

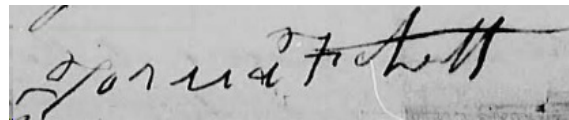
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Fitchett S16798                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 7 Feb 2014.

State of Virginia                      }  
County of Mathews                    }

On this 12th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Cort before the justice of the County of Mathews, now sitting Joshua Fitchett a resident of the County of Mathews and state of Virginia, aged seventy one 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 entered the sevice of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I entered the service in 1779 by an order of Sir John Payton Col'n [sic: Col. Sir John Peyton] to Philips Tabb Capt. [sic: capt. Philip Tabb] to enroll me and went to the Guard House at Cricket hill where I was stationed prety near all my time I served on that tower of duty two months I was called Out in the same year under the same officers at the same place and served on that tower of duty two months an a half in 1780 I was called out in like order under the same officers at the same place and served a tower for two months in the same year I was called out in like order to go to Queens Creek [Queen Creek in York County] where some barges was to drive them away there we had a little engagement after they went away we marched down to the Guard House again on that tower of duty I served thee months 1781 I was Called Out in like order at the same place and served a tower of duty two an a half months in the same year I was called under Holder Hudgins Capt. by an order of Mathew Boswell Coln. when the barges came to Gwyns island [sic: Gwynn Island] there we had a little engagement on that tower of duty I served three months in 1782 I was called out in like order and served three months in 1782 I was called out in like order and served a tower of duty for two months I was called Out in the same year in like order at the same place and served a tower of duty for one an a half months when attached to capt. Tabbs company I was Relived by capt Hudgins Company when I was attached to Capt. Hudgen's company I was relieved by Capt Tabb's Company.

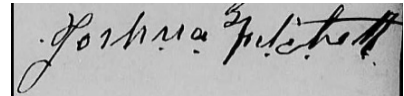
There was many engagements that we had with the barges whilst stationed at the Guard House the number of them I do not recollect I served all the time as a private and for such service I claim a pension I here by relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State I served all my time in Glocester [sic: Gloucester] County Kingston parish I was born in 1763 I have a record of my age I was living in Gloucester County Kingston parish when called in to service I have lived there ever since. I was called in to Service as a malitia man I did not become acquainted with any of the regular officers I did not receive any written discharge I can prove my services by Gabreal Hughes [sic: Gabriel Hughes W19836] and by Hugh Hudgins [S10884] who also can testify to my caracter



Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mathews on the State of Virginia Joshua Fitchett who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that the reasons of his being called out at cricket hill to do duty at the different times mentioned in his declaration that he made before the court of Mathews in order to obtain a pension from the united States on the 12th of may 1834 is as followers. in the yearly part of the revolutionary war in 1777 as will as I recollect Lord Dunmore came and took possession of Guyn's Island, and settled his fleet there. [sic: see endnote] Guyn's Island lay on Chesapeak [sic: Chesapeake] bay opposit Cricket Hill. Coln Payton ordered a guard

there and they had Possession of the Island the whole war on an off and there was a steady guard kept there to prevent them from comming on the mane to plunder the neighbourhood I was a youngster, and lived near Cricket Hill where I kept Guard from the time I was fifteen years old untill the end of the war on an off, agreeable to the time that I have stated in my declaration as well as I recollect. the barges would sometimes start to go up Queens creek which is not far from Cricket Hill we would then have to fire on them in that way we had many little engagements the number of them I do not recollect. William Callis [S16683] Gabrel Hughes Matthias Gayle [W7491] Hugh Hudgins who served with me at Cricket Hill also all the old men that is now living that was in the war of the Revolutionary know's that their was a steady guard kept at Cricket Hill and point Comfort too when the Capt. would go from Crickett Hill he would always leave some other officer there in charge.

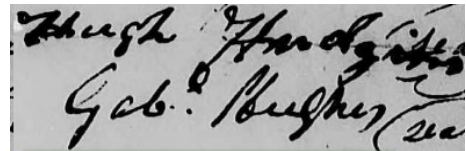
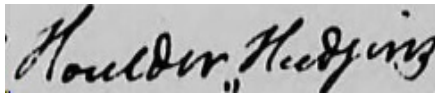
[25 June 1834]



We Hugh Hudgins and Gabriel Hughes residence in the County of Mathews and State of Virginia do upon Oath testify and declare, that we were attached to the militia service during the war of the Revolutionary we know that there was a Ready Guard kept at Cricket Hill from the latter part 1776 to 1782 for we served many towers of duty at that place, we know that Joshua Fitchett served at that place under Capt. Philip Tabb and others from 1779 untill 1782, the exact numbers of his towers of duty we do not recollect but we know that he was perty Constantly out we think that William Collis entered the Service about 1780 and served untill the guard was broken up in this place, the Guard was broken up at Cricket Hill in the latter part of the Spring 1782, the said Fitchett and Callis served with us at Cricket Hill in the year 1782 Capt. Philip Tabb and Holder Hudgins were the Officers that general had command at that place

[19 Sep 1834]

[Sworn before Houlder Hudgins, JP]



[Richard Hurst S9593 and Mathias Gayle also made supporting statements.]

NOTE: The Royal Governor, Lord Dunmore occupied Gwynn Island from 9 Dec 1775 until 11 July 1776. On 7 Aug 1776 he fled to England.

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Fitchett Joshua  
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VA

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[p2] Virginia certificate 29.621  
Joshua Fitchett decd of Matthews  
Private under Col Payton for 18 ½ months  
Widow Sarah  
Issued 23Jun1835 @ \$61.66/annum  
Died 08Oct1834

<http://mapper.acme.com/?ll=37.45742,-76.28859&z=15&type=T> "Fitchett Virginia"

[p3] Virginia

At a monthly court held for the County of Mathews at the Court House thereof, on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834.

[routine certification

John P. Stoakes, magistrate

Thomas Vaughn, neighbor

Shepherd G. Miller, clerk

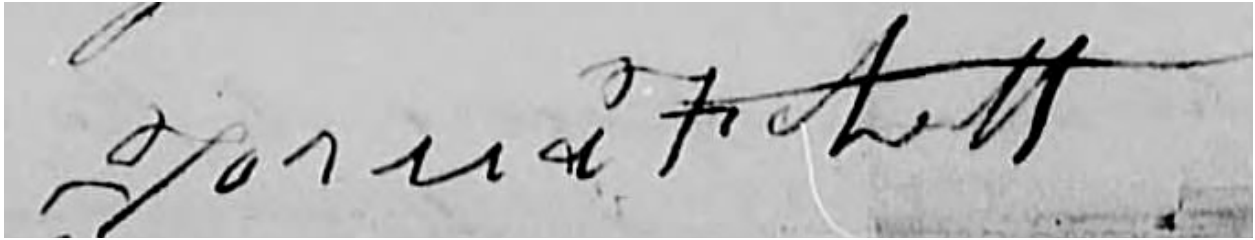
[p4] State of Virginia

County of Mathews

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County of Mathews now sitting, **Joshua Fitchett**, a resident of the County of Mathews const State of Virginia, aged seventy one 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: He entered the service in 1779 by an order of Sir John Payton Col<sup>n</sup> to Philip Tabb Cap<sup>t</sup> to enroll me and went to the guard house at Crickethill where I was stationed pretty much all my time. I served on that tour of duty two months. I was called out in the same year under the same officers at the same place and served on that tour of duty two months and a half. In 1780 I was called out in like order under the same officers at the same place and served a tour of two months in the same year I was called out in like order to go to Queens Creek where some barges was to drive them away. There we had a little engagement. After they went away we marched down to the Guard House again on that tour of duty I served three months. 1781 I was called out in like order at the same place and served a tour of duty two and a half months. In the same year I was called out under Holder Hudgins Capt by an order of Mathew Boswell Col. When the barges came to Gwynn's Island. There we had a little engagement. In that tour of duty I served three months. In 1782 I was called out in like order and served a tou of duty for two months. I was called out in the same year in like order at the same place and served a tour of duty for one and a half months when attached to Capt Tabb's company. I was relieved by Capt Hudgins company when I was attached to Capt Hudgin's company I was relieved by Capt Tabb's company.

[p5] There was many engagements that we had with the barges while stationed at the guard house. The number of them I do not recollect. I served all the time as a private and for such

service I claim a pension. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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. I served all my time in Gloucester County Kingston Parish. I was born in 1763. I have a record of my age. I was living in Gloucester County Kingston Parish when called in to service. I have lived there ever since. I was called into service as a militia man. I did not become acquainted with any of the regular officers. I did not received any written discharge. I can prove my services by Gabriel Hughes and by Hugh Hudgins who also can testify to my character.

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name appears to be 'Archd Goodrich'.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid  
Arch<sup>d</sup> Goodrich

[p15-ff] county supporting statement and certification

Hugh Hudgins, witness

Gabriel Hughes, witness

Houlder Hudgings, JP

Shelpher G miller, clerk

Richard Hurst, neighbor

Matthias Gayle, neighbor

Wm Shultice, JP