

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Fugate R3825

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State of Kentucky } Sct
Breathitt County }

On this 17th day of Feb, 1846 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace and a member of the County Court of Breathitt County in the state aforesaid which s'd court is a court of record Jonathan Fugate a resident of s'd County now in the 89th year of his age and who by reason of infirmity is unable to appear in open Court, and who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

He entered the service as a volunteer from Roanoke [River] above the mouth of Dan River, State of Virginia about the 15th of Sept 1780 and joined the company of Capt. John Edmonson and marched to Gilberttown where I joined the main army where a force was collecting to oppose the tories; from there we were marched to Kings mountain [SC] where we had an engagement with the tories who were commanded by [Maj. Patrick] Ferguson we were placed in three divisions; the division to which I belonged was commanded by Col. [William] Campbell the other two Divisions if I recollect right were commanded by Colonels [Benjamin] Cleveland and [Isaac] Shelby in this action we were the victors having completely defeated the enemy and take a great many prisoners. This happened sometime in Oct [the 7th], 1780 the day of the month not now recollected; after this I was marched back through the country with a small detachment and discharged at Staunton some time between the middle and late December but of the day I have now no recollection, I received a written discharge which I have since lost or misplaced, signed by Capt. John Edmonson and I returned down to my residence near the forks of Roanoke which tour of duty I served fully out and something neer a week over

Sometime in Feb following I removed to Henry County where I again entered the american service, the 16th day of [several missing words] after[?] and marched out under Capt. Smith belonging to the Virginia Line I joined the army at Beaver Dam Old[?] at which place our Captain was dismissed in consequence of the desertion of some of the troops, and a requisite number were not present to make the quota of each Captain in consequence of which we were placed under Capt. Ragsdale; Halcomb [sic: John Holcombe] was our Major and [St. George] Tucker Col. Gen Lawsons [Robert Lawson's] Regiment from here we were marched to Pittsylvania Thence to place where the road forked where two Negroes[?] were hung in our marches after this we were to Chickahominy Swamps and Ross's Iron works after this we were marched near Old Jamestown where we were when the Battle commenced against Cornwallis [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] where we were stationed and guarded the road for several days previous to the battle we did not reach the ground till after the action we then marched off about a mile where we remained three or four days from there we marched to Mobbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] where we stationed till the 27th of July 1781 when I rec'd a written discharge signed by Ned Ragsdale which I have since lost or left with my Fathers papers so that I know not where it is I then returned home to Henry County. After this I was employed in the service at different times but in consequence of the loss of my memory I cannot relate the details with sufficient accuracy to obtain the benefit of a compensation

After this I removed to Castles Woods [sic: Castlewood in present Russell County] in the western part of Virginia where I again entered the service as a substitute in the place of Isaac Foster and went on an [several words missing] [I]ndians to Kentucky; this [one or two illegible words] the 1st of April 1791 after ranging about on the waters of Sandy River for some months without meeting with any particular occurrence we returned to Castles woods, to the fort where we were discharged by Col. Andrew Lewis Rob't Robinson was our Captain this discharge was verbal and took place some time in July 1791

He states he knew General [Anthony] Wayne who commanded at Jamestown Gen. Lawson to whose Reg. he was attached Colonels Campbell, Cleveland and Shelby. Col. Tucker whom he was afterward under. Captains Edmonson, Smith, Ragsdale, and Robinson

He states he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of but one person whos evidence he could procure to testify to his services, Francis Tolemon who was out at the same time but is now confined to his bed by sickness and in his present situation it is impossible to obtain his testimony before the court

Question by the Court Where and in what year were you born? Ans. I was born in Shenandoah County Virginia [formed from Frederick in 1772] on the 25th day of Jan, 1758

Question by the Court Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Ans. I have a record of my age which I copied out of my Fathers Bible and now have it in my possession

Question by the Court where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you live now? Ans. I lived on Roanoke when first called into the service the first time I lived in Henry County when I entered the second time and the last time I lived in Washington County Va. I have since lived on the head of the Kentucky River in Perry County Ky & [several illegible words] I now live Question [by the Court] how were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if as a substitute for whom? Ans the first tour I served as a volunteer the 2nd I was drafted, the last tour as a substitute in lieu of Isaac Foster Question by the Court State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops when you served such Continental an Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your service? Ans. the officers attached to the different Reg'ts to which I belonged were Gen. Lawson colonels Campbell Shelby and Cleveland Col. Tucker Maj. Halcom Captains Edmonson, Smith, Ragsdale and Robinson for the general circumstances of my services the court is refered to the above statement

Questions by the court Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it Ans the first tour I rec'd a written discharge which I lost the next also I left among my fathers papers and know not what has become of it. the first was signed by Capt John Edmonson dated some time in December the day I have forgotten the 2nd signed by capt Ragsdale 27th day of July 1781 The last was a verbal discharge by Col. Lewis some time in July 1781 [sic] the day I do not now recollect

Question by the Court To whom are you known in your neighborhood who can testify to your veracity and good behavior your services as a soldier of the revolution?

Ans. Francis Clemons and Daniel Robbins Jr.

And 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 the Agency of any state or territory whatever

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year a fore said

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NOTE: In the file is a copy of a bond signed in Montgomery County VA on 8 Nov 1785 by "John Fugatt" and Evan Morgan for the marriage of Fugatt to Eleanor Morgan, daughter of Ezekiel Morgan. This may actually belong with pension application S3369 of John Fugat.