

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aberhart Fetner S19294

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State of South Carolina, Richland District

On this 11th day of September in the year of our Lord 1846 personally appeared before me Samuel R. Black one of the magistrates of the District and State aforesaid Aberhart Fetner a resident of the District of Richland & State of South Carolina, aged Eighty-six on the 21st day of October next, 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 the 7th June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 in August of the same under Captain Derrill Hart in Colonel William Thomson's Regiment of foot as a musician and served in the same, the third Regiment, of the Continental line – that he continued in said Regiment until the Battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] at which time he was taken prisoner and confined on board a Prison ship at Savannah in the State of Georgia – that he was afterwards retaken by Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and served under Captain Rudolph [Michael Rudolph] in Colonel Lee's Regiment in which he served until the close of the War of the Revolution – that before entering the last mentioned Regiment he served under Captain Felix Warley who also belonged to Colonel William Thomson's Regiment of foot – that he is aged and in needy circumstances – He also answers to the following interrogatories upon oath. 1st Interrogatory: Where and in what year were you born[?] Answer: In Charleston on the 21st day of October 1760. 2nd Interrogatory Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it? Answer: Yes I have it now in my possession. 3rd Interrogatory: Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer: At Granby in Lexington District South Carolina, afterwards in Chester District and now in Richland District adjoining Lexington District South Carolina. 4th Interrogatory: How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute, for whom? Answer: I enlisted in August 1777 under Captain Derrill Hart in Colonel William Thomson's Regiment afterwards under Captain Felix Warley in Colonel William Thomson's Regiment which was the third Continental Regiment in the Expedition to Florida. 5th Interrogatory: 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: Col. William Thomson and Colonel Lee both of Continental Regiments. 6th Interrogatory: Did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it? Answer: I got a discharge from Colonel Lee but have since lost it. 7th Interrogatory: State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your

present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer: I am acquainted with Rev. John P. Cook and John C. Bell of Columbia. He also declares that he petitioned the Legislature of South Carolina in 1826 and was placed on the pension list of this State (see the accompanying copy by the Treasurer of the upper division) that those who were with then his witnesses are dead or gone without his reach. That he served in all five years and four months to wit from August 1777 to 25th of December 1782.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the same and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State only on that of the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Aberhart Fetner



S/ Samuel R. Black
One of the Magistrates
for Richland District S.C.

[John P Cooke, a clergyman, and John C Bell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

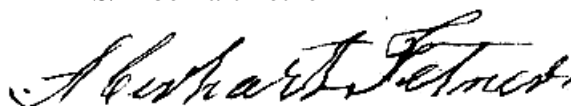
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State of South Carolina, Richland District

On this 29th day of September A.D. 1846 Personally appeared before me one of the Magistrates for the District of Richland in the State aforesaid Aberhart Fetner who upon his oath states that at the time he rendered service in the Army of the United States and during the Revolutionary War he was known and called by the name of John Aberhart Fetner, but some time after said war and at the instance & request of his Brother, he dropped the name "John" and was from that time to the present called "Aberhart Fetner."

Sworn to before me this 29th September AD1846.

S/ Aberhart Fetner



S/ Samuel R. Black, Magistrate

[p 13: Copy of a petition sworn to on November 28 1826 by the veteran addressed to the Hon. Speaker and members of the House of representatives of South Carolina in which the veteran applies for a state pension reciting in less detail the services set forth in his application for a federal pension as transcribed above; in this petition he describes himself as being 67 years of age and indigent and unable by manual labor to procure a subsistence. p 14: this petition was supported by an affidavit given by Morgan Griffin¹ in which he says the veteran served as a musician in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Continental's commanded by Col. Thompson for 2 or 3 years. p 14: Likewise William Taylor Senior² gave testimony that the veteran served as a

¹ [Morgan Griffin S18844](#)

² [William Taylor S39099](#)

musician under Capt. Derrill Hart in Col. Thomson's Regiment as a Fifer. p 14: Gideon Griffin³ also gave a supporting affidavit.]

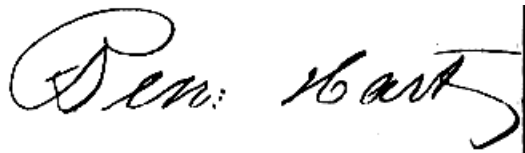
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State of South Carolina Richland District: Personally appeared before me Benjamin Hart who upon oath states that he is Eighty one years of age and that he is well acquainted with Aberhardt Fetner who has made application to be placed on the pension list of the United States and that he knew him well when he enlisted under the brother of this Deponent Lieut. Derrill Hart in the Service of the United States in the 3rd Continental Regiment in the South Carolina line commanded by Col. William Thomson and that the said Aberhart Fetner is the identical man as above stated. This Deponent further states that he has heard his brother Lieut. Derrill Hart since say that the said Aberhart Fetner was a Fifer under his command.

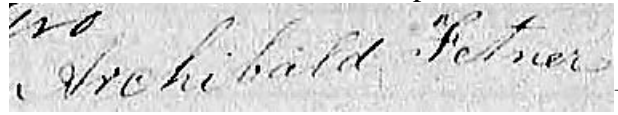
Sworn to before me this 7th day of July 1847

S/ A. Fitch, Magistrate

S/ Ben. Hart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben. Hart". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a vertical line at the end of the signature.

[p 7: Power of attorney dated April 29, 1852 signed by Archibald Fetner who states that he is a child of Aberhart Fetner, deceased, formerly a Fifer in the revolutionary war and pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$88 per annum who died May 10, 1848

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Archibald Fetner". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a vertical line at the end of the signature.

[p 9: Certificate by the court in the District of Richland South Carolina that the veteran died in said District May 10, 1848 leaving then surviving the following children: Archibald Fetner, James S Fetner, Mary Hartin, Alexander be Fetner & Elizabeth Hawkins.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Aberhart Fetner
Audited Account No. 2367B

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The Petition of Aberhart Fetner praying to be placed on the pension List

Pensions

Report in favor

S/ C. Bookter

³ [Gideon Griffin W8877](#)

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

The petition of Aberhart Fetner, respectfully Sheweth. – That your petitioner in the year 1777 enlisted as a musician in 3rd Regiment of State troops commanded by Colonel Thomson [William Thomson], – that he continued to Serve in Said Regiment until the battle of Briar Creek [March 3rd, 1779] at which time, he was taken prisoner, and confined on board a prison Ship at Savanna – Your Petitioner was afterwards retaken, and served under Colonel Rudolph in Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Regiment until the Close of the Revolutionary War – Your Petitioner is now in the Sixty Seventh year of his age and in indigent Circumstances, – he has become unable by manual labor, to procure, a Subsistence, he therefore prays your Honorable body on account of his age and infirmities to be placed on the pension List

S/Aberhart Fetner



State of South Carolina Richland District }

Personally appeared before me Aberhart Fetner who States upon oath that the contents of the above petition are true & this deponent further States that he Served 5 years during the war and that for 3 months of which Service only, as he received compensation.

Sworn to before me November 8th, 1826

S/ C. Bookter, QU

S/Aberhart Fetner

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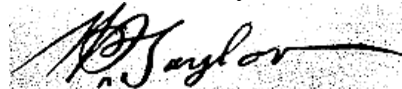
South Carolina Richland District } Personally appeared before me William Taylor Senior, and made oath, "that he knew Aberhart Fetner in the Revolutionary War, and that he served in the Continental Service under Captain Derrill Hart in the third Regiment commanded by Colonel William Thomson, in the Capacity of a Fifer –

Sworn to before me

This 28 November 1826

S/ Benjamin Rawls, QU

S/ Wm Taylor



State of South Carolina Richland District } Personally appeared before me, Gideon Griffin, and made oath that he Aberhart Fetner, Served as a musician in the Revolutionary war, in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomson, and believes said Fetner continued, in said Regiment about three years –

Sworn to before me November

29th, 1826

S/ C. Bookter, QU

S/ Gideon Griffin, X his mark

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South Carolina Richland District }

Personally appeared before me Morgan Griffin and made oath that he knew Aberhart Fetner in the Revolutionary war, That he Served in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomson as a musician – and thinks he continued in Said Regiment two or three years –

Sworn to before me November 29th 26

S/ Griffin Morgan, X his mark

[p 9: The same petition as set forth above but this one addressed to the South Carolina Senate]

[pp 10-15: duplicates of the affidavits given by Morgan, Taylor and Griffin as set forth above]

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The committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Aberhart Fetner praying to be placed on the pension list

Beg leave to Report,

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petition be granted and that the said Aberhart Fetner be placed on the pension list

December 1826

S/ John McComb, Chairman

[pp 17-19: Miscellaneously dated receipts reflecting payments to the veteran of \$60 per annum starting with the 1st receipt dated 3 January 1728 and the last receipt being dated September 15th, 1847]