

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Ferrell S31676

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State of Georgia Meriwether County

On this twenty third day of July 1836, personally appeared in open Court, before the Inferior Court of Meriwether County, State of Georgia, now sitting, John Ferrell a resident of said County & State aged Fifty-six years who being first very sworn according to law but also his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832, in favor of the heirs of the late Micajah Ferrell deceased, a revolutionary officer & Soldier of the United States --

That the said John Ferrell is the son & one of the heirs of the said Micajah Ferrell deceased; -- that the remaining children & heirs of said deceased are as follows; Wiley Ferrell of Butts County, Georgia, Elizabeth McCune, (widow) ditto, ditto Ruth McCune, wife of Jas. A. McCune, ditto, ditto Nancy C. Underwood, wife of Wm H. Underwood, Muscogee County, Georgia

And that these are the only heirs of said deceased. --

That said Micajah Ferrell deceased at the time of his death left no widow: -- that he died in the County of Butts in this State on the 24th day of February in the year 1833; -- that he left no documentary evidence on which to establish or corroborate his claim or that of his heirs to a pension; -- that said Micajah Ferrell deceased was born in the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia on the 25th day of February in the year 1757; -- he has no record of his father's age & recollects this only, but distinctly from his father's statement; -- that at the age of four years said Micajah Ferrell deceased removed to the State of North Carolina in Wake County where he resided forty-one years up to 1802, at which time & from which he removed to Elbert County State of Georgia where he resided twenty years up to the year 1822, at which time & from whence he removed to Butts County State of Georgia as aforesaid, where he died after residing in eleven years --

When called into service the said Micajah Ferrell deceased resided in Wake County State of North Carolina -- This deponent does not know certainly in what character of Troops his father was called into service, and either of his tours of duty, he having performed two tours of duty. -- He served first as an officer in the office of Lieutenant during the year 1777 from the first day of January of that year up to November of that year -- some time during which last month, November, he said Micajah Ferrell deceased, the father of this deponent, John Ferrell, & of the children & heirs aforesaid, resigned making a complete service as Lieutenant of actual service at the time of not less than ten months. -- In corroboration & proof of this he refers to the record of the State of North Carolina & the two Letters of the Comptroller General of that State,

hereunto annexed. -- This deponent does not know the Colonel under whom his father served; -- he served under Captain James Jones; -- he has some recollection that General Butler [John Butler] was principal in command. He does not know where he rendezvoused; he served his duty entirely or principally at Halifax Town State of North Carolina; thinks that once during that service he marched to Charleston State of South Carolina. -- He, said Micajah Ferrell, deceased, was called into service under the State authority of North Carolina, this deponent thinks he was a volunteer officer & that he belonged to the Infantry; -- the march of his Company to Charleston, SC was on horse, though whether thus temporarily as Cavalry this deponent does not know; the march there was to meet some hostile emergency of the enemy; he does not know where, or by whom, whether verbally or by written discharge the said Micajah Ferrell deceased was discharged; -- he was honorably discharged & at the end of fulfilling all the necessary service, thus continuing in the service until his resignation in November 1777. -- He never was a substitute for anyone. -- he was commissioned a Lieutenant of Infantry, he received & held it from the State of North Carolina; -- this deponent never saw this father's commission, does not know by whom it was signed, & does not know what has become of it. --

2nd Service -- Said Micajah Ferrell deceased, served a second tour of duty as a Private of Infantry for three months was called out under the authority of North Carolina was [several indecipherable and over written words] Militia served under Captain Davis Gresham -- At the time of entering this service resided in Wake County State of North Carolina, the year & time not known, the company rendezvoused at Charles Abercrombie's in Orange County State of North Carolina, served & was stationed for some time at Wilmington & Fayetteville North Carolina the periods of time not known place of discharge not known, nor whether written or verbally, was discharged by his captain, Davis Gresham after having honorably & fully fulfilled this requisition of service for three months tour. This service was during the Revolutionary War.

Said Micajah Ferrell deceased was never engaged in any battle or skirmish with the enemy during his aforesaid service --

He was seventy-six years of age lacking one day at the time of his death. --

His first service as a Lieutenant was considered as continental or regular service, which he called it, the men of his Company being enlisted by State authority on Continental establishment, constituting his claim on the NC Continental on the line, Lieutenant 10^{mos} service.

His second service constituting his claim as NC militia, Private 3^{mos} service.

The reason why the said John Ferrell on behalf of himself & the other children & heirs of the said Micajah Ferrell deceased has not before applied to establish & obtain this Pension is, that, he nor they have not until recently known that they were entitled to the same, not ascertaining the fact authentically until the last minute [?] from information from the Pension office & from the records of the State of North Carolina -- His father was about making application at the time of his death but this deponent did not know his children would be entitled after his deceased, in his right thereto acquired before his death to be paid up to that time. --

This deponent's father, said Micajah Ferrell deceased, enlisted Charles Upchurch¹ of Henry County in this State who is now a Pensioner of the United States whilst he was an acting Lieutenant on the service, herein claimed in the NC, line. -- This deponent would respectfully refer to the Declaration of the said Charles Upchurch on file in the Pension office which this deponent believes will fully recognize the Station [?] & service of his deceased father. --

This deponent knows, or rather has known a few years ago, of several surviving

¹ [Charles Upchurch S16562](#)

witnesses who he supposes would be able to corroborate & prove his father services to wit James Comer² of Jones County, Thomas Burford [?] of Hall County & William Burford [?] of Butts County -- He is not certain however of their present life, residence, or knowledge of this subject, or of its indispensable necessity to be procured, or to be attempted to be procured, independent of the people & reference herewith accompanying. -- They all reside too at a distance of sixty & upwards miles, & their evidence only to be procured with considerable inconvenience & difficulty -- Charles Upchurch, before mentioned is also a surviving & the best witness of his father's actual station & service in the Revolution, his residence is referred to herewith, & to procure it direct subject to the same difficulty & inconvenience. -- He hopes this reference may prove satisfactory.

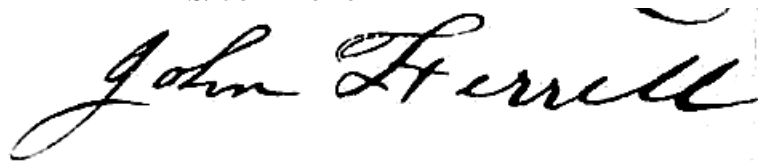
He the said John Ferrell son & heir as aforesaid, of Micajah Ferrell deceased, as aforesaid, does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, both on his own part & on the authority & at the instance of the other children & heirs of the said deceased, & declares that the name of the said Micajah Ferrell deceased nor his children & heirs, as such, are not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

He the said John Ferrell is known in his present neighborhood by Hiram Glazier & John Lassiter who can testify as to his character for veracity, they too were well acquainted with his deceased father residing in the same County, a few years before his death, also Benjamin Blissett was acquainted. They were all there resident citizens & neighbors several years. --

This deponent would add the testimony of a Clergyman but there is no Clergyman residing in the County who was acquainted with his father or his Revolutionary reputation whilst residing in this State, this could readily be had where he resided, but to be gone for & procured only with great inconvenience.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Ferrell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Ferrell". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

[Hiram Glazier and John Lassiter gave the standard supporting affidavit as to the reputation and credibility of John Ferrell and the reputation of Micajah Ferrell as a revolutionary soldier.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Micajah Ferrell an Ensign in Capt. Wade's [Capt. Joseph J Wade's] Company of the 9th Regiment was commissioned on the 28th day of November 1776, and resigned on the __ day of November 1777.

Given under my hand this 20th day of September 1836.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran's heir were granted a pension at the rate of \$146.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for their father's service as a Lieut. in the North Carolina Continental line.]

² [James Comer R20350](#)