

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Fleming S32250

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Revised and supplemented by Will Graves in italics

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Georgia 23.429

William Fleming

Of Hall in the State of

Who was a Pv. In the ____

Commanded by Captain Sadler of the Rgt

Commanded by Col Philips in the NC

Line for 6 months

Inscribed on the Roll of Georgia

At the Rate of 20 Dollars ____ Cents per annum To commence on the 4th day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 20th day of Jan. 1834

And [Sent to James Law]?

Gainesville, Ga

Arrears to the 4th of Sept, 1833 50

Semi-ann allowance ending 4 Mar 34 10

\$60

{ Revolutionary Claim }

{ Act June 7, 1832 }

Recorded by A. Rice ---- Clerk,

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Set 14 Jan. 1835 James Law

Paid at the Treasury under the Act

of this C April 1838 from 4 March

to 4 Sep 1840. Agh? Notified 13th June

1841

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Georgia Hall County

On this the third day of September Eighteen hundred and thirty two Personally appeared in Open Court before Ezekiel Buffington, Joseph Dunagan & Thomas J Tate Judges of the Superior Court of Said County sitting as Judges of the Court of Ordinary now sitting William Fleming, a resident of Hall County State of Georgia aged seventy 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 passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That on the 2nd day of March 1779 he was drafted into the Service under Lieutenant Elijah Fleming & Major Ross [*probably Francis Ross*] and was at Ashe's [*John Ashe's*] defeat at a place called Brier [*Briar*] Creek bridge [*March 3, 1779*], returned home after a tour of two

months in the month of July the same year. Was drafted again under Capt. Saddler [*Richard Sadler*] & Col. Watson [*Samuel Watson*]. Was one of the picket guards at the Battle of Stono [*June 20, 1779*] and not being called in was not in the engagement. Served two months was discharged & went home. Went to Cumberland River in the (State (of now) Tennessee) to a place called the French Lick there volunteered under Capt James Leeper and served eight months where we were compelled to get our subsistence from the Woods at the end of said time returned home. Volunteered again under Captain Hannah,¹ Major Moore,² Col Bratton [*William Bratton*], Lieut. Col Hathorn [*James Hawthorne*] and Genl Sumpter [*Thomas Sumter*]. Served twenty three months and 18 days in the years of 1780, '81 & '82. Was in the following engagements to wit on the Wateree [*River*] in Camden District South Carolina where we took Col Philips then marched to a place called Friday's Fort on the Congaree [*River*] in South Carolina remained there until Genl Lee [*Col Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee*] came marched up from Thompson's Fort and took Fort Friday after firing one or two rounds. We then marched to Bickum Church [*Biggin Church*] then marched home and was discharged and quit the service in the Year 1782. That he has no documentary evidence; that he resided in Rutherford County State of North Carolina when he entered the service. He freely relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

E. Buffington
(signature)

William Fleming



Mr. James Whitten a clergyman residing in the County of Hall and State of Georgia and Thomas Putnam residing in said State and County hereby certify that they are well acquainted with William Fleming who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration. That we believe him to be seventy one years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighbor hood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

E. Buffington
(signature)

James Whitten
Thomas Putnam
(signatures)

And the Courts do hereby declare their opinion after the Investigation of the matter and after putting the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states and the Court further certifies that it appears to them that James Whitten who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the County of Hall and that _____ [blank in original] who has signed the same is a resident in the County of Hall and Said State and is a credible person and that the statement is entitled to credit.

E. Buffington
Thomas J Tate

1 This could be either Robert Hanna (S22290) or William Hanna, both of whom served at different times as captains under Col. William Bratton according to Moss, SC Patriots, 411.
2 Probably Major James Moore, who served as a major for a short time under William Bratton. Moss, SC Patriots, 696.

Joseph Dunagan
(signatures)

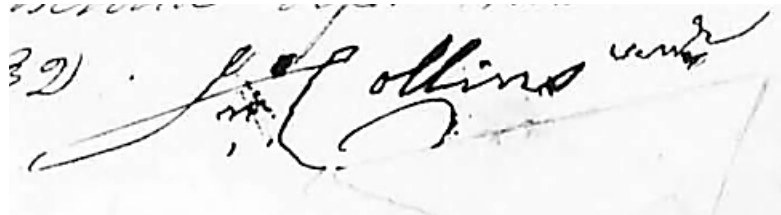
Georgia } I (????)(????) Clerk of the Court of Ordinary
Hall County} of Said County do hereby certify that the
foregoing contains the original proceedings of the
Said Court in the matter of application of
William Fleming for a pension.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand and seal of office this 3rd day of Sept 1832.
(????)(????)
(signature)

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Georgia }
Hall County} Personally appeared before me John Collins Sr.³ who being duly sworn sayeth he
is personally acquainted with William Fleming the applicant in the foregoing declaration and that
he saw him in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine at the defeat of Genl Ashe at Briar
Creek and further states that he saw applicant at other times and places and thinks at the Battle of
Stono or at the Stono Campaign.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the
3rd day of September 1832.

John Collins Senr.



S/ E. Buffington

Georgia }
Hall County } I John B Nichols Clerk of the Superior Court of Said County do
hereby certify that Ezekiel Buffington before whom the foregoing Declaration, Certificate, and
affidavit were made *is an* Judge of the Superior Court of Said County that the signatures
assigned to the several places are his genuine signatures.

Given under my hand and seal of
Office this 8th day of September 1832.

S/ John B Nichols

Added 2/19/15 by Will Graves

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only

³ [John Collins W6735](#)

materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Amendment to the Declaration of William Flemming [sic]

Georgia Hall County:

Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County William Flemming [sic] who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of Service; but according to the best of his recollection he Served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades,

On the Second day of March 1779 I was drafted into Service as a private militia man under Lieut. Elijah Flemming and attached to Major Ross' Battalion & Col. Neel's [probably Thomas Neel's] Regiment and marched to a place called Briar Creek Bridge at which place Colonel Nash [sic, John Ashe] was defeated by the enemy. I was not in the engagement Major Ross with Sixty of his men having been that morning ordered out to ascertain the situation & strength of the enemy who we had learned were in the neighborhood, but to our surprise when we returned to the Camp in the evening the British were in possession and took thirty of our men before we were apprised of the defeat of our troops, the remainder of our men retreated and sometime in the night came up with a part of Col. Nash's men who had encamped on the South Side of Savannah River. On the next morning we started for the headquarters of General Williams [probably Andrew Williamson] near the City of Augusta (or where it now stands). I remained at this place two or three weeks and was discharged having served Two months.

Some time in the month of July [sic, probably June] in the Same year I was drafted again for Two months as a private militia man under Capt. Saddler [Richard Sadler] and attached to Lt. Col. Watson's [Samuel Watson's] Regiment and marched to Stono a place on Stono River had been there three or four days before the battle was fought at that place. I was on the picket guard which was not called in and consequently was not in the engagement. After the engagement was over I was marched up the River two days march and encamped where I remained until my term of Service ended. I was discharged verbally & returned home.

Some time in the month of October in the same year I volunteered as a private militia man under Capt. Leeper and marched to Cumberland in the State of Tennessee to guard the Settlements against the Indians and was Stationed at a place called the French Lick (the place where Nashville now stands). Shortly after getting there Capt. Leeper was wounded in a skirmish with the Indians and was succeeded by Capt. Drake. We had several skirmishes with the Indians during this Campaign in which I served eight months but being informed that such Service is not recognized as military Service. I hereby relinquish all claim to said eight months service.

Sometime in the month of February 1781 I volunteered as a private militia man under Capt. Hannah who was ordered with his company to march to where a parcel of Tories had embodied on the Wateree Creek. We were attached to Major Moore's Regiment in this expedition the above named place is situated in Camden District South Carolina. We took Col. Phillips and a considerable number of the Tories under him and marched them to Block=house

on Allison's Creek. After remaining there four or five days I was discharged having served Thirty days.

In a short time after getting home I was drafted into Capt. Hannah's Company as a private militia man for two months and attached to Col. Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment and marched to Friday's Fort [Fort Granby, May 14-15, 1781] the which was in the possession of the enemy. We besieged the Fort and remained there until the enemy surrendered. Shortly after which I was discharged & returned home.

In about 2 months I was again drafted into Capt. Black's Company as a private militia man and attached to Col. Bratton's Regiment and marched to Bickum Church [Biggin Church, July 16, 1781] which was in the possession of the enemy – who set fire to the Church and retreated at our approach. We then marched to General Sumter's plantation on the Santee River where we remained until my term of Service (which was two months) expired being discharged I returned home.

Capt. Black then received orders from Col. Bratton to keep his men in readiness to march at a minutes warning and I was kept in this situation at least 18 months sometimes in pursuit of the Tories and at other times watching their movements and generally guarding the Settlements for which 18 months Service I hereby relinquish all claim being informed that it is not considered military Service.

But for the foregoing nine months Service done under Competent Authority I claim a pension.

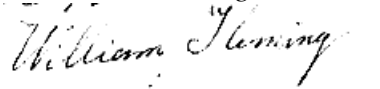
1st I was born in Baltimore County State of Maryland

2nd I have a record of my age at home in my Bible.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 24th day of November 1833

S/ E. M. Johnson, JP

S/ William Fleming



South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to William Fleming
Audited Account No. 2429

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[Book] I [No.] 234

Mr. William Flemeng [sic] his Account of 117 days Militia Duty in 1781 & 1782

Amounting to £13.7.1 ½

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina Dr [Debtor] to Wm Fleming

April the

22 1781

Thirty Days Service as private horseman

30.0.0

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

June 27		
1781	thirty Days as private Horseman	30.0.0
February		
? 1782	forty Seven days Private foot at 10/ [10 Shillings old SC currency per diem]	23.10.0
August the 1		
1782	Eighteen days riding Express	<u>10.0.0</u>
	Certified by me Capt. Hanna	<u>£93.10</u>
		Stg. [Sterling] £13.7.1

Received 13 September 1784 from the Commissioner of the Treasury an Indent No. 234 Book I for Thirteen pounds 7/1 Sterling in full Satisfaction for the above Account

S/ Wm Tate
for Wm Fleming



[p 5: Printed form of indent No. 234 Book I]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by William Tate, George Bampfield for Alexander Gillon and Robert Tate. How these men acquired an interest in the Indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]