

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Fugat S3369

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State of Tennessee

Cocke County

Be it remembered that on this 27th day of May 1833 before the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter sessions for the County aforesaid appeared John Fugat aged seventy years, and to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress of the 27th [sic: 7th] of June 1832 made and subscribed the following declaration towit. that he was born in the County of Shenandoah state of Virginia on the 22^d day of May 1764 according to the family register now in his possession. that his father removed to Montgomery county Virginia where he was principally raised, and in the year 1780 the fall of said year as well as recollected in october he was drafted to perform a three months tour of duty as a militia man in the aforesaid County of Montgomery State of Virginia, and was at the time aforesaid enrolled under Capn [Frederick] Edwards, and was put under the command of Col [William] Preston, and marched from Montgomery across the mountain at the Flower gap [in present Carroll County] to the State of North Carolina with a view of joining Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene; see endnote] who at the time was in conflict with the British army then in the carolina, that on the march they found the tories very numerous and imbodied, and at the head of Catawba had an engagement with a body of tories & ranged[?] that part of the country in order to suppress the tories, finding that they could not join Greens army in time to render efficient service. and after subdueing the tories and restoring quiet in the up part of North Carolina returned back to Montgomery County, and was discharged by his Captain Edwards, said service being for three months and actually amounted to that time.

Again in the same winter after his return from North Carolina the Shawnee Indians had been making depredations in the frontier and killing the inhabitants, and declarant was again drafted to go against said indians and was enrolled under Lieutenant Harbert (the Cap'n of the company not going) and the Indians not being imbodied the men who were drafted were sent out in detached companies, & the company commanded by Harbert to which declarant belonged scouted on the headwaters of Clinch [sic: Clinch River] Bluestone and Sandy but the Indians hearing of the approach of the militia retreated & the men returned home after being out in said service one month, and this declarant obtained a discharge from Lieutenant Harbert.

Again in the month of February 1781 he was again drafted in the same County & state to go to the south when Cornwallis was on his march through that Country and was enrolled under Captain Edwards, and marched across the mountains through the flower gap, and was again under Col Preston marched under him until the militia from that part of Virginia reached Salem and Greens army being at the time at Guilford Court House marched on to that place & joined him there, and under his command marched in pursuit of Cornwallis toward Virginia [sic: see endnote] until orders were given to about four hundred of the Militia (declarant of the number to return back & guard the prisoners who had been taken at Kings mountain & were then stationed at Salem N Carolina, which service he continued to perform until the experation of his time, being three months and obtained a discharge from Captain Edwards & returned home, which said three tours of duty in the whole amounted to seven months and for which he claims a pension or annuity.

That he has no documentary evidence by which to establish his said service, having lost his several discharges. nor is there to his knowledge any person by whom he can establish his actual servitude at this late period, but that William Forby and Spencer Forby are persons known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish reputation of service. there being no resident minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish said reputation of service. He furthermore states that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 27th day of May 1833.

John hisXmark Fugat

NOTE: Fugat appears to have confused events on his first tour with events of the third. Gen. Nathanael Greene did not take command of the Southern Army until about 2 Dec 1780, and his engagement with Cornwallis did not begin until early Feb 1781. There would not have been enough time after Oct 1780 for the seven months service Fugat claimed to have performed. A correct chronology of events follows:

1780

16 Aug Frederick Edwards takes oath as Captain of Montgomery County Militia

1781

17 Jan Battle of Cowpens SC; Gen. Daniel Morgan captures 600 British

28 Jan Greene leaves Cheraw Hills SC to aid Morgan being pursued by Cornwallis

1 Feb Skirmish at Cowan's Ford of Catawba River NC; Preston not present

14 Feb Cornwallis pursues Greene into Virginia

22 Feb Greene returns to North Carolina

25 Feb Col. William Preston with 300 Virginians joins Gen. Andrew Pickens in NC

2 Mar Preston at Skirmish at Alamance Creek

6 Mar Preston at Skirmish at Wetzel's Mill

15 Mar Preston at Battle of Guilford Courthouse