

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Fulbright, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 1772, Application #R3826

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Haywood County, North Carolina, 2nd day of January, 1833, Jacob Fulbright, aged 85 on the 22nd of December, 1832 as it appears from the record of my father's family Bible: "I entered the service of the United States in the year 1776, but it might have been 1778 or 1779, as I have lost my recollection, in the month of August, and came home in the month of October making ___ a three month service. I was drafted. I was under the command of Colonel Bateman, Captain Conrad, **Lieutenant Abraham Anthony**, Ensign Henry Holman, Lt. Colonel Charles McDowell, and General Rutherford. I was living in Lincoln County, NC and marched against the Cherokee Indians through what was called the French Broad, Pigeon, Tuscarawas?, Tennessee River countries, and what is now called Buncombe, Haywood and Macomb, NC, and in what is yet the Cherokee nations on the waters of the Hiwassee and Valleys River, and we took the Valley towns. In no engagements of moment. We burned and destroyed the towns and crops. I was discharged by Captain Conrad, but it is lost or destroyed."

"I entered into the services again in the year 1780 or 1781, living in Lincoln County, NC. under the command of the following officers: Colonel McDowell, Lt. Colonel Brevard, Captain Smith, but Col. Brevard got the small pox and died, and Daniel McKesick was put in his place, and afterwards Colonel McDowell was a general after I had enlisted and entered into the service. That officers thought it proper, as I was a blacksmith by trade, to take me out of the army and put me to work in the blacksmith shop to shoeing and repairing the shoes of the horses that was in the service, and I remained there for ?three years working ?tirely for all the horse, men that was passing about. The work was all of public service, and after I had to board the men and horses for several days at a time while they were getting the work done, and I never got anything for either work or boarding. I remained there working until the close of the war, and I never got any discharge."

"I was born in the year 1747 in the month of December, the 22nd day, in the state of Pennsylvania, in the county of Northampton. I moved from there to Lincoln County, NC in the year 1769 and lived there until after the war was over, and moved from there to Haywood County, NC and have lived there ever since."

Another Version

Transcribed by Will Graves

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina, Haywood County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Dec. Term 1832

On this 2 day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices thereof

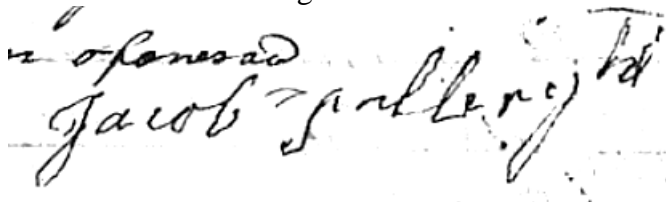
Jacob Fulbright a resident of the County of Haywood and State of North Carolina aged 85 on the 22nd of December 1832 as it appears from the record in my father's family Bible who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

I entered the service of the United States in the year of 1776, but it might have been 1778 or 1779 as I have lost my recollection in the month of August and came home in the month of October, making a three month tour. I was drafted. I was under the command of Colonel Bateman [Christopher Beekman], Captain Conrad [Conrad Rudolph], Lieutenant Abraham Anthony, Ensign Henry Holman, Lieutenant Colonel Charles McDowell and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. I was living in Lincoln County North Carolina and marched against the Cherokee Indians through what was called the Frenchbrod [French Broad] Pigeon Tucasuga [?] Tennessee River Countries and in what is now all [of] Buncomb [Buncombe], Haywood and Macon Counties in North Carolina and in what is yet the Cherokee Nation on the waters of the Highwassay [sic, Hiwassee River] and [illegible name]¹ river and we took the Valley Towns in no engagements of moment. We burnt and destroyed the towns and the crops. I was discharged by Capt. Conrad but it is lossed [sic, lost] or destroyed.

I entered into the service again in the year of 1780 or 1781, living in Lincoln County North Carolina under the command of the following officers: Colonel McDowell, Lieutenant Colonel Brevard, Captain Smith [George Smith] but Colonel Brevard got the small pocks [sic, pox] and died and Daniel McKissick was put in his place and afterwards Colonel McDowell was made a general after I had enlisted and entered into the service. The officers thought proper as I was a Blacksmith by trade, to take me out of the Army and put me to work in the blacksmith shop to shewing and repairing the shoes the horses that was in the service and I remained there two years working likely [?]² for all the horse men that was passing about. The work was all of public service and after it I had to board the men and horses for several days at a time while they were getting their work done and I never got anything for the work or boarding. I remained there working at the close of the war and I never got a discharge. I have no documentary evidence and I know of no body by whom I can prove my service by without I can by Jacob Shook who lives in Haywood County North Carolina, and I don't know whether he is acquainted with the particulars of my service. I was born in the year of 1747 in the month of December the 22 day in the State of Pennsylvania in the County of Northampton and moved from there to Lincoln County North Carolina in 1769 and lived there until after the war was over, and moved from there to Haywood County North Carolina and have lived there ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not upon the pension Roll of the Agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

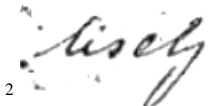
S/ Jacob Fulbright

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Fulbright". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to in Open Court.

S/ R. Love, Clk

¹ A handwritten signature in cursive script, possibly reading "Nathaniel".

² A handwritten signature in cursive script, possibly reading "Nathaniel".

by S/ John Love, DC

Question first

Where and in what year were you born?

A: I was born in 1747 on the 2nd [sic] day of December in the County of North Hampton and State of Pennsylvania.

2nd Q: Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

A: My age was recorded in my father's family bible and I have preserved it in other books,

3/ Where were you living when called into service. Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

A: In Lincoln County North Carolina I have lived there until I moved to Haywood County North Carolina where I have lived ever since.

4/ How were you called into the service. Were you drafted, did you Volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

A: I was a drafter the first tour. The second tour I was enlisted.

5/ State the names of some persons of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your services.

A: Daniel McKissick and Colonel Brevard but them was militia officers and Captain Smith.

6/ Did you ever receive a discharge from service and if so from whom was it given and what has become of it.

A/ never was regularly discharge from service, only by Captain Conrad the first tour.

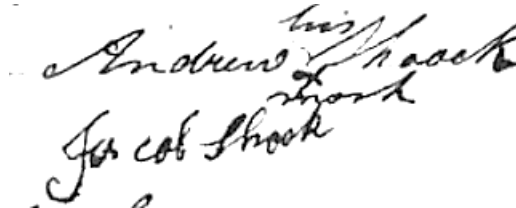
7/ I am acquainted with Jacob Shook and Andrew Shook residing in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

Certificate:

We, Jacob Shook [sic, Shook],³ residing in the County of Haywood, and Andrew Shook [sic, Shook]⁴ residing in the same, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jacob Fulbright who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 85 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolutionary War and that we concur in that opinion.

S/ Andrew Shook, X his mark

S/ Jacob Shook

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is "Andrew Shook" with a large "X" over the name, indicating it is a mark. The bottom signature is "Jacob Shook".

Sworn to in Open Court

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3 [Jacob Shook S7486](#)

4 [Andrew Shook S7485](#)

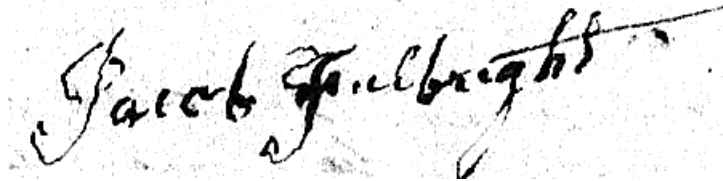
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North Carolina Haywood County: June Sessions 1833

The following is an amendment to the declaration of Jacob Fulbright made in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – as to the 12 objection (to wit) the reason that there was not a clergyman Certificate procured was there was no clergyman living in the immediate neighborhood and being old and unable to procure one at the time I made my Declaration there was no clergyman in the town of Waynesville acquainted with me and I was not able myself to procure any assistance my declaration was drawn by a friend and advised that two citizens would do. Sworn to & subscribed this 26th day of June 1833

S/ Jacob Fulbright

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Fulbright". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

North Carolina Haywood County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace Jacob Fulbright who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade: two years I was engaged in making for the Army and in the Army eight weeks after the Indians. Sworn to & subscribed the 26th day of June 1833

S/ Jacob Fulbright

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State of North Carolina Haywood County

This is an amendment to the Declaration of Jacob Fulbright of the said County and State.

This Deponent further maketh oath and saith that the two years services spoken of in this declaration as being Enlisted from all information must be a mistake as I told the circumstances to the Gentleman who drew my Declaration & he thought that I had been enlisted and therefore it was put down to having been called out for [indecipherable text] no time specified as how long I should stay out I have any recollection of now but was to be employed in scouting through the country & keeping the Tories down & to be called against the British Army if it became necessary and after entering & serving some time in the Army I was put to work for the public as stated in my Declaration & served during that term of service two years including what time I was in the ranks and what time in the Blacksmith Shop & I believe that I was [indecipherable text] the shop in about two weeks after entering into the Army. I was what I am informed and believe one of the State Troops of North Carolina and was not regularly called into the service for any definite period of time and when I was not in the Army I'll was to be always in readiness this was the way the remainder of the Company but this deponent served all the time either in the Army marching from one another & keeping down the Tories or [indecipherable text] I was [indecipherable word] engaged in the shop shoeing or repairing the shoes of the horses of all that came this is all that I can say relative to my services. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 of April 1834

S/ Jacob Fulbright

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: December Court A.D. 1832

Jacob Shook after being duly sworn according to law doth make the following statement I was with Jacob Fulbright when he was in the revolutionary war the tower [tour] when he went after the Cherokee Indians and that he served his country faithfully and I do further swear that I he was in the service of the United States as in his declaration set forth as I am one of those who has certified for him and that he was in the service as stated. Sworn & subscribed the 2 day of January 1833

S/ Jacob Shook

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF HAYWOOD

Know all men by these presents that I Abraham Fulbright of the County of Haywood and the State of North Carolina have understood and believe that my Father Jacob Fulbright who applied for a Pension under the act of Congress 7th June 1832 ought to have Received a Pension and that he was entitled to the Same; and for the purpose of prosecuting his claim to the same I do hereby constitute and appoint F.F.C. Triplett of Washington City my True and Lawful attorney for me & in my name to Examine all the papers on file and the Department of Washington files by my father Jacob Fulbright and to all whoever I might Lawfully do in the premises were I present.

Witness my hand and seal this 25th March 1853

S/ Abm. Fulbright

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abm. Fulbright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Abm. Fulbright".