

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Fields S25088 ¹ Elizabeth Fields f45NC
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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

On this 26th day of November 1821 personally came William Fields before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid County of Cumberland, who on his oath declares that he is the identical William Fields who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution, that he served in the company commanded by Captain Knox [William Knox] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Malberry [probably Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] that he was placed on the pension List of N. Carolina, that he was transferred to the list of the United States but never received a certificate of pension.

S/ William Fields, X his mark

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Increase of pension

It is hereby certified, that William Fields formerly a private of Captain Knox's company, in Colonel Moore's Regiment of Infantry who, it appears by the accompanying certificate, (a) was placed on the pension roll at the rate of four dollars per month, on account, as he states, of having received a (c) Gun shot wound in the right arm immediately above the elbow which has broken the arm and stiffened the joint rendering it weak & nearly useless while in the line of his duty, and in the said service, on or about the __ day of __ in the year __ at a place called Stono [June 20, 1779] in the state or territory of North Carolina [sic, South Carolina], is not only still disabled in consequence of said injury, but, in our opinion, is entitled to two third more than he already receives as a pensioner, being disabled to a degree amounting to two thirds of a total disability

S/ Andrew Campbell, Surgeon

S/ Wm L. Dulaney, Surgeon

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Original claim United States

I Benjamin Estill Judge of the 15th judicial circuit of Virginia in which William Fields an invalid pensioner of the United States resides by a party of an act of Congress, passed the 24th day of May, 1828, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force in 'Act to provide for persons

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who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary War, and for other purposes," do hereby specifically authorize and commission William L. Dulaney & A. Campbell of the County of Scott and district of Virginia to take all evidence pursuant to the rules and regulations of said act for substantiating the claim of ___ of the town of ___ in the County of ___ and district of ___ to be placed on the Pension List of the United States, by reason of known wounds received in said war, or since, (as prescribed of the fourth section of "An act concerning invalid pensioner's," passed the 25th of April 1808,) while in the actual service of the United States, and in line of his duty. And when the same shall be completed, to return the evidence, affidavits, certificates, and proceedings head thereupon, together with his commission, to the Secretary for the Department of war.

Given under my hand and seal, at ___ the ___ day of ___ in the year 1830

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State of Virginia County of Scott

On this 31st day of May A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Fields aged Eighty four years, a resident of Scott County in the State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of William Fields deceased who was a private soldier in a Regiment of North Carolina troops in the War of the revolution. That her said husband served some five or six months, when having been severely wounded he was compelled to leave the service. On account of this wound he was pensioned as an invalid by the State of North Carolina, and upon his removal to Virginia in 1821 he was pensioned by the United States, and continued to draw his pension until the day of his death which occurred in Scott County Virginia on the eighth of February 1854.

For proof of his service in the revolution she would refer to the enclosed certificate of the Comptroller of North Carolina, and also to the papers accompanying his application for an invalid pension on file in the Pension Office.

Your declarant would further state that she was married to her husband in the month of August 1808 and in the County of Russell State of Virginia by William Wells a minister of the Baptist church, and that her name before she was married was Elizabeth Elliott. She further more declares that she is now a widow, and that she has never before received bounty land.

For proof of her marriage she would refer to the evidence on file in the 3rd auditor's office of Washington DC upon which she received the arrears of pension due her husband at the time of his death.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855.

R.M. Heath of Washington City, DC, is hereby authorized as my attorney to prosecute this claim, and to receive any warrant or certificate which may be issued thereon.

S/ Elizabeth Fields, X her mark

[Martin L. Harris and Henry Salling gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 9, Copy of a marriage bond dated August 9, 1808, given by William Fields and Michael Elliott of Russell County, Virginia, for the marriage of Fields to Betsey (Elizabeth) Elliott]

[p 24: NC Comptroller's report]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$4 per month pursuant to certificate issued December 1, 1821; his pension was increased to \$5 33 1/3 per month commencing February 7, 1833 pursuant to a new certificate issued April 10, 1833.]