

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bartholomew Fields S10670

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State of Alabama Dale County

On this 21st day of August personally appeared in Open Court before William Harper Judge of the County Court of said County now sitting, Bartholomew Fields a resident of the State of Alabama in the County of Dale aged seventy-three 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

This deponent saith that he was under the command of Colonel John Heritage [John Heritage<sup>1</sup>] and Major Alen [Allen?], and Captain John Garland [John Garland]. The day of the month not recollected, he entered the Service there about the first of January in the year of our Lord 1776, and he was discharged in Kingstown [Kinston], about the first or second of December in the same year above mentioned he served in the County of Dorbs [Dobbs] and in the State of North Carolina, and he enlisted in the Service, in the same month and year above mentioned and marched from thence to the Town of Charlotte in the State aforesaid, from thence to fort Hanging point from thence to Nuborn [?]<sup>2</sup> in the same State aforesaid, 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 -- only on that of the agency of the State of Alabama and County of Dale, --  
Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Bartholomew Fields, X his mark

S/ William Harper, JCCDC

[Moses Matthews, a clergyman, and Willis Stewart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Q. 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

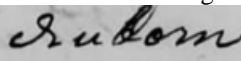
A: 1<sup>st</sup> in the State of North Carolina Dobbs County

Q. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A 2<sup>nd</sup> : I have no Record of my age I merely can state from the information according to the best of my recollection given by my mother

Q. 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

<sup>1</sup> He is listed as being an officer in the NC Continental Line.

<sup>2</sup>  New Bern?

A 3<sup>rd</sup> : I was called in the Service in North Carolina and after my Service I removed to South Carolina from that State I moved to the State of Alabama, Dale County, where I am now living  
Q. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A: [no answer was given to this question]

A. [sic]. 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

[A 5<sup>th</sup>.] I was under the Command of Colonel John Herritage and Major Alen and Captain John Garland, who I was acquainted with in the service

6{ Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: I received a discharge from under the hands of said Major Alen, and when I broke up to come to the State of Alabama I mislaid or lost it somehow or other; --

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A: Moses Matthews and Willis Stewart is well acquainted with me and was acquainted with me in the State of South Carolina and is now living in my neighborhood and they will testify to my for and for my being in the United States Service from their best information.

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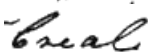
The State of Alabama Dale County

On this 21 day of January 1839 personally appeared before me William Harper Judge of the County Court of Dale County in open Court now sitting Bartholomew Fields a resident Citizen of the above named State and County aged seventy-seven on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1839 who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration as an amendment to a declaration which is on file in the pension office agreeable to a letter received from the war department dated March 24, 1837 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

The Claimant makes the following declaration to MF [?]<sup>3</sup> I volunteered in the State of North Carolina then Dobbs County under the command of Captain Creal [?]<sup>4</sup> and served under him one month in the Town of Kingstown [Kinston] we were called into service under the Command of General Richard Caswell and General William Caswell our head commanders of the above named County to the best of his recollection he entered into the above named service either in the month of January or February 1779: The claimant further states that to the best of his knowledge that in the month of March 1779 he then volunteered under the command of Colonel John Herritage in Dobbs County now Lenore [Lenoir] and that I served under his command Twelve months John Garland being my Captain: we rendezvoused at Kingston then marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville for the purpose to make the Tories and disaffected persons that was brought into take the oath of allegiance to the United States: from thence we marched & high up on Pedee [River] from thence to the Town of Charlotte at this place I was left

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with the sick the Army marched into the upper part of the State of North Carolina and on their return I joined the Army and then we were stationed at Hanging Point below Newbern [New Bern] here we were stationed for about three months we were then marched to the Town of New Bern to guard the prisoners here we nearly ended [?] our tour of service we then was marched to Kingstown and discharged: The Claimant further states that he also served as a volunteer under the command of Capt. Sherad Barrow [Sherrod Barrow] three weeks and had some engagements with the Tories and British one took place at Sandreses [?] Bridge on Trent River General Caswell with his dragoons was mostly in the engagement: in a few days after we had a skirmish at a Bridge below: I think by the name of Randols Bridge [Randall's Bridge?] in a short time after this we wounded some British which was out a Bee hunting which we took prisoners and carried them to Kingston the date of the above named services not recollected but I think this happened in the latter part of the year 1780 or the forepart of 1781 the Claimant further states that he served as a volunteer under the Command of Capt. Orman [William Ormond] two months perhaps within the last mentioned date but by reason of the great lapse of time and old age I cannot say positively: for the above named services I claim a pension: I will here state that I volunteered in the above named services in the State of North Carolina Dobbs County: The applicant further states that there is no living Witness within his knowledge whereby he can prove the above named his services: Answer to Interrogatories

1<sup>st</sup> I was Born in the State of North Carolina Dobbs County in the year 1762 –

2 inter: I have no Written record of my age but I recollect that I was 16 years old at the time the sun was in total eclipse

3 inter: North Carolina Dobbs County: I have lived in South Carolina Darlington County from thence I moved to the State of Alabama Dale County where I now live

4 Inter: I volunteered in every instance

5 Inter: I was well acquainted with Capt. Coleman and the enlisting master John Cotton who was my Mother's Brother

6. Inter: I received a discharge at the end of the 12 months service from Major Allen which discharge I have lost

7 Inter: I will here state that Bennet Bezzel of this County has frequently seen and read my discharge and I know of no person who doubts my veracity

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State only on that of the Agency in the State of Alabama Sworn to and subscribed the 21st day of January 1839.

S/ Bartholomew Fields, B his mark

[Benjamin Heldreth and Samuel Newman, clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Dale County

Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Bartholomew Fields who, being duly sworn deposeth 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 grades; for one year. This deponent further saith that he knows of no one that he can prove his service by all have Deceased, or moved beyond his knowledge. This deponent further saith as he has stated in his former Declaration hereunto annexed that he received a discharge from under the hand of Major Allen and when he broke up

to come to this State he mislaid or lost it somehow or other; and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before made eighth October 8, 1833

S/ William Harper, JCCDC

S/ Bartholomew Fields, B his mark

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State of Alabama Dale County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of the County Court Bennet Bizzell, who after being duly sworn deposed and saith, that Bartholomew Fields is a man destitute of learning, and that he the said Bennet Bizzell has been in the habit of examining and arranging his papers at times for him & at times for about 25 years and that he believes to the best of his knowledge that about 10 years ago he saw the said Bartholomew Fields discharge from under the hand of Major Allen and that the said Bartholomew has always been considered in the neighborhood as a soldier of the Revolution and that he is always been in considered a man of Respectability and that he believes his statement entitled to credit.

Sworn to and subscribed before me 8th October 1833.

S/ B. Bizzell

S/ William Harper, JCCDC

[p 9, Dicey Newman appeared in Dale County, Alabama before M. R. Sims, JP, and made oath that she is the only surviving child of Bartholomew Fields, deceased; her affidavit is dated January 13, 1857 and she notes the last payment made to her father on his pension was made on January 30, 1845 in Dale County, Alabama, where he died. She signed this document with her mark.]

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