

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joachim Fetzer S39518

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Virginia Ss.

On this 25th day of May 1818 Before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the general Court of Virginia personally appears Joachim Fetzer aged 65 years, resident in the County of Shenandoah state aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn 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 Joachim enlisted in February 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Jonathan Clark 8 Virg'a Reg't. Col Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] of the said state that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the year 1778 when he was discharged from service at the Valley Forge state of Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] & various skirmishes 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 affidavit now enclosed.

[George Clower, pension application S39323, deposed that Fetzer had served with him.]

Virginia Shenandoah County to wit

On this 12th day of June 1820 appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County, Joachim Fetzer aged sixty eight years in July next, resident in the aforesaid county who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows in the eighth Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenberg and in Captain Johnathan Clark Company that he was at the battles of Germantown, a scrimmage with the Enemy near Middlebrook in Jersey, that he continued in the Service two years during which time he marched to Sunbury in Georgia and back again and was discharged at Valley Forge by Brigadier Gen'l [Charles] Scott. that he made his former declaration on the 25th day of May 1818 and received a pension certificate from the War Department dated 25 day of June 1819 numbered 12.562. And 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 of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

A Schedule of the real and personal estate of the declarant (necessary clothing and bedding excepted Two out lots of five acres each one undivided sixth and one undivided fifth of one undivided sixth part of a house and two Lots and barns also the same interest in one other Lot all containing half an acre each the whole except the out Lots valued by the Assessor at the sum of \$831.23¢ and the out Lots at \$78.75 cts Two head of old horses, two cows and one yearling steer, one old Waggon and two sets of old Gears, seven head of Sheep, seven head of hogs [six of them shoats) one old barshear and shovel plows, one iron kettle one dutch Oven, two small posts one small coffee kettle ab't 3 Gallons one table four split bottom chairs, dough troff, some teaware, ½ doz pewter plates, set of knives and forks, 1 chopping axe, 1 dung & 1 pitch fork one dung hook one old wheat fan one old cutting [illegible word] and knife. I have not as much owing to me as I am in debt.

[the signature, possibly in German script, appears to be Joacsim Futzerd]

This declarant also states that he is a Brewer by Occupation but that he is unable to make but very little to aid him towards a support owing to his inability to work and the little business he gets to do in that way. The number and names of my family residing with me are myself & wife, Catharine aged 21 past, Eliza aged about nineteen, Reuben aged about 17 and Sarah aged about

14 years my wife is unable to do much towards her support from age and infirmity. the children are all able to support themselves

Sworn to and declared on the 12 day of June 1820 before the Court

[signed apparently as] Joacsim futzure

[Fetzer's pension was suspended because he had too much property. On 16 Oct 1823 he reapplied after disposing of some property, partly by sale to George Fetzer. He also stated that his wife had died.]

NOTES:

In the pension application of John Bly (S37780), Jacob Rinker certified that Joachim Fetzer had served in the company of Capt. Jonathan Clark of which Rinker was Lieutenant.

A document in the file states that Fetzer died 27 Jan 1837.