

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Fleming S1952

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### Revolutionary Claims

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Form of a Declaration to be made by the Non-Commissioned Officers, Musicians, and Privates

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I **Samuel Fleming** of \_\_ in the County of **Rutherford** in the State of **Tennessee** do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a private in **Captain William Knox** company, in the **second** Regiment of the **North Carolina Continental** Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of \$80; to which I was entitled under the resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778. -- **The affiant cannot distinctly recollect as to this latter claim**

And I further declare, that I was not, on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States. -- **He has never been on the pension list.**

S/ **Samuel Fleming**, X his mark

Witness my hand, this sixth day of December, in the year 1828

S/ **Samuel Jones**, JP

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### Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

29 January 1829

**Samuel Fleming** of \_\_ in the County of **Rutherford** in the State of **Tennessee** has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a **Private** in **Captain Knox's** Company, in the \_\_ regiment of the **North Carolina** line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, **nothing**.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated

by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
31<sup>st</sup> January 1829

—It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_

It further appears that Samuel Fleming is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.

The name of Samuel Fleming cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department:  
Bounty Land Office  
6 May 1829

The records of this office do not show that Samuel Fleming of the North Carolina line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: County Court August Term 1832

On this 23rd day of August, personally appeared in open Court, before Henry Trott, James C. Mitchell and Varner D. Cower, Justices of said Court now sitting, Samuel Fleming, a resident of said County and State, Seventy Six 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 was born in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina on the waters of the Yadkin [River], on the first day of April he thinks, but does not recollect the year, though he knows that he is 75 or 76 years old next April; and in the fall of the year 1775 he enlisted under Captain William Knox as a regular Soldier in the County of Rowan Lieutenant Abel Armstrong and Richard Grimes second Lieutenant -- He was in his 18 or 19 year when he enlisted, and was an apprentice at the time to the Blacksmith business, with one James Dobbins -- Soon after his enlistment Captain Knox marched towards South Carolina and Georgia to suppress a rising of the Tories -- General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was along with that command of Militia from North Carolina, and we fell in company on our march with the South Carolina Militia. He was marched to a Creek or River called Reedy River -- and from this point he was marched back to Rayburn's Creek; and from here he returned with his Company to Rowan. A rumor came that the Scotch had risen about Wilmington and through that section, soon after he returned home from Reedy River, and Captain Knox was ordered to march his company in that direction -- He rendezvoused at Salisbury under General Martin, and Captain John Armstrong, Captain George Davidson -- From this place he was marched to a place he thinks the cross roads, and there met some Militia -- here news was brought that the Scotch were dispersed -- The three companies of regulars, commanded by Captains Knox, Armstrong and Davidson were ordered to Fayetteville and marched to that place, and there put on board of Boats

and went down the Cape Fear [River] to Wilmington -- a small detachment amongst whom he was one was sent down to the coast to watch the movements of the enemy, after remaining some time there, he returned to Wilmington, and was there discharged by Captain Knox -- His enlistment was for six months, but he remained in service seven. Colonel Alex Martin he thinks was the commanding officer -- He does not recollect that he was again in the Service until the year 1779 when he joined Captain James Hall's Company of light horse as a volunteer; which was in the vicinity of Rowan -- He marched with Hall into South Carolina, to Bacons Bridge, and Ashley Ferry on Stono River -- when the British moved their quarters to St. John's Island, and he was marched with his company to different points as a spy company -- He was while on this Tour of duty several times in Charlestown. He was discharged at Ashley Ferry July 5<sup>th</sup> 1779, and came home, having served three months and upwards. He was in service between this period and the commencement of the year 1780, though he cannot particularly speak of it, when he joined the company of Light horse as a volunteer commanded by Captain William Stewart, in Rowan County -- Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] commanded the Corps, and he was marched to different points of the Country while in this service, and was marched to the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin and scoured the Country through several Counties, and after serving his Tour he was discharged by his Captain Stewart. He performed other services after his discharge by Stewart, between the period and the taking of Wallace (sic, Lord Cornwallis) at York [October 19, 1781], in suppressing of the Tories, but he cannot recollect the particulars of such service. He thinks, that his service in the regular Army and as a volunteer, amounted to two years or more. He never was in any battle, but was in the neighborhood of several -- at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], and at Cowan's Ford [February 1, 1781] on the Catawba [River], and on the Stono [June 20, 1779] and at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] -- the discharge he received from Captain Knox he has lost -- that the discharges he got from Captains Hall and Stewart he herewith transmits to the department of War.

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 -- Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ JR Laughlin, clerk

S/ Samuel Fleming

*and her aforesaid*  
*Samuel Fleming*

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Personally appeared in open Court Joseph Knox<sup>1</sup> and made oath, that he knew Samuel Fleming, who has subscribed his name above, in the State of North Carolina Rowan County, during the War of the Revolution, he does not recollect the year, but thinks it was in 1775, that said Fleming enlisted under his Brother William Knox, and marched to Wilmington, and that he was in service as a regular soldier six months or better -- that Fleming was quite a youth at the time and was bound to one Dobbins to learn the trade of a Blacksmith, and Dobbins agreed to surrender his term, that he might joining the service. And affiant knows, that said Samuel

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Knox S4480](#)

Fleming was out several times afterwards, as a volunteer in the light horse, under Captain Hall and Captain Stewart -- and upon other duty, during the war -- Affiant was a married man at the time and lived in the same County near Fleming, and personally knew the times that he entered the service, but he cannot recollect well the dates -- He believes that Fleming was in service two years -- Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ JR Laughlin, Clerk

S/ Joseph Knox, X his mark

[David Clark, a clergyman and John Witherspoon and John Bradley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

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

Answer -- In the County of Rowan, North Carolina -- I do not recollect the year, but I shall be 75 or 76 1<sup>st</sup> April next

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

Answer I have no record of my age

Question 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?

Answer in Rowan County North Carolina, and since then in North Carolina and Tennessee

Question 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?

Answer I enlisted -- and volunteered

Question 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.

Answer -- While in the militia service I do not recollect of the names of the regular officers, or the Corps to which they belonged -- As a volunteer militia man in 1779 served Captain Hall's Company of horse in the County of Rowan, and marched to South Carolina -- and acted as a spy part of the time -- I was discharged after the expiration of the three months Tour -- After this I again joined the light horse as a volunteer, under Captain Stewart in Rowan County -- Colonel Davie commanded the Corps -- and was marched frequently through the County of Rowan, and to the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin in pursuit of the Tories -- and was after in Tour of three months again discharged

Question 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?

Answer I received a discharge from Captain Knox, for my duty in the regular service which is lost; my discharge from Captains Hall and Stewart are here appended

Question 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.

Answer John Bradley, Mordecai Lillard, Benjamin Trott, Samy Rucker, Jonathan Rucker, Lewis Nolan, David Clark, Benjamin Lillard, William A. Sublitt, George A. Sublitt, Samy McKnight, Alexander McKnight, William Doran, Jacob Wright, and William Stewart.

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“That Samuel Fleemin has served his tour of Duty in the light horse Service from N. Carolina

and is now Discharged from Said Service is Certified by S/ James Hall Capt  
Ashley Ferry July 5<sup>th</sup> 1779”

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Ashley Ferry July 5<sup>th</sup> 1779 James Hall Capt

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“October 17<sup>th</sup> 1780 It is hereby certified that Samuel Fleeming has served three months in my  
company in the Corps Commanded by Colo Davie

S/ Wm Stewart, Capt

October 17<sup>th</sup> 1780 Samuel Fleeming  
Is hereby Discharged from the Service  
S/ J. Rutherford, Major”

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Service J. Rutherford Major

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: Murfreesboro 31<sup>st</sup> December 1832

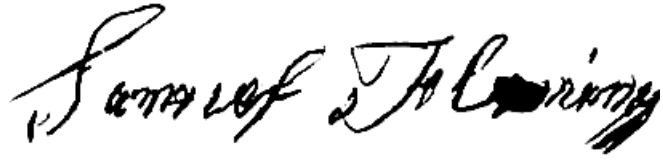
Personally appeared before me the undersigned William Gilliam a Justice of the Peace for  
the County and State aforesaid, Samuel Fleming who, being duly sworn, deposed and saith, that  
by reason of old age, and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the  
precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection and in the discharges he  
has annexed to his declaration he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the  
following grades: for seven months as a regular soldier as set forth in said declaration --

For three months as a volunteer in the light Horse under Captain James Hall -- see  
discharge dated 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1779 -- And I served three months as a volunteer in the Corps of Light  
horse commanded by Captain William Stewart, as will be seen by reference to the discharge  
herewith transmitted dated October 17 -- 1780 I cannot recollect my other services, though I was  
frequently in other duty -- and I only claim a pension for thirteen months service.

Sworn to before me the day and year above stated

S/ Wm Gilliam, JP

S/ Samuel Fleming

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Samuel Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a prominent 'F'.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private of the cavalry for 6 months and a private of the infantry for 7 months in the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]