

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Ferguson James VA S31675 f16VA
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[p2] certificate
Arkansas F.T. 22.463
James Ferguson private
Capt Robinson, Col Campbell
Virginia for two years
Issued 06Nov1833 @ \$80/annum

[p3] Territory of Arkansas
County of Lawrence

In the Circuit Court in *and* for said County
of May Term 1833 Thos P Eskridge, Judge

On the twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the judge thereof of the Circuit Court of Lawrence County of Territory of Arkansas now sitting James Ferguson a resident of said county and Territory aged eighty one 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 passes June the seventh AD 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit: That in the latter part of the year 1778 or early part of the year 1779 in Orange County State of Virginia, he enlisted under Captain James Burton in the Regiment of Virginia State Guards of which a *Mr.* Roberts was Major and Francis Taylor was Colonel. That he was mustered immediately in service and entered immediately on the duty of guarding Gen^l Burgoyne & other prisoners whom he escorted from Albemarle through Culpeper County to the town of Winchester on the Shenandoah River and remained and was engaged with his regiment in active service for the term of two years in guarding the prisoners which were taken by the United States Troops. That at the expiration of two years as aforesaid during which time he had as aforesaid been engaged the whole time in active duty in the Army of the United States he was discharged. That his discharge was signed by Col Francis Taylor which he afterward lost by leaving the same in the pocket of his clothes and which were in washing and which afterward fell into the hands of her husband from whom this deponent never recovered it. And further says that immediately after being so discharged he volunteered under one Captain Robinson in the light infantry of Virginia and was commanded by Col Campbell. That after the death of Col Campbell he was commanded by Genl Wayne who took the command of the troops and this deponent with the troops marched in pursuit of the British forces commanded by Lord Cornwallis in Virginia. That he the deponent marched from Albemarle to Richmond from thence to Williamsburgh [*Williamsburg*] then to Little York and that he was present and engaged in the taking of Lord Cornwallis and assisted in and was one of the troops engaged in guarding the British to Frederick Town where he was again discharged.

[p4] he received a written discharge but don't recollect who signed it nor what became of it. That during the whole of two terms he served as a private & one month as a sergeant at the siege of Little York. That when he entered the service he lived in Orange County Virginia where he was born. And that there is a record of his age among his relatives in Virginia but that he has none.

That the last term of service herein mentioned he was three months in service. That he also served one month as a substitute for a W^m Carr [*William Carr*]. That while in service he was engaged in the Battle of Hot Water in Virginia about 30 miles from James River also at James Town on the 7th of June AD 1781 and at the little York at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [*October 19, 1781*]. That he was acquainted with Col Francis Taylor, Major Roberts from Culpeper, Captain Burton and Captain Parlin Burlin [*?*]¹. That he cannot prove his service by the evidence of any person in the county and that he has no documentary evidence.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court to the applicant James Ferguson-

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Orange County in the state of Virginia on the 30th of May 1752.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

An^r There is a family record among my relatives in Virginia.

3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; if a substitute for whom?

An^r I lived in Orange County in Virginia until I entered the service as above mentioned. Immediately or within a short period after peace was restored I removed to North Carolina where I lived five years * moved then to South Carolina where I lived 18 years, from thence to Tennessee where I lived 28 years then to Arkansas where I have lived one year. I was a substitute one month for a W^m Carr.

4th How were you called into service?

An^r The first time I enlisted. The second time I volunteered. And served one month as a substitute besides.

5th State the names of the Regular Officers who were with the troops when you served such Continental Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

An^r I recollect Genl Washington, Col Francis Taylor, Major Roberts, Captain James Burton, Captain Parlin Burlin, Genl Wayne, Genl La Fayette, Col Richardson, I was made a sergeant (2nd Sergeant) by the commanding officer.

6. Did you receive any commission and if so by whom was it signed and what became of it?

An^r I did not receive any.

7 Did you ever receive a discharge & if so by whom

Answer: I did. It was signed by Francis Taylor and lost as above mentioned.

8th State the names of persons in your neighborhood to whom you are known at this time and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior. Your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I cannot stated the names of any persons in my present neighborhood who can prove mt services in the Revolution but I would refer to the following to who I am known in my present neighborhood for my character for veracity and behavior to wit:

Daniel Williams, David Orr, Saml G Gibson, Danl Williams, & Benjⁿ Perkins.

1 Parlin Burlin,

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I the foregoing named James Ferguson do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed

James Ferguson x his mark

Before me in open court

D.W.Lowe clerk

[routine county certification

David Orr, clergyman

Benjamin Perkins, neighbor

Daniel Williams, neighbor

Samuel G Gibson, neighbor

Thos P Eskridge, judge

D W Lowe, clerk

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Also filed in the folder, bounty land warrant 4032 *for 100 acres* to Private John Ferguson *of the Massachusetts Line* 03Mar1792

To Jane Ferguson, administrator

It has a note that the record book also shows warrant 4032 to John Dutch 26Sep1791.