

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Ferryman Stephen

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[p2] Virginia certificate 4740

Stephen Ferryman, private to close of war

Capt. Mayo, Virginia Line

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State and District of Virginia: SS: County of Frederick Sct.

On this third day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Courts of Law for the said County in the said State and district, personally appeared Stephen Ferryman aged upwards of Seventy years, resident in the County of Hampshire in the said district, 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 service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Stephen Ferryman enlisted in the County of Frederick in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Wahs [?]¹ of the Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment then commanded by Colonel Bluford [Abraham Buford], the particular number of which he does not recollect; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the end of the War, that he was taken prisoner at Ninety Six and remained a prisoner on parole until peace, that he was in the battles of Blufords Defeat [the Battle of the Waxhaws or Buford's Defeat, May 29, 1780] and at the siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781], That after the men with Bluford were dispersed [?]² he returned to Frederick County which is the home spoken of by General Smith's certificate and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the annexed certificate of General John Smith.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robt. White [Robert White]

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On this 17th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court it being a court of record Stephen Ferryman aged upwards of 70 years resident in Hampton County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted in the Town of Winchester Virginia for during the war by Co¹

¹ *Wahs* Wales ? [Scott Miskimon suggests that Capt. George Wales may be the man referred to] Another possibility is that the name is Walis, in which event it could be a reference to Andrew Wallace or Adam Wallace, both of whom were with Buford at his defeat.

² *Dispersed*

John Smith. That he does not recollect the number of the regiment nor the Co¹ who commanded it but that he recollects that he belonged to the division commanded by Genl Greene [*Nathanael Greene*] on continental establishment. That he served for the term of three years. That he was at the Battles of Bluford's defeat and at the siege of ninety six in South Carolina at which last place he was taken prisoner by the enemy and paroled which will *more* fully appear by his original declaration filed in the War Office dated the 2nd day of December 1818 upon which he obtained a certificate of pension numbered 4.740 and he did solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not by gift or sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not now have any person in trust for him any property or securities, contracts, or debts owing to nor has he any other property or income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed by him subscribed Viz: 2 horses worth together \$80, two cows & calf worth together \$30.00. One sow and five shoats \$5.00 and 40 baskets of wheat and rye worth together \$22.50 Some little household furniture worth about \$35.00

The following is the amount of debts he owes. To Thomas Anneley \$60.00, to Abraham Creswell \$30.00, to Fred Buzzard \$20.00, to Richard Wood \$16.00, Nowel White about \$10.00 Wm Houman \$5.00. The following is a list of the members of his family: Priscilla his wife aged about 70 years, Rebecca his daughter aged 17 years, Henry his grandson aged 10 years. That his occupation is that of a labourer and that his very advanced age with the loss of the use of one of his arms in consequence of a white swelling renders him unable with the assistance of his family to support themselves.

[p5] routine county certification, John B White, clerk, 23Aug1820

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Frederick Virginia

At the request of Stephen Ferryman, I hereby certify that under an act of the Virginia Assembly for furnishing men for the continental line that I recruited the above mentioned Stephen to serve during the war.

That after the battle of Ninety Six or Buford's Defeat, I do not recollect which, I saw the said Stephen Ferryman in Winchester, who stated that he had been taken prisoner and paroled.

I recollect that he was charged with desertion, taken up & examined, set at liberty by the officer, and (so well as I can Recollect) was sent on some time after with recruits from Winchester to to [sic] join the southern army.

Given under my hand the 3rd day of June 1818.

John Smith
Major General
Virginia militia

Wm Smith
Maj. Gen.
Virginia Militia