Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Fuller R3835 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the acts of the Congress of the United States of America passed for the benefit of the surviving Soldiers, or their widows or their heirs legal after the decease of Soldiers who may have served in one or more campaigns in behalf of the United States which acts are of force for the above description of Persons.

On this 13th day of February 1854 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Fayette and State of Georgia John Fuller a resident of Jonesborough, in the County of Fayette and State of Georgia, aged ninety-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress which are now of force for the benefit of the heirs legal of deceased Soldiers who served one or more Campaigns in behalf of the United States of America in any of the wars which may have been declared against the United States as aforesaid. And now deponent saith that he was born and raised in Kershaw district South Carolina, that he is the only surviving heir of his Father, John Fuller Senior deceased who did as well as deponent can at this time recollect go into Braddock's War from the above named place, on or about the Commencement of the same and served in the same until the time of Braddock's defeat, at which time and place deponent's father John Fuller Senior was honorably discharged and returned to Kershaw District South Carolina after which he the said John Fuller Senior removed to Columbia County, Georgia and resided in the last named County and district between forty and forty-five years, since that the advanced age of one hundred and Six years and deponent further states that he recollects distinctly of hearing his Father frequently in his lifetime say he that he was at the Braddock's defeat, and that he fought in the American line and saw General Braddock when he was dying and heard him [say] his last words to General Washington whilst in the act of dying, deponent recollects his Father having gone into said service and also recollects his returning to Kershaw district South Carolina after his discharge from said Campaign and said discharge is lost or mislaid since the death of his Father so that he cannot control the same at this time and that deponent does hereby relinquish all claims in said case but the present one and that his name has never been enrolled for the same in any State or Territory in the Union.

Sworn to before made this 13th day of February 1854

¹ Braddock's Defeat offered on July 9, 1755 during the Seven Years War (or, the French and Indian War as it was called in America). I am not aware of any pension act which applied to American veterans of that war. For a interesting presentation on that defeat, see http://www.britishbattles.com/braddock.htm (accessed 1/19/09).

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Claim of John Fuller, a Resident of Fayette County Georgia for an amount of Pension or increase of Pension or Bounty Land Warrants, which may be due you the said John Fuller, as the Lawful heir of his Father, John Fuller Senior for services rendered by the said John Fuller Senior in the American revolution against Great Britain as provided for by the acts of Congress of the United States of America which are now both force for the benefit of the heirs legal of deceased Revolutionary Soldiers.

State of Georgia County of Fayette

Be it known that on this tenth day of February 1854 before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared John Fuller a resident of said County and State aforesaid and made oath according to law, that he is the identical person who executed the foregoing Power of attorney for the purpose herein expressed that he is the only surviving heir legal of his Father John Fuller Senior who was a soldier in the revolutionary, against Great Britain and who entered into said service as a Volunteer from Kershaw district South Carolina about the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, and served during the War, say about the term of seven years. The Captain's name under which deponent's Father served he does not at this time recollect. But as well as deponent can at this time recollect the Major's name was Hardin and the Colonel's name was Henry Candler, all of whom were at that time under the Command of General George Washington and the said John Fuller Senior was honorably discharged at the City of Little York in the State of Virginia after which he Removed to the State of Georgia and died in Columbia County in said State between forty and forty-five years ago at the age of One hundred and Six years, deponent's age at this time being ninety-eight years, deponent further states that he has never Received any Benefit for the above stated Service in any manner whatever and that he has never heretofore sent up any Claim whatever for the same in his own individual Capacity or in any other manner whatever. But that for the granting of the above claim deponent will ever pray &c. He hereby relinquishes every claim in the above case but the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll for the same. Sworn to before me this 10th day of February 1854.

S/ James M. Fletcher JP

S/ John Fuller, O his mark

[Fuller appointed Lucius J. Gantrell [or Gartrell] as his attorney to pursue these claims.]