

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Falconbury S16789

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State of Indiana, Decatur County

On this 24th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. the Judges of the Decatur Circuit Court now sitting at Greensburgh [sic, Greensburg] in the County of Decatur aforesaid Jacob Falconbury a resident of the County of Decatur in the State of Indiana aged Seventy Six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (To wit) he entered the service some time in the month of June 1776 as a volunteer and served under Col. David Love Captain William Hoyer and Sergeant William Higan [?] (the rest of the officers he cannot now remember) and served for near three months he left the service some time the last of August or the first of September the same year after first being duly discharged by Colonel Love. Here occurs another Term of service of about one month the particular time of which this applicant does not distinctly recollect, but believes that it was some time in the month of June & July 1780 [? last two digits written over, could be "1779"]¹ where he was called out by Colonel Thomas Wade (together with about 60 men besides) to march against the British and Tories. In this expedition he served under Col. Thomas Wade & Captain John D'Garnett [John DeJarnett], and was in the Battle fought between the Whigs & Tories at Beatty's [sic, Beatti's] Bridge over Drowning Creek in North Carolina.² He then returned home to Anson County where he resided after serving near one month. (Some time in the winter of 1780, he was drafted and marched against the British & Tories) under General Redderford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Thomas Wade and Captain John D'Garnett, and after serving for two months and a half, he was duly discharged by Col. Wade the particular time he does not now remember but he well recollects that it was at the time the British evacuated Wilmington. He then returned home, and removed from the County of Anson to the County of Richmond, North Carolina. He was then called again sometime, during the year 1781 (after his removal to Richmond County North Carolina) under General Rutherford (or Herrington he does not remember which in particular at this time), Colonel Edward Williams and Captain William Wall and served for about one year against the Tories who were with laying waste the Country. He left the service (this last tour) sometime in the year 1782 and was duly discharged by Colonel Edward Williams. At the time this applicant volunteered under Colonel Love and served for near three months in 1776 – he resided in Anson County North Carolina, where he continued to reside until he had completed his 1st, 2nd and 3rd tours as above stated; When he entered fourth time in the service (under Col. Edward Williams) he resided in Richmond County North Carolina and continued to reside there until he had completed his fourth tour of service.



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2 This engagement occurred on August 4, 1781.

This applicant asserts that he served during all his several Terms of service for Eighteen months at least. During his first tour he marched from Anson County to Catawba River when he crossed the same at Beatys Ford, from thence he marched to Moore's Meadows from thence to Gilbert Town, from thence to McPhagens [?] fort, from thence to Muddy Creek Fort, from thence to the Pleasant Gardens, there he was regularly discharge by Colonel Love. During his second Tour under Colonel Thomas Wade when he went out against the British & Tories at Beatys Bridge (and served near a month) he marched from Anson County to Rockingham, from thence to Chalk-fork, from thence to Beatys Bridge where they Battle was fought, then he was marched home to Anson County. During his third tour when he went out on a draft under Colonel Thomas Wade, he marched from Anson County to Fayetteville, from thence to Lochand's folly, from thence to the big Bridge near Wilmington from thence back to Anson County where he was duly discharged by Col. Wade. During his fourth tour (after he removed from Anson County to Richmond County North Carolina) under General Rutherford (or Herrington) Colonel Edward Williams and Captain William Wall, he marched from thence to Raford's Storehouse (where they hung three Tories) from thence back to Richmond County. Then he was called out every few days to march against the parties of marauding Tories which infested the settlements; and all these last terms of service which he counts one term under Colonel E. Williams &, he served for one year at least. His several discharges have long since been lost or mislaid. He has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person living who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Falconbury



[Certificate of reputation for veracity and service as a soldier in the Revolution given by Wien Grayson and James Armstrong]

Answers to the Questions prescribed by the War department & propounded to the above named applicant by the said Court:

Answer to first Question. I was born in Anson County North Carolina the 14th day of February 1757.

Answer to Question 2nd I have no record of my age only what my parents have told me.

Answer to Question 3rd. I was living in the County of Anson North Carolina when first called into service and continued to live there until I moved to Richmond County as is stated within. I removed from Richmond County South Carolina on Congaree River, from there I removed to Kentucky in 1804, from thence I removed to the State of Indiana in 1826 in the County of Decatur where I still reside.

Answer to 4th Question. I went out in the first place as a volunteer, the second tour I also went out as a volunteer, the third tour I was drafted, and the fourth tour I was a volunteer.

Answer to fifth Question. I recollect no regular officers with whom I was personally acquainted except General Caswell, General Herrington, and General Rutherford, the companies that I served in were attached to no particular Regiments by the name as I remember of, the general circumstances of my service are stated within.

Answer to Sixth Question. I had received two regular written discharges from the service, the other times I was dismissed without any written discharge. My written discharges were given the first by Colonel Love & the other by Colonel Wade. They as afore stated are now lost.

Answer to Question Seventh. As for my character for veracity and truth I refer you to John Armstrong in my now neighborhood and James Armstrong, Abner Hall, John Bush and all who know me.

State of Indiana Ripley County: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the said County

Jacob Falconbury (who is the same identical Jacob Falconbury named in the accompanying Declaration for a pension under the Law of June 7th 1832), who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; for (at least) one year and six months as a private in the Army of the Revolution, and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Jacob Falconbury

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th day May A.D. 1833

S/ Seth Griggs, JP

[p 11: A letter dated May 30, 1833 contains the statement that the veteran gave the above affidavit in Ripley County because he happened to be there and it was more convenient for him than having to go to his own County, Decatur, to make the affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia.]