

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

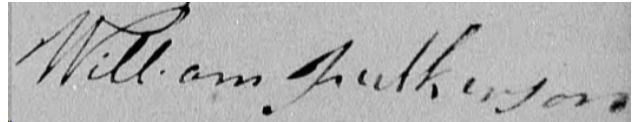
Pension Application of William Fulkerson S34362

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Somerset County } Ss:

New Jersey } on this twentyfirst day of April 1818 before me the subscriber one of the judges of this Court of common pleas in the County and state aforesaid personally appears William Fulkerson aged fifty eight years resident in Somerset County and state of New Jersey who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval forces of the United states in the revolutionary war, that the said William Fulkerson enlisted in the said Army at [blank] in New Jersey in the Company commanded by Captain [blank] in the third Troop of horse on or about the 5 day of September in the year 1780 as a Dragoon in the Jersey Legion [sic: Henry Lee's Legion] that he continued to serve in the said army against the common enemy in the service of the united states untill the 20th day of August 1783 – he was in the battle of Guilford Court house [in NC, 15 Mar 1781] Ewtaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] – at the taking of the scoth Lake fort [Fort Watson SC, 23 Apr 1781]. at the taking of Fort Mot [sic: Fort Motte SC, 12 May 1781] – at the taking of 2 forts in Georgia [Fort Grierson, 23 May 1781 and Fort Cornwallis, 1 Jun 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of a pension from his country for support, that he has no other evidence now in his possession of his said services except the two certificates transmitted with this declaration and signed by Michael Rudlph [sic: Michael Rudulph BLWt945-300] Capt of the Lig't Inf'ty the other by William Winston [BLWt2443-200]



I do Certify that William Fulkerson has rec'd no pay from the fifth of September 1780 for which time his pay is Due him as a Soldier in the Partizan Legion Commanded by Lieut. Colo Colo Lee. Given under my hand this 12th Day August 1783.

[William Winston] Lieut.

Lees Legion

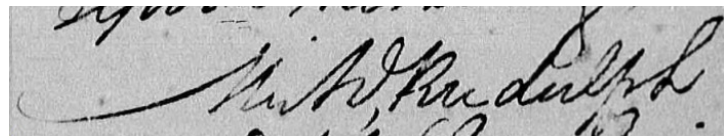


I do certify that the bearer hereof William Fulkeson a dragoon of the Partizan Legion commanded by Lt. Col Henry Lee belonging to the State of New Jersey has pay due him for his service in the Legion from the fifth day of Septem'r 1780 to this date deducting One months pay rec'd in cloathing

Given this 20th Aug't 1783

[Michael Rudulph]

Capt. Lee's Legion

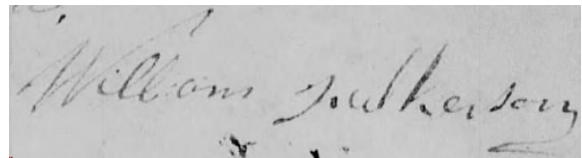


[William Fulkerson made the following statements in support of the pension application of Jacob Coleman, pension application S42140:]

New Jersey, Somerset County Ss. Personally appeared before me Nicholas Arrosmith, one of the Judges of the inferior Court of Common pleas in and for the said county of Somerset, William Fulkerson of the county and state aforesaid who being before me duly Sworn according to law, did upon his oath declare, that he the said Wm. Fulkerson together with Jacob Coleman and Isaac Bird [W1806] did all at one time in the town of Hackensack in the state of New Jersey inlist, under Major Henry Lee, to serve as Soldiers in the american Revolutionary War for the term of three years or during the war, and they so continued in said service under him the said Maj'r. Lee, during the war, which completed the term of three years service, and was discharged at the Head of Elk [now Elkton MD], or near that, and we three continued in company, after being discharged till we came to near Germantown in New Jersey, then we parted and each went their own way,

This deponant, further states, that he very well knows that that the said Maj'r. Lee with his Infentry and Horse was in the battle of Guilford Court House, the battle of utaw Springs, taken of the English tender in Pede [sic: Pee Dee] River, or rather ashly river [sic: possibly the armed galley *Alligator* on Ashley River in SC, 19 Mar 1782], and was at taken of Scotch Lake fort fort Mott. fort on Congaree [Fort Granby SC, 15 May 1781] from that went and took the fort in Augusta in State of Georgia Came back and was at the Seige of fort 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] together with a number of other incidents – and further this Verily believes that the said Jacob Coleman did his duty as a good and faithfull soldier through out the whole of his three years service or inlistment and was in the before mentioned battles or doing duty elsewhere.

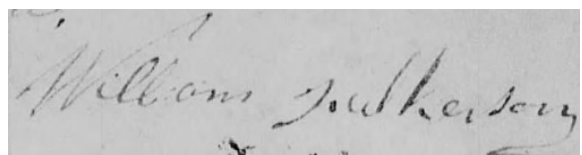
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before me the 2^d day August AD. 1824

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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of New Jersey Somerset County Ss.

Personally came before me A. T. VanArsdale one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said county of Somerset, William Fulkerson of said county, who on his oath did depose and say that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war as a private soldier in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six

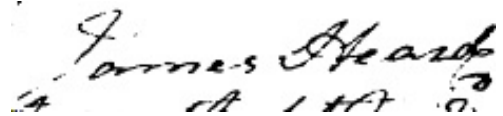
Sworn and subscribed the 24th day
of November 1819 before me



I Certify that William Fulkerson of Somerset County State of New Jersey, inlisted in the Legion Commanded by Lt Colo Henry Lee, as a Dragoon, in s^d Legion, in the year of seventeen hundred and seventy nine and continued to serve as such in the Troop which I Commanded until the conclusion of the revolutionary war.

New Jersey Middlesex
County Decemb^r 4th 1819

James Heard [pension application S540]
late Capt of the 2^d Troop of Lee's Legion



Princeton N. Jersey Janu'y 4th 21

Dear Sir [Major John Pryor W12064]

I herewith enclose you, One Dollar of the bank of Newark which is in better credit than the United States Bank to pay the Register fees on Fulkerson's Warrant.

you'l please to observe that I forwarded to you documents stating that he was in the United States service in the year seventeen hundred & seventy six, consequently is entitled agreeable to the laws of Virginia, to two hundred acres – on receiving the Warrants, you'l please to forward them through Gen'l Bloomfield, (who is in Congress) to me at Princeton. I hope in your researches, that you have laid your hands on the documents which you put into the hands of Mr Cabel [sic: William H. Cabell], late Governor of Virginia – it will be a serious loss to me if they are not found – Cox's Warrant which you enclosed to me came safe to hand.

in the course of the winter I promise myself the happiness of shaking you by the hand – with my best wishes for your happiness. I remain/ your sincere friend/ James Heard

State of New Jersey Somerset County Ss.

Personally appeared before me A. T. Vanarsdale one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County, Bergun Messler, of said county, who being sworn on the Holy evangelist of almighty God did depose and say that he the said Bergun, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, in the year of 1776, and that William Fulkerson was also a soldier at the same time in the defence of the United States and further this deponent sath not

[undeciphered word] and sworn before me this 19th day of Nov^r 1819

[signed] Bergon Messler

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Rhaway [sic: Rahway] N Jersey February 26th 1820

Sir [Gov. Thomas Mann Randolph, Jr]/ It appears from a letter which I receiv'd from Major John Pryor of Richmond a few days past that the Executive of Virginia have rejected the claims of William Fulkerson & Jacob Gideon [S13144] for bounty land, for services rendered in the Revolutionary war.

I must beg leave to observe to your Excellency, that at the close of the Revolutionary war I was appointed agent for the Legion, commanded by Colo Henry Lee, to adjust the claims of the Legion against

the United States and Virginia. William Fulkerson served three years faithfully in Southern detachments, in the Troop which I had the honor to Command, and it appears from the evidence of several respectable persons, that he entered into the service of the United States in the year 1776 in the Northern Department. Jacob Gideon was a Bugleman, in the Troop Commanded by Capt. James Armstrong and served three years in the Southern Department – in the action fought by Gen'l Green at Guilford Court House in the year 1781 he was taken prisoner and continued two months as such – and then exchanged and joined the Troop & continued to serve as a Bugleman to the close of the war

I am your Excellency/ Most [undeciphered word]

James Heard [signature partly hidden by paper fold]

NOTE: On 25 Feb 1833 Abraham Powelson, Jr. certified that William Fulkerson died in Bedminster Township in Somerset County on 20 May 1826, that his wife had died six or seven years before he did, and that the only child and heir was Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Powelson. The file includes a letter dated 4 March 1833 stating that William Fulkerson was dropped from the pension roll on 4 March 1820. The most likely reason for losing his pension was that he did not file for a continuance under the act of 1 May 1820, which required proof of need.