

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Forrester S1902

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: SS

On the 16th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Stephen Forrester a resident in said County aged Eighty years the sixth day of December last 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 the 7th of June 1832

That he entered the service in May or June in the year 1780 for the term of three months as a drafted Militiaman from Orange County State of North Carolina -- that he was attached to Captain Davis Grissum's [sic, Davis Gresham's] Company that he was mustered into service at Hillsboro and the Company he belonged to was attached to was commanded by Colonel William Moore and was the 3rd Regiment of North Carolina Militia -- which belonged to General Butler's [John Butler's] Brigade -- that he marched from Hillsboro where he was mustered into service to Rugeley's Mills South Carolina with [sic, within] six miles of Camden where he continued encamped some time -- that he was in the battle at Camden [August 15-16, 1780] when General Gates was defeated -- that the Army was all dispersed and he took his foot and run [ran] home. He was again drafted into service in the latter part of the same year for the term of three months under General Martin in the business of Collecting Beeves, Corn and Pork for the use [of] the Army he done this service in the State of North Carolina -- that he resided in Orange County North Carolina when he rendered the service and was born and raised there -- he has a record of his age at home that he remained in North Carolina after the Revolutionary War until 1804 [could be 1814] when he removed to Sumner County State of Tennessee where he now resides -- that he never received any Discharge.

That 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.

S/ Stephen Forrester, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court August 16th, 1832

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

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I do hereby certify that I do know of my own personal knowledge that Stephen Forrester did serve as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and that he was at the Battle of Camden as he has stated in his Declaration for a pension --

Sworn to and subscribed the 16th day of August 1832.

S/ William May,¹ X his mark

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State of Tennessee Sumner County

I William May of said County about seventy-three or four years of age do hereby make the following amendment to a certificate heretofore given by me in relation to the service of Stephen Forrester in the Army of the Revolution do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with said Stephen Forrester being raised in about five miles of each other; Said Stephen in Orange County and affiant in Wake [County, NC] -- that I do know of my own personal knowledge that the said Stephen did serve as a Soldier in the war and was in the Battle of Camden for affiant although not in the Battle was in the same expedition -- as to his other service affiant has no personal knowledge of that said Stephen has spoken of in his declaration being out on service himself, but he has always been informed by his neighbors in North Carolina that he was out on the expedition a foraging for the Army as he has stated in his declaration, and never heard it contradicted by any one; that he is well acquainted with said Stephen and would give full credit to his Statements.

Sworn to in open Court November 19th 1832

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

S/ William May, X his mark

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Amended declaration

State of Tennessee Sumner County

On the 20th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of Peace for the said County Stephen Forrester at the house of Reuben Forrester, the said Stephen owing to bodily infirmity not being able to appeared before the Court -- and made oath to the following Amendment to his declaration for a pension

That he served two Tours of three months Each as a private soldier -- making a service of six months for which he claims a pension. That he would refer to Thomas Anderson Esquire, Elisha Vaughan, William May & Michael Runnels as persons well acquainted with him in the neighborhood where he resides and who can testify as to his character as to truth and their belief of his service in the Revolution.

S/ Stephen Forrester, X his mark

Sworn to & Subscribed before me on the date above

S/ Elijah Baddie [?], JP

[Elisha Vaughan, a clergyman, and Thomas Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [William May W861](#)