

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Forrest S39538

VA

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At a monthly court continued and held according to adjournment for Mathews County, at the courthouse of said county on tuesday the 14th day of April in the year of our Lord 1818 and of our Independance, the 42nd.

George Forrest appeared before the court this day and made oath that he was enlisted by Captain Charles Tompkies [W6304] in the year 1776 to serve in his company in the 7th Virginia Regiment upon continental establishment in the Revolutionary War for two years, which term he faithfully served out; and then enlisted in the year 1778 in Captain Bellfields [sic: John Belfield BLWt254-400] troop of Horse in the regiment first commanded by Theodorick Bland [VAS1859] and afterwards by Colo. White [Anthony Walton White W6477] for the term of three years, which term he regularly served out and was duly discharged, which discharge together with the discharge first mentioned from the 7th Regiment (foot) was retained at the war office in the City of Richmond when he settled his account at that department for his services aforesaid. And the said Forrest upon his oath aforesaid states, that having to labour personally for the support of himself and family and being afflicted with a complaint which hath compelled him to wear a truss for more than twenty years and from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support, which is ordered to be certified by this court.

State of Virginia }
Mathews County SS. }

On this tenth day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county expressly made so by the laws of said State, George Forrest ages sixty three years, resident in the said county, 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 under captain Charles Tompkies in the year 1776 to serve in his company in the 7th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment for the term of two years, which term he faithfully served out, and then enlisted in the year 1778 in Captain Bellfields Troop of Horse in the Regiment first commanded by Colo Theodorick Bland and afterwards by Colo White for the term of three years which term he regularly served out, and was duly discharged; That the date of his original declaration is the 14th day of April 1818, and that he has received a pension certificate No. 7171.

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.

42 acres land held in fee simple}
and annual value twenty dollars}
7 head cattle at \$5 \$35.00
11 head hogs at \$1.50. 16.50
4 Sheep @ \$1.50 6.00
7 flag chairs @1/6 1.75
and some few articles of
household and kitchen furniture
\$59.25

my age is 63 years, occupation a farmer, and unable to pursue it from affliction of hernia. I have four

children living with me, namely Josiah aged 19 years and can maintain himself by his assistance in the farm, Elizabeth aged 16 years and can support herself, and Nancy aged 13 years and Joice 9 years cannot support themselves by their own labour.

George Forrest

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

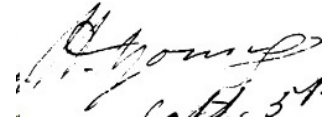
George Forrest Inlisted in the 1st Reg't. of Cavalry the 22^d of Decb'r. 1777 for three years, which term he served faithfully, as appears by his discharge, which I have seen, signed by capt Jno. Belfield Capt. of s'd Reg't. which discharge is in the Auditors Office.

H. Young

[Henry Young BLWt2466-300]

Capt. 5th V Reg't

2^d May 1783



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

I Certify that I was well acquainted with George Forrest who did enlist under Capt. Charles Tomkies under Col Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield VAS256] in the revolutionary War and after he served his time out he enlisted in the Troop of Cavalry and went to the southward where he stayed three year and I believe he was honourably discharged as Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of May 1832

[John Morgan S5777]



I William Diggs [William Digges S8327] of the County of Mathews and state of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with George Forest formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston Parish now constituting mathews County the said George Forest enlisted under Captain Charles Tompkies in the year 1776 for a term of Two years the said George Forest marched from this County to the North and after he served out his first enlistment he again enlisted in the Troop for a Tour of three years but do not know who he enlisted under the second time the said George Forrest never returned to this County untill the Seage of York [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] I do certify that I am about 75 years of age from under my hand and seal this 9th day of July 1835



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Forest, George.]

I John Morgan of the County of Mathews & state of Virginia do hereby certify & declare that I was well acquainted with George Forest formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston parish now constituting Mathews County. The said George Forest did enlist in the Seventh Virginia regiment in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six which regiment was first commanded by Colo Dangerfield and afterwards by Col. McClenahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan VAS2033] and after this term of enlistment had expired he reinlisted in the Cavalry but do not recollect in what regiment but I believe he remained in service untill the end of the war: as witness my hand & seal this the fifth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty four



This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the [undeciphered] day of May 1783, in the name of George Forest as a Soldier of Cavalry for £96.15.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 14th day of March 1834.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.