

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Foster S38706

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District of West Tennessee

William Foster now a citizen of the county of Davidson in the State of Tennessee, who claims to be placed on the Pension list of the United States, came before me and on oath made the following declaration, to wit, that he enlisted as a continental soldier in the year 1775 under the Command of Capt Mat. Dewit [sic: Matthew Jouett, company raised in Albemarle County] in the Virginia continental line for two years, in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia continental Reg't. commanded by Colo. McClannegan [sic: Alexander McClenachan] That during the said two years he enlisted as a soldier during the War under Capt Carrington, and was transferred to Captain Tarlon Payns [sic: Tarlton Payne's] company and sent to the Southward, that he faithfully served five years & better, that he was taken Prisoner at the fall of Charles Town [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780], that he was prisoner more than twelve months & was exchanged at James Town in Virginia just before the close of the War [see endnote], that he never was discharged, he supposes because the War then closed, he had a permit to go home sick, and that war closed and he never was called on any more. That he is very poor & needy. William hisXmark Foster

In support of the foregoing claim William Lovel and John Foster credible Witnesses came before me and made Oath that they are well acquainted with William Foster before named that he is a very poor man, that he owns nothing but a very small stock of black cattle, no horses, no land, that to their knowledge he owes more than all he is worth, that he is in perfect poverty & needs the aid of Government.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1820

[signed] Wm Lovel

John McNairy/ District Judge

[signed] John Foster

In the month of October 1817 [later corrected to 1818] the applicant William Foster applied to me for the Pension now claimed, but never procured the necessary proofs until this time

John McNairy/ District Judge

State of Tennessee Davidson County

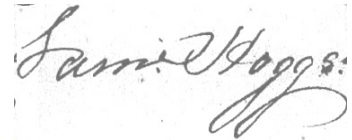
On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Davidson County and State of Tennessee West William Foster aged Sixty four years resident in Davidson County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows To wit in the seventh regiment Virginia in Capt. Madrect's[?] Company and in many other situations during the war and under different other captains being several times transferred to different companies during which time he was in actual service better than five years, and the date of his Original declaration was on the — day of — 18— as well as he now recollects and the number of his pension certificate is 16665 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever and that the whole of my property is set out and described in the schedule hereto annexed marked A amounting in value to Sixty dollars 93¾ cents that he pursues no occupation on account of his inability to pursue any occupation from old age that his family consists of an aged wife three poor Grand children and their widowed mother his daughter and one son about 12 years old William hisXmark Foster

Schedule A

One cotton wheel and cards	\$2.50
3 chairs and 3 stools	1.50
1 cross leged Table	1.00
1 dish 1 bason pewter 3 bowls 1 pitcher	2.50
1 set of Knives and forks and knife lose	2.50
2 pot and hooks & 2 trammel & 1 dutch oven & hooks	6.00
2 Augurs 1 chissel 1 hand saw and drawing knife	2.37½
1 havel[?] and rasp tin bucket and iron spoon	2.50
1 flat iron and skillet small box and lock	1.00
1 barrell and about 150 lb salt	6.50
3 water Vessels 1.25 one can & razor	2.00
1 box cupboard & corbute[?] and one bottle	2.00
1 Shovel & ladle & fire poker and six iron spoons	1.25
2 Gimblets and four broken ditto	0.31¼
2 Shovel plough & 1 coulter	3.00
3 falling axes & 1 hatchet	4.50
3 pair of traces and haims 1 clevis 2 Swingletrees	9.00
one side loom and geer at	4.00
One Grindstone	.75
1 Slide	.50
1 weeding hoe and 2 hilling hoes	<u>3.75</u>
	\$59.43¾
10 acres of standing corn about 75 barrels	
19 Grown chickens and 5 young one	<u>2.50</u>
	61.92¾
Leather for two pair of shoes	<u>2.00</u>
	63.93¾
To 6 half worn pewter plates	2.00
To one fine chest	<u>1.50</u>
	\$66.93¾

Schedule of William Fosters property appraised in open court Will Williams Chairman

State of Tennessee }  
 Wilson County } This day Samuel Hogg Senior [pension application S38845] personally appeared before me Edmund Crutcher a justice of the peace for said County, & after being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that William Foster the bearer hereof was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War that he belonged to Capt. Tarlton Paynes Company in which I was then a 1st Liet, that we belonged to a detachment of four hundred men under the command of Colo Richard Parker that we marched from Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] Virginia in 1779 to reinfource the Suthern army he was in the attack on Savannah [siege 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779] and was made a prisoner at the taking of Charleston by the British in 1780 where he remained untill exchanged an he was a good Soldier and deserved well of his Country Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r 1819



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

This is to certify that Wm. Foster a soldier in the 5<sup>th</sup> Va. Reg't. marched in my Company & Colo. Parker's Battalion to the southward in June 1779 and was not discharged until July 1781 during which time he only rec'd. one Coat one Waistcoat, one pair shoes & Leather Breeches & two pair of overalls & three shirts

Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> July 1783  
(Copy)/ J. Pendleton Jr

Tarlton Payne  
Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Virg'a Reg't

I certify that Wm. Foster has been a soldier for the War, & still continued such in this V. Reg. Art'y.[Artillery] ever since the spring of 1779, previous to which time he was in the Reg't for a term of three years from 1777. [Edward Carrington] Lt Col Arty  
Octo. 15 1783 [last digit unclear]

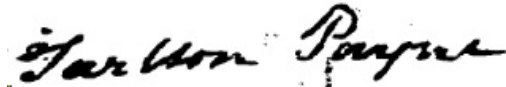


[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to certify that William Foster was a Soldier in my Company upon continental establishment during the Revolutionary War and was Inlisted during the war. He also served in the Southern detachment commanded by Colo Richard Parker, was taken prisoner with us at Charlestown South Carolina and served his time out to the end of the war as a good and Faithful Soldier

Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1811

Tarlton Payne  
late Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Va Reg't.



I know that William Foster was a soldier in Colo. Richard Parker's Battallion composed of regular continental soldiers in which I acted as Ensign and Paymaster till the close of the campaign of 1779 when I resigned at Augusta in the state of Georgia and that Captain Tarlnton Payne commanded a company in the said Battallion whose Certificate is entitled to full credit  
Goochland 6<sup>th</sup> March 1811.

John Geurrant  
late Ens'n 2<sup>d</sup> Va. Reg't.



NOTE: Prisoners from Charleston were exchanged at Jamestown in the summer of 1781 before the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown on 19 Oct 1781, which was often considered the end of the war.

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Foster William  
Transcription by FA Weyler

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[p2] West Tennessee certificate 16665  
Of Davidson County, private under  
Colonel McClanachan of Virginia 2 years  
Issued 08Apr1820 @ \$8/mo  
Sent to Thos McCannon, House of Reps

[p5] District of West Tennessee

William Foster now a citizen of the county of Davidson in the State of Tennessee, who claims to be placed in the pension list of the United States, came before me and on oath made the following declaration, to wit, that he enlisted as a continental soldier in the year 1778 under the command of Captain Mat Denret [?] in the Virginia continental line for two years in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia continental Regt commanded by Col<sup>o</sup> McClonnegan [sic McClanachan]. That during the said two years he enlisted as a soldier during the war under Capt Carrington and was transferred to Captain Tarlon Payne's company and sent to the southward. That he faithfully served five years & better. That he was taken prisoner at the fall of Charles Town. That he was prisoner more than twelve months & was exchanged at James Town in Virginia just before the close of the war. That he never was discharged, he supposes because the War then closed. He had a permit to go home sick and that was \_\_\_\_\_ and he never was called on any more. That he is very poor & needy.

William Foster                      x his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me

John McNairy District Judge

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[p6] In support of the foregoing claim William Lovel and John Foster credible witnesses came before me and made oath that they are well acquainted with William Foster before named that he is a very poor man. That he owns nothing but a very small stock of black cattle, no horses, no \_\_\_\_\_ That to their knowledge he owing more than all he is worth. That he is in perfect poverty & needs the aid of government.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

s/Wm Lovel

This 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1820

s/John Foster

John McNairy

District Judge

[certification of satisfaction with the veracity of above statements by Judge McNairy]

[p7] In the month of October 1817 the applicant William Foster applied to me for the pension now claimed, but never provided the necessary proofs until this time.

John McNairy

District judge

Again the applicant William Foster came before me and made oath (in the \_\_\_\_\_ words of his former affidavit) that he is very poor and needy and that his circumstances are such that he stands much in need of aid from government and begs leave to refer to the former affidavits of Wm Lovel and John Foster and that he was \_\_\_\_\_ in the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to & subscribed  
Before me this 6<sup>th</sup> of  
March 1820

William Foster            x his mark

John McNairy  
District Judge

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State of Tennessee            Davidson County

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Davidson County and State of Tennessee West, William Foster aged sixty four years resident in Davidson County and State aforesaid. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows To wit:

In the seventh regiment Virginia in Capt Madreath's [?] company and in many other situations during the war and under different other captains being several times transferred to different companies during which time he was in actual service better than five years. And the date of his original declaration was on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 18\_\_ as well as he now recollects and the number of his pension certificate is 16665. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any wise 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 services of the

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United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts in debts due to me, nor have I any income whatever and that the whole of my property is set out and described in the schedule hereto annexed marked **A** amounting in value to sixty dollars 93 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cents. That he pursues no occupation on account of his inability to pursue any occupation from old age. That his family consists of an aged wife three poor Grand children and their widowed mother his daughter and one son about 12 years old.

William Foster            x his mark

Sworn to and subscribed and declared in open court of the county aforesaid and State of Tennessee the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1820            Will Williams J.P. Chairman

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2 augurs 1 chisel 1 hand saw and 1 drawing knife	2.31 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
1 shovel and rough tin bucket and iron spoon	2.00
1 flat iron and skillet small box and lock	1.00
1 barrel and about 150 lb salt	6.50
3 water vessels 1.25 one can & razor	2.00
1 bare cupboard & trivet and one bottle	2.00

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1 shovel & ladle & fire poker and six iron spoons	1.25
2 gimblets and four broken ditto	0.31 ¼
2 shovel plough & 1 cotter	3.00
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10 acres of standing corn about 75 barrels	<u>2.50</u>
10 grown chickens 5 young ones	\$61.92 ¾
Leather for two pair of shoes	<u>2.00</u>
	\$63.93 ¾
To 6 half worn pewter plates	2.00
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	\$66.93 ¾

Schedule of William Foster property appraised in open court.

Will Williams chairman

State of Tennessee Davidson County Sct

I Nathan Ewing clerk of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for said county do hereby certify to whom it may concern that the before recited is a true copy from the original filed in my office amongst the records of said court. And that it is the opinion of said court that the valuation of the property above states is just reasonable and equitable.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office this second day of July A.D. 1821 and 45<sup>th</sup> year of American Independence.

Nathan Ewing

[p14-15] another copy of the deposition and schedule above

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State of Tennessee

Wilson County This day Samuel Staggs Senior personally appeared before me Edmond Crutcher a justice of the peace for said count & after being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith: That William Foster the bearer hereof was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That he belonged to Capt. Tarlton Payne's company in which I was then 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. That we belonged to a detachment of four hundred men under the command of Colo Richard Parker. That we marched from Petersburg Virginia in 1779 to reinforce the Southern army. He was in the attack on Savannah and was made a prisoner at the taking of Charleston by the British in 1780 where he remained until exchanged. And he was a good soldier and deserves well of his country.

Sworn to and subscribed

Samuel Staggs

Before me this 25<sup>th</sup>

Day of Decr 1819

Edmond Crutcher Justice

Peace of Wilson County

[p17] certification of Staggs deposition by John Allison, Wilson County clerk