

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Fuller S37949

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"Original Claim"

The State of South Carolina Pendleton District

On the twenty fourth day of March 1824 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of Record viz. a Court of General Sessions of the peace &c for the district aforesaid in the Western Circuit of the said State Stephen Fuller 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 provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820 and the Supplementary Acts thereto of 1822.

That he the said Stephen Fuller enlisted for the term of Twelve months on the ___ day of February in the year 1776 in the State of Georgia in the Company commanded by Captain Jacob Colston in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Habersham [probably John Habersham] in the line of the State of Georgia on the Continental establishment – That he continued to serve in the said Corps until April 1777 when he was discharged from the said Service in the City of Savannah in the State of Georgia – That he enlisted in the 8th Company of the Regiment as a private and continued in the same Company which was part of the time commanded by Shadrach Wright who was promoted to the command – That he enlisted as a private Soldier but most of the time he acted as Orderly Sergeant of the said Company – General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] commanded at Savannah at the time of his discharge and signed it – That he was in the battle of Fort Barrington on the River Altamaha where they were attacked in crossing the river by the Creek Indians and General Macintosh was wounded in the leg – And that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said Services except the Affidavit of Abednego Wright and John Fuller and they are not as full as said Witness could have stated if it had been properly stated and they reside a considerable distance from him –

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my Property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for Certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or Securities, contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed viz. Six head of Cattle – 3 old pots – 3 Skillets, an old Loom – one Curryng knife – one Drawing Knife, one

Auger – one pair spoon moulds – 2 old ovens, 3 old axes, 2 of them broken, 2 old hoes – 2 old shovel ploughs – 2 old Jofer [?] ploughs, – one pair drawing chains, harness and collar, a few old knives and forks – had an interest in a piece of poor land whereon he lives but was never able to obtain a title and had to assign his interest to a Creditor – He used to be a Saddler [?]¹ by trade but of late Years the loss of sight has prevented him from working at the trade – He has taught school sometimes of late Years until the loss of hearing has prevented him from that means of support – his family is composed of his wife Catherine aged about sixty years – Four Daughters – Ruth aged about 26 Years, Diane aged about 24 years – Nancy Portwood aged about 22 Years – Mehala Heinbree aged about 17 Years and two sons George Whitefield aged about 19 Years and James Hervey aged about 14 years who is quite a sickly youth – And all his said children are not able to render much assistance towards gaining a support.

S/ Steven Fuller

Sworn to and declared on the 24th day of March 1824 Before me David Johnson, Presiding Judge

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State of South Carolina Pendleton District

Before me Joseph Grisham Notary Public and Ex officio one of the Justices of the Quorum for said District, personally appeared Stephen Fuller of said District a person to me well known and made oath as follows, to wit, That he is now a citizen of Pendleton district and have constantly resided in the same ever since April in the year 1787. That the land mentioned in his schedule file in the Court of General Sessions for Pendleton District March term 1824 in order to obtain a Pension is and was encumbered as follows He purchased 100 acres more or less of William Pullen lying on the Small Creek of Conneross [?] Creek in said district -- For which tract of land he paid \$150. He borrowed about \$30 from William Grant of said District to secure him he gave Grant the title for said Tract of land, since the filing his schedule Grant has sued him for the money he borrowed and he is afraid the Land will not pay the principal interest and cost - - and he saith he has no way that he knows of to raise the money to redeem his land -- He further saith he is in such reduced circumstances, That he is unable to go to the witnesses who served with him or knows of his Service -- That he has no doubt if he could see any of his companions in the said War but that he could have his Testimony strengthened. But he is in great need and unable to procure other Testimony of his said services, And from age and infirmities he never will probably be able to procure the testimony which he could if able to travel.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th day of November 1824

Before me

S/ Joseph Grisham, NP

S/ Stephen Fuller

He further declares on oath that he believes Habersham was Col. & he thinks he had a brother a Major of these facts he cannot the positive.

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Georgia Baldwin County

Personally came John Fuller before a Justice of the peace for said County and was duly sworn and saith he knew you Stephen Fuller was a Regular Soldier in the old Revolutionary war served his time and got his Discharge as for his horse that was pressed there is no doubt of it for I

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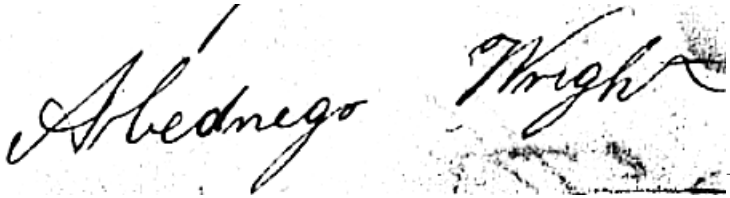
saw the Certificate it was for \$75. I have just reason to believe the papers was lost at my Father's. Sworn to before me the 18th of November 1823.

S/ John Fuller



S/ D. Justice, JP

[p 17] [Abednego Wright² gave an affidavit dated November 19, 1823 before Aaron Smith, JP in which he stated he was personally acquainted with Stephen Fuller and that "...Fuller and he Enlisted as a revolutionary soldier and served his time out and he was a good Whig during the said war."



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State of Georgia Franklin County personally appeared before me Benjamin Stonecypher a Justice of the peace in and for said County Stephen Fuller who being duly sworn deposed and saith That he is the identical Stephen Fuller named in an original Certificate in his possession of which the following is a true Copy -- "War Department

Revolutionary Claim

"I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States of the 20th May 1830 Stephen Fuller late a Sgt. in Capt. Wright's Company of Col. Habersham's Regiment in the Army of the Revolution, is inscribed on the Pension list Roll of the South Carolina Agency at the rate of \$8 per month, to commence on the first day of January 1828.

Given at the War Office of the United States, this 27th day of August 1830.

Examined & countersigned

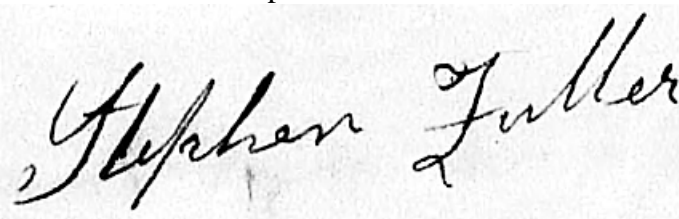
S/ J. L. Edwards

S/ P. G. Randolph

Acting Secretary of War"

This deponent also says that he has moved from the State of South Carolina to the said State of Georgia and now resides in Franklin County, and wishes the pavement of his Pension transferred from the said State of South Carolina to the State of Georgia where he now resides.

S/ Stephen Fuller



Sworn to & subscribed before me this first day of September 1837

S/ Benjamin Stonecypher, JP

² I could not find a federal application for anyone by this name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 1, 1828, for service as a Sergeant from February 1776 to April 1777 in the Georgia Continental line.]

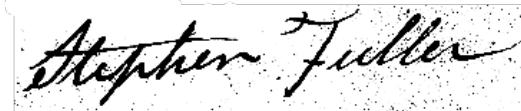
South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Stephen Fuller pp41
Audited Account No. 2605 1.5
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The petition of Stephen Fuller praying Compensation for a Horse Lost in the Revolutionary war
Presented by ? Dickson
Claims
Comptroller General
To the Senate

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State of South Carolina
[text obliterated] district } To the Honourable President and Senate of the State aforesaid
Your petitioner humbly Sheweth that he when young did go into the service of his
Country; and served both as a private Soldier and officer and did serve both as a militia man and
regular soldier; and through much Fatigue and hardship became very infirm and together with
the Loss of all his property; now your petitioner is a very old man and is incapable any Longer to
Labour and has the Care of a large family and is altogether without means now your petitioner
beg Leave to State to your Honorable body that when in the Service in the year 1779 in
Edgefield District he Lost his Horse and after some time he found said horse in a wagon in
General Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Brigade and applied to the General for said horse
but the General refusing to give up said horse ordered the said horse to be appraised and Gave
your petitioner a Certificate for the amount of Seventy-five Dollars which Certificate your
petitioner did deposit in his Father's house then an inhabitant of Georgia which was destroyed by
the Tories; your petitioner, has since Endeavored to obtain the affidavits of the appraisers but
find one is dead and the other in a deranged situation: therefore your petitioner hope your
Honourable body will take his Case (with the necessary Vouchers) into consideration and Grant
him such relief as you may see meet,⁴ and as in duty bound shall ever pray. November 16th 1819
S/ Stephen Fuller

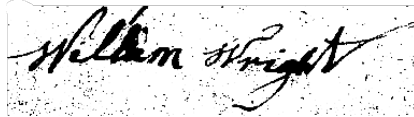


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³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full 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.

⁴ In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

Georgia Clark County} Personally came William Wright Senior before me who being Duly Sworn Saith that he was well acquainted with Stephen Fuller in the time of the Revolutionary War and that he acted friendly in the Defense of the Cause of the United States of America During the said Revolutionary war. Sworn to before me this 29 day of October 1819
S/ James Caldwell, JP
S/ William Wright



Georgia

This is to Certify that I was acquainted with Stephen Fuller in the Latter part of the Revolutionary War and I do believe that he always acted friendly to the Cause of the United States of America in the said Revolutionary war –

And I do further Certify that I am well acquainted with William Wright Senior of Clark County he has [text obliterated] bore the name of a good citizen and that he was a true friend in the Cause of his Country and acted as an officer in the aforesaid war
October 29, 1819

S/ James Caldwell,⁵ JP



Georgia Hancock County} Personally appeared before me Abednego Right [sic] and being duly sworn Deposith and Saith that he was well acquainted with Stephen Fuller during the late Revolution with Britain, and that he the said Fuller was in the Service of his Country and Ever friendly and active in the Cause of Independence of the United States. Sworn & subscribed before me 2nd November 1819
[illegible signature]

S/ A. Wright [Abednego Wright]



[p 7: Identical petition presented to the South Carolina House of Representatives]

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State of South Carolina Pendleton District

Came personally before the Subscribing Justice Stephen Fuller of Pendleton District aforesaid and after being duly Sworn as the Law directs Deposith and saith that he this deponent was in the Service of his Country in the Revolutionary War in the year 1779 – and while in the Service he Lost his Horse Beast in Edgefield District near General Hammond's Plantation that Some Time after he this deponent loss said Horse he Found him in the Service as a wagon or Draft Horse in General Williamson's Army and applied to the General for the said Horse but the General would not give him up as he was a Wagon horse but that General Williamson directed his Clerk to give him this Deponent a Certificate and had said Horse appraised and he was appraised at Seventy-five Dollars that he has Lost said Certificate by a party of Disaffected Men who ravaged his

⁵ I think this MAY be the same man as [James Caldwell SC1088](#). I base this on the similarity of the signatures.

father's house but that he has never received either directly or Indirectly by Discount or
Otherwise one Cent for the aforesaid horse

Sworn to before me this 15th day of November 1819

S/ James C Griffin, Q U

S/ Stephen Fuller

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The committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Fuller – praying
Compensation for a Horse lost in the Revolutionary war –

Beg leave to Report – that they have had the same under consideration and
recommend that the prayer thereof be not granted

S/ Thomas Carr, Chairman

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To the Honorable the President and other Members of the Senate of South Carolina –
The Humble Petition of Stephen Fuller Sheweth, that in the year 1777⁶ after the British Army
took possession of Augusta, being in the Neighborhood this Deponents horse was snipping out of
a pastire in which he had put him the evening before at the Plantation of General Hammond of
this State, that he found his horse in one of the baggage wagons of General Williamson, that he
applied to the General for his horse, who said that he could not direct him to be given up, but
advised deponent to prove his property which he did and the General directed him to be
appraised and gave this Deponent a Certificate that his horse was appraised to seventy-five
Dollars, which appraisement this Deponent left with his discharge previously received, at his
father's house about fourteen miles above Augusta neither of which papers he ever recovered
and believing they were destroyed by the British or Tories who plundered his father's house,
which this Deponent was on duty under the command of General Clark [Elijah Clarke] of the
State of Georgia. That he Deponent was at the Siege of Augusta⁷ when it was retaken by the
Americans – that this Deponent never received any compensation for his horse lost as before
stated – that he is now advanced in years and in indigent circumstances which circumstances
founded on the justice of his claim induced him to apply for what he is justly entitled to – And as
in duty bound will ever pray

S/ Stephen Fuller

South Carolina Pendleton District }

Stephen Fuller being duly sworn according to law on his oath saith that the facts stated in
the foregoing petition all correct and true

Sworn to & Subscribed this 14 November 1822

Before me

S/ George E. W. Foster, Notary Public

& Q. U. Exoff.

S/ Stephen Fuller

[p 20: prayer again denied, December 5, 1822]

⁶ British forces under the command of Archibald Campbell took possession of Augusta, GA on January 31, 1779, not
in 1777 as stated by the veteran. Augusta Georgia taken by Lt. Col. Archibald Campbell: January 31, 1779

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/archibald-campbell-1739-1791>

⁷ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

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The State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the President and other members of the Senate and the Speaker and other members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina in General Assembly convened

The Petition of Stephen Fuller
Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner on the __ day of February 1776 Enlisted for the term of 12 months in the State of Georgia in the Company commanded by Captain Colson [sic] and Colonel Habersham's Regiment, and that he continued in the said Corps and Served until April 1777 when he was discharged from said Service in the City of Savannah. He was in the Battle at Fort Barrington on the Altamaha River where they were attacked by the Creek Indians in crossing the River.⁸ He did serve in this State was at the Snow Camp⁹ and on Reedy River¹⁰ took 144 prisoners. He after the close of the war moved into South Carolina where he has lived for many years. He is in reduced Circumstances, not able to travel to procure testimony for the purpose of obtaining a Pension from the United States. He is now 71 Years of age his wife is about Sixty years of age. They are unable to support themselves by labour.

Your petitioner therefore prays your Honorable body to take his case into consideration and to grant him such relief as shall seem meet.

And as in duty bound your petitioner

Will ever pray

Pendleton 17th November 1824

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The State of South Carolina Pendleton District SS } Before me personally came Stephen Fuller & made Oath, That the facts stated in the within Petition are Substantially true.

Sworn to 17th November 1824

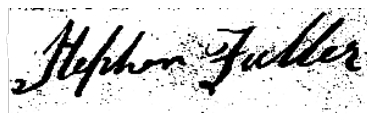
Before me

S/ Joseph Grisham, Notary Public

Ex/ off.

J. U. Q.

Stephen Fuller



[p 29: Rejection of the veteran's 1824 petition]

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State of South Carolina Pendleton District } To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

⁸ Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer]

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/revolutionary-war-georgia#Three-Invasions-of-Florida>

⁹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

¹⁰ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_cane_brake.html

Your humble petitioner Sheweth that I am an old man about seventy-three years of age and in indigent circumstances and I am not able to get a comfortable support of the necessaries of life for which cause your petitioner presents his case before you as rational and charitable men hoping for such relief as you in your wisdom may think proper to grant.

The first service I done for my country was in the year 1775. I was in the expedition called the snow camps. I served under Major Gardner from Georgia and Joined General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] at Whitehall in Abbeville District, in said expedition we succeeded in taking about one hundred and forty prisoners on Reedy River I believe in Lawrence [sic, Laurens] District. I afterwards enlisted in Georgia and served twelve months under General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] and Colonel Habersham and was regularly discharged. I afterwards went as a volunteer under General Clark and was at the two Sieges of Augusta¹¹ where we had considerable engagements with the enemy – where I lost a valuable mare bridle and saddle for which I never received one cent. I also lost a horse on our retreat to North Carolina before the enemy for which I never was paid. I was much exposed in my youth which makes me feel the effects of a declined State of life. But I have one consolation. I do not expect many more days of tribulation until I shall be freed from these troubles. But I have full confidence in your liberality that you will allow me something for my past services and suffering that you will assist me to be comfortable with the necessaries of life and Your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

S/ Stephen Fuller

[acknowledged October 29, 1825 in Pendleton District South Carolina]

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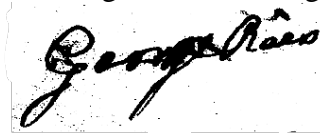
Pendleton District
State of South Carolina }

Mr. Stephen Fuller having called on me for Proof of his having served in the Expedition called the Snow Camp in the winter of 1775 in this State and having served in that expedition myself I feel bound to State, that from repeated conversations with Mr. Fuller I have no doubt but he was present at the above expedition.

And having seen the petition of Mr. Fuller's I have no hesitation in saying (after an acquaintance of more than 20 5 Years) that what it contains is strictly true.

October 27th, 1825

S/ George Rain [? George Raes? George Rars?]



[Note: The veteran was placed on the pension list at the rate of \$60 per annum. The earliest receipt in the file (page 41) is dated 1 June 1826.]

¹¹ Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>