

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Fritter S1201

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State of Kentucky Mason county Sct

On this 8th day of July 1833 personally appeared before the honorable the judges of the Mason county court now sitting Moses Fritter, a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged 78 years. And 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 7th 1832

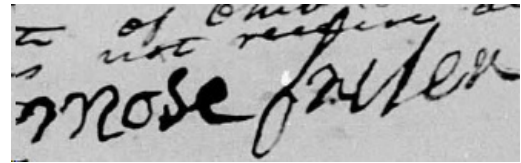
That he entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Thomas Mountjoy of Stafford County Virginia (where he then resided) he thinks in the year 1778 [sic] and went in pursuit of the brittish down the Potomac River after they had burned the house of one William Brent Esqr [16 Jul 1776]. That he was not present when the house was set on fire; but being stationed in the neighbourhood he saw the flames and was marched under capt Mountjoy as aforesaid to the aid of the sufferers. And under the command of that officer pursued the British down the Potomac River aforesaid to the distance of 70 or 80 miles. that then their force had so increased that he together with his company was permitted to return. And that on this occasion he was on duty for the period of 2 months and that he was a volunteer.

That subsequently it was rumered in Stafford County and other places along the Potomac that the British were ascending the River, and in order to prevent a repetition of the outrages which had recently been committed it was thought expedient to guard the River at various points in order to intercept their passage up and that he again volunteered under captain Mountjoy and was stationed on the Potomac River as aforesaid in the county of Stafford aforesaid for the period of one months and that he believed that the said service was rendered sometime in the year 1778 but he cannot state positively

That sometime in April 1781 he cannot recollect the day, he again enterd the service of the United States as a private in Captain William Alexander's Company in Stafford County Virginia. That from thence he was marched down to Springfield and was there attached to the Regiment of one Colonel Dart. He does not recollect the given name of Colo. Dart. That he remained at Springfield for the period of about 4 or 5 months; training and performing active duty with the Regiment aforesaid. That they moved thence down to yorkton [sic: Yorktown], distant from Springfield he thinks about 4 miles. That he remained at yorktown and performed service and active duty during the whole seige [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. that he arrived at Yorktown before the arrival of General Washington and before the arrival of the fleet under the command of a French Officer named D de Grasse [sic: Comte De Grasse, early September] and that he assisted in [page damaged] artillery from the fleet. That soon after the Surrender of lord Cornwallis on account of his health which had become considerably impared he made application to be discharged whereupon he received a written discharge, signed by the surgeon of the Regiment with the name of Captain William Alexander by order of the said Capt Alexander. That said discharge was highly honorable but that his wife carelessly permitted his children to loose it in Pitsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania County]. That he recollects the names of no officers in addition to those already named except one adjutant Thomas Ballard and General LaFayette and that he does not know whether said Ballard was a regular officer or not; that he has no written evidence of his services having lost his discharge as aforesaid; that he was drafted into the service the tour last above mentioned and was warned [sworn?] in by one captain George Burroughs and that he served in said tour about 6 months; that he removed from Stafford County Virginia to Pytsilvania, from thence to Mason county Kentucy, from thence to the State of Ohio and from thence back again to Mason County Kentucky where he now resides; that he knows no person by whom he can prove his services except Elizabeth Thornton who resides in Mason County Kentucky; whose deposition is herto annexed and that there is no minister of the Gospel living in his neighbourhood That he belongs to Mathew Gardners Church who is a minister of the gospel but that the said Gardner lives in the State of Ohio and he further states that he

does not receive any pension from the united states or any state & that he hereby relinquishes all claim or title other than this to any pension

Mose Fritter

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Mose Fritter". Above the main signature, there are some faint, partially legible words that appear to be "to of com" and "not receiving a".

Answer 1st [to prescribed interrogatories]

I was born in Stafford County Virginia in the year 1755

Answer 2nd

I have no record of my age

Answer 3^d

I lived in the state of Virginia; Stafford County; and have lived successively in Pytsilvania, in Mason County Kentucky in the State of Ohio and I now live in the State of Kentucky, Mason County

Answer 4th

I served 3 months under captain Mountjoy as a Volunteer and 6 months under captain William Alexander as a regular Malitia man

Answer 5th

I recollect General Washington and General La Fayette I do not now recollect any particular in regard to any regiment but the one in which I served and cannot state any thing in addition to what I have stated in my declaration

Answer 6th

I did [receive a discharge] as stated in the body of my declaration but have lost it; I never received a commission

NOTE: Elizabeth Thornton, 68, stated that she stayed with Moses Fritter's wife while he was in service under Capt. Mountjoy.