think that it was in the month of March I commenced the service and was discharged in the month of May afterwards I entered to perform a three months tour I was as above stated discharged before the termination of three months from the time I commenced. I am satisfied during this tour I served at least two months. It will appear by reference to my preceding Declaration that this service was performed under command of Captain Benjamin Herndon – commanded by Major Joseph White.

3rd: Soon after my discharge from the tour last above mentioned, I volunteered again and served under command of Captain Joel Lewis, commanded by Colonel Cleveland and Campbell – I entered the service this tour as well as I remember in the month of July 1780 and served constantly until after the Battle of Kings Mountain. This battle was in the month of October so that I am satisfied of my service continued for at least three months.

The foregoing embraces only such services as I performed when called out by Regular Officers – I was engaged off and on occasionally for at least 12 months but the above tours I certify to have performed as stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834.

S/ R. C. Pearson, J. P.

S/ John Fox, X his mark

[p 11: On March 30, 1853, in Knox County, Tennessee, Virlintia Fox,<sup>1</sup> 72, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Fox, a pensioner for his services in the Revolution at the rate of \$26.66/annum; that her husband died September 1, 1840; that he was on the roll in Fayetteville NC but had moved to Knox County, Tenn., before his death; that she married him in November 1804; in Burke County, NC by Esqr. Shavely, JP. She signed her application with her mark.]

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<sup>1</sup> Her name is variously spelled in the documents in this file including "Valencia Fox," "Valentia Fox"

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]