

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Ferguson S17411

f39SC[sic, NC]

Transcribed by Will Graves

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### State of Missouri Lafayette County

On this 6th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable John F. Ryland Judge of the Circuit Court of Lafayette County aforesaid Moses Ferguson a residing in this County of Lafayette aforesaid 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in February of the year 1781 and served in the first Regiment of the South Carolina State Troops under the following named officers: Lieut. Andrew Alexander Capt. William Alexander, Major James Rutherford, Col. Wade Hampton and General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter]. And left the service on the last of November 1781. And that he served for the period of ten months. He marched from North Carolina Lincoln County into South Carolina and was at the taking of Fort Granby [February 19-21, 1781] by Col. Wade Hampton and was at the taking of Fort Orangeburg [May 11, 1781] by Col. Wade Hampton and fought under General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], General Sumter having before that battle captured some British near Moncks Corner and got a box of gold from them as he understood and left the troops. General Henderson [William Henderson] commanded in his place after he left them, these are all the engagements he now remembers being in. He was employed the chief of his time in reconnoitering the Country after the Tories and was not stationed any length of time at any one place Col. Washington [William Washington] was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs and was taken prisoner and conveyed by the British to Charleston and in answer to the interrogatories says

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

He was born in Baltimore State of Maryland in the month of February in the year 1762

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

He has no record of his age now but recollects of seeing his age set down by his father in the family Bible which he believes was destroyed by the Tories who robbed his father's house and killed my mother.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

He was living in Lincoln County North Carolina when he entered the service and after the war he lived in Lincoln County North Carolina until the year 1820 and then removed to Tennessee Rhea County and lived there till the year 1831 and removed from thence to Lafayette County State of Missouri where he now lives

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

He enlisted under Col. Wade Hampton in the month of February 1781 and was enlisting man for the service at that time

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Col. Washington and Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and General Greene were regular officers Col. Polk [William Polk], Col. William Hill, Col. Middleton, Col. Henry Hampton were State Troops officers. He does not recollect the name of the Continental or Militia regiments He has given the occurrences of the circumstances as he recollects them above except that Major Rutherford [James Rutherford] was killed at the Eutaw battle

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

He received a discharge from Col. William Poke [William Polk] and got it washed up in his clothes soon after he got home

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

He is known to John Alexander who can testify to his character. He has been living so shortly a period in the present neighborhood that he has not formed a sufficient acquaintance with any of his neighbors that he did not know before to enable them to testify to his character. Ryal Maury, Nicholas House [very faint name, might be "Rover Craig"] live in his neighborhood. He is not known to any clergyman sufficiently to enable him to testify to his character. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. He states that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services personally November 6th, 1833

Attest: S/ Young Ewing

S/ Moses Ferguson, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Young Ewing, Clerk

[Willis H. Chapman and Frederick Fulkison gave the standard supporting affidavit adding that they knew the applicant in the State of Tennessee.]

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State of Missouri County of Lafayette

On this 28th day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Justices of the County Court of Lafayette County while in session Moses Ferguson a resident of Lafayette County in the State of Missouri aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath says that he applied to the war Department for a pension under the provisions of the Act March 18th 1818 which application was transmitted to the department in the fall of 1831<sup>1</sup> with the accompanying proof: in answer to which he received a communication from J L Edwards dated December 2nd, 1831. In his application and the documents accompanying them he set forth and proved that he had served under Col. Wade Hampton, Major James Rutherford and Capt. William Alexander of the state troops of South Carolina. He made proof of actual service by Robert McCormick<sup>2</sup> and Adam Miller<sup>3</sup> all of which will more fully appear in the documents on file in the department as shown by your answer to me. When he made his prove

<sup>1</sup> I can find no evidence of this application in the file.

<sup>2</sup> [Robert McCormick S4198](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Adam Miller W5375](#)

the same was taken before the Circuit Court of Rhea for the County court thereof in the oldest of 1831 [sessions] in the State of Tennessee. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension whatever or annuity except the benefit of the provision of the act of 7th June 1832 under which he now hereby claims and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or the agency of any State.

Attest: S/ A. W. Douiphan

S/ Moses Ferguson, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Young Ewing, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina/South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>4</sup> relating to Moses Ferguson	AA 8
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2360	
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No. 73

Mr. Moses Ferguson his account of a Horse lost in State Cavalry in 1781

Charged	£100.0.0 [old South Carolina] Currency
or Stg. [Sterling]	£14.5.8 ½

NB: The Horse is not appraised

Ex<sup>d</sup>. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

See over

TJ

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1783 May 5<sup>th</sup> This day James Ferguson made oath that a Certain Horse the property of Moses Ferguson was taken from in into [sic] the State Service to the Best of his knowledge

proven before me S/ Wm Hill, JP

State of South Carolina  
Charleston District

Moses Ferguson maketh Oath that the above account is Just & true

Sworn to this 11<sup>th</sup> February 1785

before

S/ M. Simons, JP

I do Certify that Moses Ferguson late a Soldier in my Regiment of State Troops, brought his own Horse into Service, & that he was lost in service in the year 1780 one

S/ W. Hampton, Late Lt. Col. L. D.

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<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

I do certify that Moses Ferguson, <sup>late</sup> a Soldier in my  
Reg<sup>t</sup> of State Troops, brought his own Horse into service,  
& that he was lost in service in the year 1781.  
4K William Ferguson late S<sup>r</sup> of the

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Received the full Value from Israell Moses by me  
S/ Moses Ferguson

Rec<sup>d</sup> the full Value  
from Israell Moses  
by me Moses Ferguson

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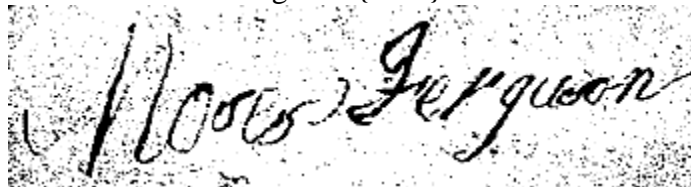
Know all men by these Presents that I Moses Ferguson of South Carolina & Craven County for  
& in Consideration of one Horse paid to me in hand by James Ferguson of the Province aforesaid  
the Receipt Whereof I do hereby Acknowledge have Bargained and Sold the Chance of my  
Negro Due to me for my Ten Months Service in the State Troops Raised by General Sumter and  
do hereby Certify that I have not Bargained sold nor made way with the Chance of said Negro  
But that I do Warrant and defend the said bargained Negro Unto the said James Ferguson his  
Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns forever, from all persons laying Any Just Claim or  
Title to said Negro –

In witness whereof I the said Moses Ferguson have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of  
July A.D. 1782

Signed Sealed & delivered

In Presence of  
S/ John Smith

S/ Moses Ferguson {Seal}



[Note on the reverse side of the above document appears the following: "Received 1<sup>st</sup> January  
1790 ten pounds Special Indents in part of the within mentioned Claim.

S/ Samuel Long

