

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Fennel S2547

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the said County of Orange, now sitting, Joseph Fennel, resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged eighty-eight years on the 4th day of November 1832, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. -- That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

In December 1775, the declarant volunteered as a private in the Militia of North Carolina in the County of Bute, now Warren, where he resided, for the purpose of marching to the City of New York to meet the British. A company of 60 or 70 was formed under the command of Colonel Phill. Hawkins [Lt. Col. Philemon Hawkins, Jr.], & Captain James Denton. He was marched from North Carolina, beyond Meherrin River in Virginia, when an express was received that the emergency that called for the services of his company had passed away -- Whereupon his Company returned home & was disbanded, after being under arms twenty-one days. The term for which he volunteered was not fixed, as well as he remembers -- nor did he receive a written discharge. -- In May following as well as he remembers the declarant volunteered for three months as a private in the Militia of North Carolina in the same County above mentioned, where he then resided. Company officers were Captain James Denton, Lieutenant Jo: Harrison [Joseph Harrison]. His Company was organized in Bute, now Warren County, & was marched by way of Tarborough [Tarboro] to Wilmington North Carolina, at which place to regiments of militia collected under the command of General Ashe [John Ashe], Colonel Dozier [Peter Dauge], Colonel Gee [Drury Gee] and Major Hogun [James Hogun]. Here the declarant remained until near that in both his term of service, & then his Company with himself was marched back home, & he was discharged at the expiration of three months for which he volunteered. He did not receive a written discharge. -- A short time before the Battle of Guilford in 1781 [March 15, 1781], the declarant was drafted for three months, as a private, in the militia of North Carolina, and the said County of Bute, which was then called Orange, where he then resided; & was attached to a Company which was organized at Warrenton, under the command of Captain William Christmas & Lieutenant Jno White [John White]. His Company, himself was marched to Haw River in the neighborhood of the High Rock Ford, & there joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army. General Butler [John Butler] was in command of the militia of North Carolina. The declarant continued with General Greene until the battle of Guilford -- was

in that Battle. He continued with General Greene in his march to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River. From Ramsey's, he marched to Hunters old Quarter on Crabtree, Wake County, under the command of Colonel Ben Seawell [Benjamin Seawell], & there remained until it and that his term of three months for which he had been drafted -- & from Hunter's Quarter, declarant & his Company were marched home by Captain Christmas, & was discharged. He did not receive a written discharge, as well as he remembers. -- On his return home, declarant was drafted again as a private in the militia of the State in the same County aforesaid, where he lived, for the term of three months. This term of service was rendered by declarant, in constructing, as a carpenter, a granary in Warrenton, for the reception of provinder [?] & provisions for the American Army. He finished this building about Christmas 1831 [sic] -- having been employed in the business three months. The dimensions of the House, which consisted of sawed timber, were 14 feet wide & 60 feet long. This service was received in lieu of service in the ranks, by Captain William Christmas -- who was charged with the duty of having such a building constructed. -- he hath no written evidence of this service. -- He was born in Brunswick County in Virginia on the 4th of November 1744. He hath no record of his age. From Virginia he removed to Bute County, North Carolina, now Warren County, some short time before December 1775. From Warren County, he removed to Orange County & to the same place in Orange where he now resides -- two or three years after the close of the revolution; -- & has ever since resided in Orange. He hath no documentary evidence of his service -- nor doth he know any witness by whom he can prove his service. He is very infirm in body & hath gone from home very little for some years. - He is known to Thomas J. Fowler, a clergyman, William M. Ballard & Aquilla Herndon, who reside in his neighborhood.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. -- Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid. --

S/ Joseph Fennel, X his mark

[Thomas J. Fowler, a clergyman, Willard M. Ballard & Aquilla Herndon, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for services rendered as a private for 9 months and 21 days in the North Carolina militia.]