

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ferrell (Ferrill) S13015

fn7SC[sic, VA]

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Virginia Halifax County

On this 28th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Halifax now sitting William Ferrel [sic] aged 81 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 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted and entered the service of the United States on the first of July 1778 for the term of three years under a Capt. Peter Rogers, that he enlisted in the County of Halifax and marched directly to South Carolina, passing through the State of North Carolina near Salisbury, that his company and several other companies who had enlisted were united at Camden in the State of South Carolina, and placed under the command of Col. Peter Horry, that he traversed the whole Country of South Carolina during the time he served and had many skirmishes with the Tories that he frequently saw General Marion while he was in the South, after remaining in South Carolina for upwards of the year, he marched on towards Virginia, and was at the battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781], he then marched on from Guilford to Virginia and traveled slowly on after the enemy down the Roanoke Country to Little York [Yorktown], and was at that place when Lord Cornwallis was taken which he believes was about the month of October 1781 [October 19, 1781]. Soon after the siege of York, he was discharged, his discharge was handed to him by his Capt. who had been promoted to Col. -- at Little York he saw General Washington, General Lafayette and many others of the officers of the Maryland line. I am at this time very old and infirm and have an indistinct recollection of the particular either dates of my service, but have a distinct recollection that I enlisted for three years and served rather longer than my time my discharge cannot be found -- but I can prove by Thomas Tuck¹ & Moses Epps² that I enlisted and served as I state.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever 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.

S/ William Ferrell

Interrogatories answered

I received a discharge from Col. Peter Rogers at the expiration of my services, but it is now lost and cannot be found. I was born in the County of King and Queen Virginia some time in the year 1852 [sic, 1752]. I lived in the County of Halifax Virginia during the revolution, and have lived in said County for upwards of 50 years. I enlisted and entered the service as aforesaid and

¹ [Thomas Tuck S7761](#)

² [Moses Epps S6822](#)

saw General Marion, General Washington, general Lafayette, General Muhlenberg and many other officers of inferior grade.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

We Thomas Tuck and Moses Epps residing in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Ferrell who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we recollect distinctly that he enlisted and entered the service under a Capt. Peter Rogers, sometime in 1778, that we saw him in list and start from the County of Halifax. We were solicited to enlist ourselves but thought that were rather too young the said Ferrell started to South Carolina, and then returned back through Halifax to little York, we saw him on his return and knows that he belonged to the Army -- he served as well as we recollect rather upwards of 3 years.

S/ Thomas Tuck

S/ Moses Epps, X his mark

[Note: All of the above documents were certified on August 29th, 1833 as being true copies of records kept at the clerk's office in Halifax County Virginia. Since the documents in the pension file are certified copies, none of the signatures are original other than that of the clerk.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia and South Carolina service.]