

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Fluker S10678

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State of Alabama County of Wilcox

On this twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before John Bridges Judge of the County Court of the said County of Wilcox now sitting George Fluker a resident of said County and State 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  
Served as herein Stated.

I was in the Service of the United States during the Revolution in three several tours. In the first, I was a Substitute for my father. My father was drafted in what was then called Bute County North Carolina to serve within the limits of said State of Carolina for three months, I agreed to go in his place and was excepted: I was then about Eighteen years of age and lived with my father in said County of Bute. We served the tour under our Captain Jordan Harris, who was under General Tom Eaton [Thomas Eaton]. Captain Harris shortly after we were raised went home and another person took his place whose name I do not recollect. This was as well as I remember in the first part of the year 1778. I have a very Short Memory, and if I should not be correct as to the date it may be corrected as I know that I Served. We were marched about some time in North Carolina then through the State of South Carolina and about the Southern Parts of it for about five months: We were then marched into the State of Georgia where I was engaged in the battle of Briar Creek.<sup>1</sup> This tour was under General Ash [John Ashe], we were defeated at Briar Creek, and imputed it to the conduct of General Ashe. After the battle General Ashe went off and we were marched back into South Carolina. This battle was fought on the third day of March [1779]. I recollect the date of the month very well though I may have forgotten the year. About a month after this battle we were discharged. I do not know who was in the command of the enemy at Briar Creek. I served this tour six months in the Carolinas and Georgia although we were only drafted to serve three months in the State of North Carolina. I was appointed and acted as Sergeant throughout the whole of this tour. During my absence from home this tour the County of Bute had been divided into the Counties of Warren and Franklin. This placed me in Warren County. On the Second tour I served about four months. On the second tour I was a volunteer under one Captain Tom Christmas [Thomas Christmas] in whose Company I was appointed Sergeant. We were marched to serve under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] under

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<sup>1</sup> March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

whom we fought at Guilford<sup>2</sup> in North Carolina. After the battle of Guilford we were marched to take Camden<sup>3</sup> where we were at first obliged to retreat the British still holding the Place, afterwards the British give [sic] way and we took the Place. After this I was discharged and went home to Warren. In the third tour I think I served as a volunteer under General William Caswell. During this Service we were marched from place to place without being engaged in any battle we served as well as I can remember four months during this service I was a Sergeant this time also. 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.

Questions propounded by the Court

Ques: 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: -- I was born in Northumberland County in the State of Virginia on the 19th day of April A.D. 1759. --

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

Ans: -- I have my age recorded in my family Bible copied from my father's Bible about 50 years ago I do not know where my father's Bible he is --

Ques: 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?

Ans: I was living in what was called Bute County North Carolina, which was afterwards divided into Franklin and Warren in which latter County I was living when I was married. After I was married I moved into the County of Halifax: from thence I moved to Ninety Six Edgefield District South Carolina: from thence to Washington County Georgia: from thence moved back to Ninety Six from thence I moved to the County of Marengo, State of Alabama from thence to Wilcox County State of Alabama where I now reside --

Ques: 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?

Ans: I was at first a Substitute for my father David Fluker: I served afterwards to terms as a volunteer.

Ques: 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.

Ans: I know General Greene, General Ashe and General Tom Eaton also one Major Griffin General William Caswell and General Bluford. I served at first as a volunteer under Captain Jordan Harris for some time, Captain Harris went home I served then under another Captain whose names I do not remember I served this time six months, I was at the Battle of Briar Creek in Georgia during this term I on the Second tour volunteered and served four months; there was such frequent changes made and the officers, that it is impossible for me at this day to recollect all their names. I was during this tour at the battle of Guilford and also at the Siege of Camden. I volunteered to join General Greene's Army. After this I served another tour under General Caswell; This tour was performed in marching about and putting things in order. I was appointed Sergeant every time I served.

Ques: 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge every time as well as I recollect but from home and what has become

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<sup>2</sup> March 15, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/guilfordcourthouse.htm>

<sup>3</sup> Applicant appears to be referring to the engagement known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill which occurred on April 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hobkirk.htm>

of them it is impossible for me at this time to say.

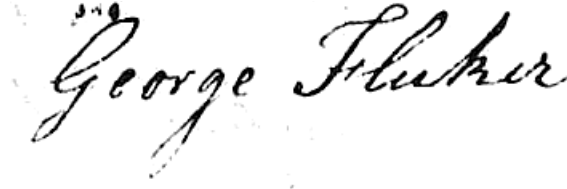
Ques: 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I know of no person who can testify as to the Services which I performed during the Revolution as to the other I can mention Colonel Thomas Creagh, Doctor Edward Creagh, John Kelly and Solomon Perkins.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ D. C. Smith, Clk

S/ George Fluker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Fluker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ George Fluker".

[Solomon Perkins, a clergyman and Bowen Bennett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]