

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sherwood Fowler S1516

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The State of Tennessee Bedford County Circuit Court, December Term 1832

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the United States passed the 7th June 1832.

On this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord 1832; Personally Appeared in open Court before the Honorable James C Mitchell Esquire Judge of the Eleventh Circuit in the State of Tennessee, now Sitting for Bedford County; Sherwood Fowler a resident of said County of Bedford, aged Seventy Three years ten months and five days; 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and Served as herein Stated (To wit) That he entered the Service of the United States as a Substituted Soldier in the room and Stead of William Gray of Powhatan County and State of Virginia; who was drafted in said County, though he said deponent resided in Amelia County and State of Virginia – he says he was placed in a company under the command of Captain Edward Mumford, and Rendezvoused at Powhatan Court house the first week in May in the year 1779 and was marched from there to Williamsburg in the State of Virginia, where the company he was attached to joined the Main Army and were mustered into Service; under the command of General Charles Scott. He says that in a few days thereafter he was marched to the Town of York, where he says the Regiment he belonged to was placed under the command of General Nelson [Thomas Nelson], and from there he was marched 3 or 4 miles lower down the State and then returned to York again, and from there he was marched to Williamsburg and discharged the first week in July 1779 for a tower [tour] of duty of two months. He states he does not recollect to have received a discharge in writing; Deponent further states that he entered the Service of the United States again about the first week in January in the year 1781 as a drafted Soldier in Amelia County and State of Virginia, and was placed in a company commanded by Captain Edward Walker; and Rendezvoused at Amelia Court house, and from there he was marched through Petersburg and on to Cabbin point [Cabin Point], where the Company he belonged to joined the main Army where by the consent of the commanding

¹ In Fold3.com this file is erroneously contained in the file of Samuel Fowler S17954 beginning at image 36. In HeritageQuest.com, when functioning, this file can be located by searching for Sherwood Fowler and begins at image 815. The HeritageQuest version of this file was not functioning on the day I tried to transcribe it. Consequently, the following transcript is made from Fold3.com. The page numbers all relate to the Samuel Fowler file.

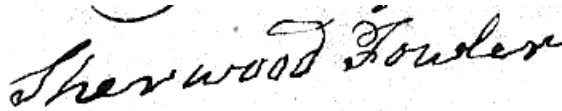
officers he was exchanged or changed places with one David Allen, and was placed again under his former Captain Edward Mumford and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Willis. He says he left Cabin Point the same evening, and was marched on to Smithfield, and from there through several Counties but being a Stranger in that part of the State at that time he does not now recollect their names, for some time until said troops reached a place called Jerrico [Jericho], where they remained for some time, and from there he was marched to Suffolk where he says he was Stationed in a Brick Church and from there he was marched through the dismal Swamp and below there a short distance to where the British had been Encamped and remained there some days and was marched back to Suffolk again and after some weeks was discharged by Companies for a tower of duty of two months – he says he thinks it was about the first week in March 1781 and that he served this last mentioned tower all except 3 or 4 days as a corporal in said Company, and that he does not remember to have received a written discharge: He further States that afterwards he thinks in the last week in the month of June 1781 in said County of Amelia and State of Virginia, he entered the Service of the United states again as a drafted Soldier and was placed in a company of Militia under the command of Captain William Finney – and was marched from there through the Town of Richmond in said last mentioned State and on to Williamsburg where he says he joined the main Army under the command of General Lawson [Robert Lawson] on the 6th day of July 1781 in evening of the day on which the Battle of Jamestown was fought, and he thinks that Colonel Beverly Randolph and Major Holcomb were field officers in General Lawson's Brigade; and from there he was marched to a place called Mobbins hills [Malvern Hills] on or near James River, by way of Bottoms Bridge on Chickahominy River, where he says he was Stationed for some time, and from there he was marched to a place called Newcastle in Hanover County near Richmond, where he was stationed for some time, and from there he was marched down the Pamunkey River to New Kent Court house, thence down the river and crossing the same into King William County and back again to New Kent Courthouse and South of the same a few miles, to an encampment where he says he was discharged for a tower of duty of two months about the last of August 1781 making in all a term of actual Service of Six months although he thinks he served some days more, yet he claims a pension for six months only, and that he Served in the capacity of 2nd Sergeant during the last two months of his Service.

He also states that he has no documentary evidence whatever and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service: He hereby relinquishes all and every claim or claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in the United States.

Sworn to in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Daniel McKisick, Clerk

S/ Sherwood Fowler



Interrogatories by the Court

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in Goochland County in the State of Virginia on the 1st day of January in the year 1759 agreeable to the information of my parents.

Interrogatory 2nd. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age, now in my possession –

Interrogatory 3rd. Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since

the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was a citizen of Amelia County in the State of Virginia during the whole time I was in the Service of the United States and until after the close of the Revolution. I then moved to Cumberland County in said State of Virginia where I resided until March 1829 I then removed to Bedford County Tennessee where I have lived ever since and where I now live.

Interrogatory 4th. How were you called into Service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom?

Answer. When I first entered the Service of the United States I substituted in the room instead of one William Gray of Powhatan County and State of Virginia and the balance of my service I served as a drafted Militia man.

Interrogatory 5th. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your Service

Answer. I do not recollect the names of any Regular Officer who was with troops where I served that I knew to be such; and I believe my declaration here subscribed and sworn to contains the most prominent history of my Services that I am able to give at this advanced age of my life.

Interrogatory 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what has become of it –

Answer. I never did receive a discharge to the best of my Recollection

State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their opinion of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution:

I have not lived in my present neighborhood a length of time sufficient to form an exclusive acquaintance but believe that Major James C Record, Doctor George W Haywood and Mr. Robert Hill are as well acquainted with me as any of my neighbors except my own relations: I have a small acquaintance with the Willis Haywood but cannot procure his attendance at Court.

Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of December 1832

S/ Daniel C McKisick

S/ Sherwood Fowler

[James C Record, George W Haywood and Robert Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 46: Certified and attested to by James K Polk, June 26, 1833. He would have been attesting the document in his capacity as a member of Congress.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24 per annum commencing March the 4th, 1831, for his service for 6 months in the Virginia militia as a private, Corporal and Sergeant.]