

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Fane S3343

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State of Tennessee, Bedford County

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Bedford County now sitting being a court of record Charles Fane aged ninety years a resident of Bedford County Tennessee 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.

He was an orphan boy and was informed & believes after he grew up by his master and one of his uncles that he was born in Chesterfield County Virginia in the month of August 1742. He has no register of his age he does not know whether there is any in existence or ever was any in existence.

He was also informed and believes it to be true he was an illegitimate child and when he was about three years of age his mother put him out to learn the trade of gunsmith with one Philip Mathews who lived in Albemarle County Virginia and who removed him at that early age to that County. When the revolutionary war was declared he lived in Halifax County Virginia. Before he entered the service however he had removed to Surry County in North Carolina. After the revolutionary war he moved to Georgia. Afterwards he removed to Blount County East Tennessee then to Sevier County adjoining Blount. From thence he removed to Bedford County West Tennessee where he has lived since 1806 or 1807.

Soon after he removed to Surry County North Carolina he was drafted on a tour of six months and entered into a company commanded by Captain Reed of the militia and attached to a Regiment of Militia commanded by Colonel Joseph Williams but the name of the Regiment he does not recollect. He cannot recollect at this time at what time particularly when he was drafted but thinks it was some time in the fall of 1779. They marched to the assistance of Charleston and at Moncks Corner was informed by Colonel Washington [William Washington] the route to Charleston was so guarded by the British they could not pass to Charleston on that route. They changed their route and went to Hedley's Point [Haddrell's Point] at which point they took shipping and entered Charleston after night. Most of the men commanded by Captain Reed when they first left home deserted and abandoned him so that when they got to Charleston there was but six of his men entered with him into Charleston. This applicant was then placed under the command of Captain Collins [Joseph Collins] in Charleston and his former Captain Reed returned home. He thinks they got into Charleston about the first of March before it was captured which he believes was an April 1780 [sic, May 12, 1780]. He remained there under the command of Captain Collins until Charleston was captured by the British and was taken prisoner. He does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers except the American force at Charleston was commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] nor does he recollect the names of his own Regiment or that of any other.

About nine days after this he was captured he was sent home on his parole which read as well as he can recollect as follows:

[“I Charles Fane do acknowledge myself a prisoner of war to his Excellency MG Lord Clinton till I am exchanged or released.”]

This applicant states from that time until the end of the war he never was in any regular tour of service but was almost constantly upon scouting parties against the Tories until the conclusion of the war under Captain Speers [Henry Speer] and Captain Bruce headed by Colonel Joseph Williams. He never received a discharge owing to his being taken prisoner by the British. The written parole of Honor above referred to is worn out and destroyed. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He is known to John Rushing, Job Cooper, George C. Cooper, Thompson Fulks and a number of others in his present neighborhood who he believes can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

Sworn to & subscribed this 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1832.

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clk

S/ Charles Fane, X his mark

[John Rushing, a clergyman, and George C. Cooper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

An Amendment to the declaration of Charles Fane made in August term 1832 of Bedford County Court, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

State of Tennessee, Bedford County

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me James H. Lile an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Charles Fane Senior who Subscribed and was qualified to the declaration above alluded to, who after being Sworn according to law deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot Swear positively to the precise time when he first entered the Service of the United States, but according to the best of his recollection at this time, it was on the first of January 1780. Deponent further says, that one of the tours mentioned in his former declaration, as a Scouting expedition, he now recollects was performed by order of Captain Samuel Moseby when he says he was marched to Salem in North Carolina and was placed there as one of the guard to enable the General Assembly of that State to convene as he was told, where he Served not less than two weeks, when he was discharged. He further states, the other Scouting, mentioned in his formal declaration, he does not wish a pension for, But that he absolutely did Serve not less than six months and two weeks as a private Soldier in the American Army during War of the Revolution at the periods above mentioned for which he claims a pension, Subscribed & sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jas. H. Lile, JP

S/ Charles Fane, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.53 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 14 days in the North Carolina militia.]