

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Foster S13043

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State of New York Greene County: SS

On this 6th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of common pleas of the County of Greene now sitting Samuel Foster resident of the town of Catskill, in the County of Greene, and State of New York aged seventy-two 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 was born on the 23rd day of March 1761 at the town of Ridgefield, County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut. That he enlisted on the 8th or 10th day of June 1776, at the place aforesaid, in the Service of the American War in a company of militia, being the State troops of Connecticut; which company was commanded by Captain Noble Benedict of Danbury in the State aforesaid and the Regiment to which said company was attached was commanded by Philip B. Bradley of the town of Ridgefield aforesaid, in the State of Connecticut. That this deponent enlisted for six months. That this deponent went with his company to the City of New York, and there joined the Regiment commanded as aforesaid by the said Bradley. That the Regiment passed over into the State of New Jersey and remained opposite Staten Island at a place called Communipahugh [Communipaw] until about the 10th day of September 1776. It being about the time the City of New York was taken by the British. That from Communipahugh, the Regiment went to Fort Lee on the West side of the Hudson River, and remained there till about the last of October in the year aforesaid when it retreated from the Fort, through the State of New Jersey into the State of Pennsylvania, and went up the Delaware River to a place called Corsells Ferry [Coryell's Ferry], being the place where General Washington crossed the Delaware River the night before he took the Hessians in Trenton. That the Regiment and this deponent remained at the above said Ferry Christmas day, when this deponent, enlistment for the said six months expired. On this day General Washington came at this place with his Army and by a request from this deponent and a part of the Regiment to which he belonged volunteered their services for 20 days and went with him and his Army on Christmas night to Trenton and there captured one thousand Hessians. That this deponent was in that Battle and the Division that this deponent was in was commanded by one Frelinghausen [Frederick Theodore Frelinghuysen], but who gave the mortal wound to Colonel Rall [Johann Rall] who commanded the Hessian troops. After securing the Hessians which had been captured, this deponent went with General Washington and his Army to Princetown [Princeton] in the State of New Jersey, where they had an engagement with a detachment of the British troops. In this battle General Mercer was killed, who was a Brigadier General in the American Service. That this deponent was in that battle and this deponent's time had expired and he was discharged from the service that he had no written discharge and returned home to the town of Ridgefield aforesaid. This deponent further says that he can't give

from his present recollection and memory a particular narrative of the circumstances which led to his continuance in the service after the termination of his enlistment of six months in Bradley's Regiment, that herein before detailed this deponent says that after he enlisted for during the War as herein after stated, and in the month of September 1777 and after the Battle fought at Brandywine he was taken sick with the measles and was sent to Peekskill in the State of New York and from thence this deponent was taken home by his father to Richfield in the State of Connecticut where he remained sick about four months, and then returned to the Army at Valley Forge and after that continued in the service till the war terminated.

This deponent further says that on the first day of May 1777 he enlisted in the Regular troops or Army of the United States during the War. That the company was commanded by Captain Samuel Hoyt and that he served in the 5th Regiment of the Connecticut line commanded by Philip B Bradley. That this deponent at the time of this enlistment resided in the town of Ridgefield in the County of Fairfield, in the State of Connecticut. That soon after this deponent enlistment, he marched with the said Regiment to Peekskill in the State of New York on the Hudson River – stayed there about a month – then went with the Regiment to Kings Ferry on the Hudson and crossed it and then marched on and joined the Army commanded by General Washington at Bond Brook in the State of New Jersey. That when the British troops came up the Delaware River commanded by General How [Howe], this deponent went with the American troops into Pennsylvania and was in the Battle fought at Brandywine, and also at the Battle fought at the Red Bank Fort on the Delaware River. In all these Battles, General Washington commanded the American troops – And soon after these battles, this deponent with the other troops went into who winter quarters at Valley Forge. That the Army remained at this place till the spring of 1778, and this deponent with them. That this deponent was in the Battle fought on the 28th of June 1778 at Monmouth. That this deponent remained in the Army and in the same Regiment and company as before stated until the year 1779 when he was selected as one of the 1200 troops who were put under the command of General Lafayette. That John St. John commanded the Company in which this deponent was placed and the Regiment to which said company belonged, was commanded by one Miggs. That this deponent was present and engaged in the taking and storming of the Fort at Stoney Point – That in the year 1780 in the spring of that year, this deponent marched and went with the said troops under the command of Lafayette to the southward and joined the Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene], in North Carolina, at a place called Guilford. That he was in the Battle fought at Guilford Courthouse, and also at the siege of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. After the taking of Lord Cornwallis, the Army with the deponent returned to New Bergh on the Hudson River in the State of New York where the Army was disbanded and this deponent discharged – which was on the 4th of September 1783. That this deponent had a printed discharge executed by General Washington. This discharge has been lost. That he has no written or documentary evidence in his possession to prove his said service. That this deponent is informed and believes it to be true. That his name is written in the War Office at Washington, being the enlistment roll which he signed when he enlisted – this deponent further says, that he has in his possession a family Bible containing a record of his age made by his parents and that the Bible was left with him by his parents. That this deponent has resided since the revolutionary War in the now County of Catskill, in the County of Greene & State of New York. That in the year 1784 in the month of April he removed from the town of Ridgefield in the County of Fairfield and state of Connecticut to the said now town of Catskill aforesaid. This deponent further says that Isaac N. Wyckoff and Joel Bellamy of the town of Catskill all well acquainted with this deponent and have been for many years past –

that they can testify as to the character of the deponent for veracity and their belief of his services in the revolutionary War.

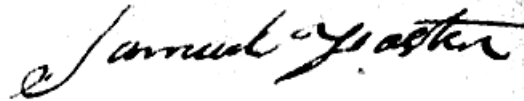
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. This deponent says that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify as to his services, except Ezekiel Whitney whose affidavit is hereto annexed

Subscribed and sworn in open court

February 6, 1833

S/ William V. B. Heermance, Clerk

S/ Samuel Foster

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Foster". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ Samuel Foster".

[Isaac N Wyckoff, a clergyman, and Joel Bellamy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[There are other documents in this file including supporting affidavits given by Ezekiel Whitney, but none appeared to me to relate any more details regarding this veteran's statement that he was at Guilford Court House or Yorktown, so I did not transcribe them for this database. Veteran's claim to have been at Guilford under Lafayette dubious since Lafayette was not at Guilford.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Connecticut Continental line.]