

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Faulconer (Faulkner) S31021 VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 30 Jan 2014.

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky }  
Trimble County } SS

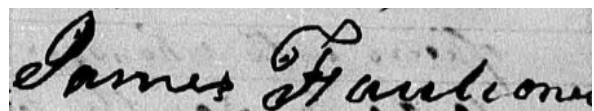
On this 14 day of July 1845 personally appeared in open Court Before the court of Trimble now sitting James Faulkner a Resident of Trimble County & State of Kentucky Aged 82 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832

He States and Declares that being a Resident of the County of Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] and state of Virginia he was drafted into the service of the united States as a private soldier some time in the month of March 1780 as well as he now Remembers for the term of Eight months [see endnote] that he was attached to a company commanded by a captain he does not now Recollect his name and was Mustered into the service immediatly and attached to the Regiment of Col Meriwether He states that his place of Residence was in the county of Spottsylvania and he further states that on this occasion he was drafted to go to South Carolina with his company and regiment and was taken sick at Frederickburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in the State of Virginia and was furloughed by Col Samuel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes] He further states that on this occasion he served a part of the time the precise time he cannot remmember he states that after he received his furlough he started for home and after mutch difficulty and undergoing mutch distress & pain he reached his home where he was confined for some time with his said sickness and was not able to attend to business. He further states & declares that being still a resident of Spottsylvania County Virginia he was in the month of August 1781 as well as he now remembers again drafted into the service of the United States as a private soldier and was attached to a compay but the Captains name he cannot recollect that he immediatly afterwards rendzvoused at the court house of Spottsylvania in said state and was placed in the regiment commanded by Col. Meriwether He states that upon this occasion he was drafted for a three months tower of duty and afterwards was mustered into the service as afor said He was marched towards Little York and was at last joined to the American army and was at that place during its investment and assisted at the capture of Cornwallis and his army [19 Oct 1781] and after the full expiration of his said tour of duty having served out the same faithfully he was discharged & returned home.

He further states & declares that being still a resident of said County of Spottsylvania & state of Virginia he was again in the month of April 1783 drafted for a tour of three months as a private soldier in the company of Capt. Dudley [Dudley] and was immediatly called into the service of the United States and he further states & declares that he was drafted to go to Redstone old fort [at present Brownsville PA] and that he hired James Hall to go in his place and he further states that he paid said James Hall a silver watch worth thirty dollars & a guinea and he further states that he delivered said Hall up to Capt Dudley his officer He further states that he has often seen James Hall since & James Hall have as often told him that he served out the time faithfully for the time he paid said James Hall

He states that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove them he herby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year afor said



Interrogatories

1<sup>st</sup> Where & in what year was you Born

Answer. I was born in Spottsylvania County Virginia in the month of April 1763 according to my information

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

Answer I did have a record of my age but it has been lost for many years

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. When called into service I lived in Spottsylvania County Virginia and continued to reside in that county and state untill the year 1799 when in the fall of that year I moved to the state of Kentucky Fayette [sic: Fayette] County and lived there one year then moved to Franklin County Kentucky and lived there one year then moved to Henry County Kentucky now Trimble County Kentucky where I have lived ever since & still reside

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into the service – were you drafted did you volunteer or were a substitute & if so for whom

Answer I was drafted into the service

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served Such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

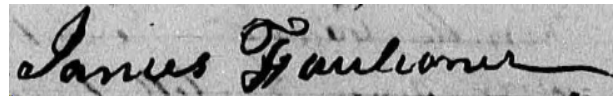
Answer My memory has greatly failed me I do not now remember the names of many of the officers with whom I served In my first draft to go to South Carolina I was taken sick after I reach Fredericksburgh I recolet on that occasion to have seen Col Meriwether & Col Sam'l Haws and in my second tower to Little York I remember to have often seen Genl. Washington & Lafayett [sic: Lafayette] and was at the taking & surrender of cornwallis and the last time I was drafted to go to Redstone old fort to protect the frontiers and I hired James Hall to go in my place & paid him as before stated

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 never received any discharge in writing

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are know in your present neighbourhood and can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer I will name George Strother & Jack Pryor Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforsaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Faulconer". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[On 8 June 1850 Faulconer made another application similar to the above except that he stated that he served about half of the eight months tour for which he was drafted. His claim was rejected because it was not clear that he actively served at least six months.]

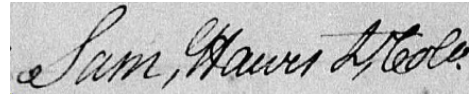
Bedford Ky/ December, 23<sup>d</sup> 1851

Sir [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions]: In June 1850 I forwarded to the Pension Department the Declaration of James Faulconer, who claimed an annuity under the pension Law of 1832 for services rendered in the Revolutionary war. The claim was rejected by Mr Edwards on the ground that Faulconer served only Four months according to the sowing[?] of the declaration. Faulconer stated that he had been drafted to serve Eight months in a coure destined to go to N. Carolina; commanded by Lt. Col. Sam. Haws. Mr. Edwards did not admit this statement, and this is the ground upon which the declaration was rejected.

I now enclose a "Leave of absence: that Fawlcon obtained from Lt. Col. Haws showing that he was in the service at that time, and was furloughed on account of ill health which of course should as much entitle to whole time Claimed as if he had been on actual duty. I hope due consideration will be given to the whole case, Know as the Dept. does the great difficulty at this remote time of making direct proof

I am Sir Very respectfully/ Your Obt. Servt./ R W. Lane

James Faulkner has leave to stay at home till he recovers his health, October 13<sup>th</sup> 1780.  
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NOTE:

Drafts in the militia were generally for three months and never for eight months. In May 1780, however, after the surrender of almost the entire Virginia Continental line at Charleston SC, the Virginia legislature authorized the draft of one militiaman of every 15 into Continental service for 18 months. Faulconer may have been one of these "eighteen months men."

The file includes a letter by R. W. Lane to the Pension Commissioner dated 2 Sep 1850 that reads in part: "Enclosed find the papers of Mrs Catharine Faulconer an applicant for five years half pay pension on account of the military service of her husband, James Faulconer, who was a soldier in the Company D. commanded by Capt A W Bartlett in the services of the United States in Mexico.... The papers of James Faulconer who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and on account of which he claimed an Annuity, was transmitted by me to the Pension Office sometime since and from which I have had no report." These appear to be two different James Faulconers.