

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Fletcher S13038

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 12 Feb 2014.

Virginia Shenandoah County Ss.

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December [1832], personally appeared before the County Court of the said County of Shenandoah, George Fletcher, a resident of the county and State aforesaid aged eighty eight years the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May last past, 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year [blank] with Capt Andrew Russel [sic: Andrew Russell; company raised March 1776] and served in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia State Troops [sic: 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of Foot on Continental Establishment], under the following named officers, Generals Scott and Parker [sic: Colonels Charles Scott and Josiah Parker], Capt. Andrew Russel, James McIlhaney [James McIlhany, pension application R6734] first Lieutenant, William Lane second Lieutenant and William Smith ensign. Enlisted Leesburg Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Va. with James McIlhaney for two years. I lived near the Short Hills in Loudon County where I enlisted. Marched from Leesburg to Dumfries, from there to Fredericksburg, from there to Bowling Green, from there to Williamsburg, from there down to Suffolk, from there to Portsmouth from there to Norfolk from there back to Williamsburg and from there back to York From there on water to Annapolis, from there to the Head of Elk [present Elkton MD] from there to Wilmington from there to Chester Pa, from there by water to Trenton, from there to Princeton from there to Brunswick from there to Amboy, from there to Elizabeth town from there to Newark from there to Springfield, from there back to Brunswick from there back to Princeton from there to Trenton, from there to Bucks County Pa. from there to Trenton where the Hessians were taken [Battle of Trenton, 26 Dec 1776] from there to Newto[wn] Bucks county Pa. from there back to Trenton where we were engaged in a small skirmish – then by night we marched to Princeton [illegible word] a considerable number of Prisoners were taken [possibly Battle of Princeton, 3 Jan 1777], from there cross to Brunswick river from there to Morristown where I was discharged my discharge was signed by James McIlhaney which on my return home was left with my sister, who removed from Loudon County but to what place I am unable to say not having heard from her since. Whilst at Portsmouth Va I volunteered for a special purpose under Capt Johnston to Defend a Fort against the British it was about 15 miles up the river and was near a bridge. The British Officer sent an Officer to demand a surrender of the Fort, which was refused and He Capt Forsythe [sic: Capt. Charles Fordyce] in attempting to take it whilst crossing the bridge was killed, the enemy retreated. Your petitioner believes the battle was called the battle of the Great Bridge [9 Dec 1775]

It may be suggested as an objection against the account given of my service, that I was not engaged in several battles fought in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. When the Battle of Brandywine was fought [11 Sep 1777], I was Sick in the Hospital at Downingtown, and it being many years since the war and not expecting to receive a pension, many particulars I could have named, which I have forgotten. Your Petitioner for the same reason is unable to state when (or the precise time) I entered the service, nor do I recollect the day or month in which I was discharged, but believe it was about four months previous to the battle of the Great Bridge that I enlisted.\*

He Hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. George hisXmark Fletcher

\*your Petitioner upon reflection is enable to state in order to ascertain the date of his enlistment that he was discharged from his period or term of service ten days after General Mercer was killed [Hugh Mercer, mortally wounded at the Battle of Princeton; died 12 Jan 1777].

I John Taflinger of the county of Rockingham and state of Virginia do hereby certify that during the revolutionary war my father was a resident in the county of Loudon state of Virginia, and that he was acquainted previous to the said war with George Fletcher, and the said George worked for my Father, (he being a blacksmith by trade) – after the war commenced s'd Fletcher enlisted in the regular army, and as I understood under a Capt Russell, I seen him, the said Fletcher after he was enlisted, dressed in uniform attending to the duties of a soldier. I continued to live with my Father in Loudon untill after the close of the War, when said Fletcher again return'd home from the war, and it was notoriously known and understood there that the s'd Fletcher had been a soldier in the war, and of which I am entirely certain, and that said Fletcher was considered a clever active young man in them days, that being his character among those who spoke of him and who were well acquainted with him Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833  
John hisXmark Taflinger

Woodstock Virginia/ March 31<sup>st</sup> 1835

Dr. Sir [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions], In the month of December last a pensioner by the name of George Fletcher who resided in this county died leaving several heirs. He however died in the house of a stranger and the money which he had did not pay the expences of his last sickness and burial. I should be glad to know whether by this stranger administering on his estate could draw the balance due to the time of his death and appropriate it towards the payment of these expences. He died possessed of no property real or personal. If it can be drawn by his administrator please let me know, and give any further information you may deem proper  
I am respectfully yours  
Sam'l. C Williams

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[p2] Virginia certificate 16659  
George Fletcher of Shenandoah  
Private under Col McIlhane two years  
Issued 11Sep1833 @ \$80/annum

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Virginia, Shenandoah County

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Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

George Hattel J.P.

George Fletcher      x his mark

[routine county certification

Philip Williams, clerk

10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 and in the 57<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth

Footnote: was discharged ten days after General Mercer was killed.

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I am respectfully

Yours,

Saml C. Williams

J.L. Edwards Esq.

[p13] John Tasslinger [Taflinger?] of Rockingham County testified that George Fletcher worked for his father in Loudon County as a blacksmith until the war, then departed in a soldier's uniform with Capt Andrew Russell. Fletcher did not return until after the war.

Certified by Sam D. Cootes, JP and Henry J. Gambell, clerk 10Aug1833.