

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Faucett (Fossett, Fassett, Forsett) ¹ S41528 f23NC

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[State of North Carolina Rowan County]

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Rowan in the Court House in Salisbury on the third Monday in August A.D. 1818 the following record was made to wit This day personally appeared in Court Robert Faucett aged Sixty Six years saving the one day, resident in Rowan County and State aforesaid, who being 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 services of the United States in the Revolutionary war; That the said Robert Faucett enlisted in the Town of Tarborough [Tarboro] in the State aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Irwine Toole [Henry Irwin Toole] for the term of six months the enlistment was made in 1775 that at the expiration of said term he enlisted at Edenton in the State aforesaid and the company commanded by Captain James Gee in the Continental service for two years and six months, and that this enlistment was made in 1776. That after the death of Captain Gee he served in the said Company under the command of Captain John English [sic, John Inglas or John Ingles] -- and that the said Robert Faucett not having a certificate of his enlistment was continued as a soldier for and during the War: -- that he continued to serve in said Corps in the service of the United States until 1780 when he was made a prisoner at Charleston [May 12, 1780] and the State of South Carolina by the forces and the British General Clinton [Henry Clinton]: That in a short time after the capture of Charleston he the said Robert Faucett made his escape from his confinement. That he afterwards served on board the Frigate *South Carolina*,² under the command of, Commodore Gillen [Alexander

¹ BLWt193-100

² *South Carolina*. Foote:112-116, 119, 120, SchV:55, M:274, privateer man of war of 40 guns, 1355 tons, manned by 540 men, which left the Texel (the Netherlands) on 25 August 1781, with SC Navy Commodore Alexander Gillon in command. This vessel was the property of France, originally the *Indien*, built in Holland, loaned to the State of South Carolina for 3 years for privateering. It took part in the Spanish/American capture of Nassau in 1782, under Capt John Joyner. The ship was taken by the British in Sep 1782, and crew sent to prison in New York. One of its prizes was taken Sep 1781 and one of its prize crew sent to Mill Prison. (Clark:I:138 shows her captured 19 Dec 1782, by the British *Astrea*, *Diomeda*, *Quebec*. The ship is said to have arrived in New York on 24 Dec.) Ford1782:309, 632, 703, Ford1784:332. JA6:295, 9:491. CTN:58. CTP:123. Foote:120-121, Caleb Foote served as a seaman on the *South Carolina* for 14 months. DaviesXIX:2156, Germans in crew. Volo:53. Silverstone:20. Paullin:448. Chapelle:96, 116. Coggins:102.

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20S.html> and

James A. Lewis, *Neptune's Militia: The Frigate South Carolina during the American Revolution*, Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 1999

Gillon],³ and that he afterwards was discharged from the service at the City of Philadelphia. That he was in the battle of the Great Bridge Virginia [December 9, 1775, at Charleston, Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], and would have been at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] had he not been detached with others to Lancaster a short time before that engagement: 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 possession or power of his said services: -- Now it appearing to be Satisfaction of the Court, that the said, Robert Faucett, did serve in the revolutionary war of the United States against the Common enemy, That he served more than nine months: That the said Robert Faucett is in such reduced circumstances as to require the aid offered under the aforesaid Act of Congress: That he has no other evidence of his Services: it is therefore ordered by the Court that the foregoing be made a matter of record of Court: and that the Clerk certify and transmit the same to the honorable the Secretary of War of the United States.

I John Giles Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Rowan County do hereby certify the same to be a true Copy of the record in the case of Robert falls

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in Salisbury 5 November 1818.

S/ Jno Giles

[p 9: A power of attorney dated December 28, 1804, given by Robert Fossett to William Blackledge to pursue his (Fossett's) claim to bounty land warrant for services in the Revolution, granted in NC (County not stated). This document was signed by the veteran with his mark.]

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Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Rowan at the Court house in Salisbury on the third Monday of August A.D. 1819, the following record was made (to wit)

This day personally appeared in Court Robert Faucett for the purpose of amending his declaration made at August Sessions 1818 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that the companies commanded by Captains Irwine Toole, James Gee and John Ingles in which said deponent served as a soldier as stated in his declaration as mentioned above in the revolutionary war belonged to the second Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin: -- now it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the foregoing affidavit is true, it is ordered that the same be made a matter of record; and that the clerk certified and transmit the same to the Honorable the Secretary Of War: --

by John Giles Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Rowan County do hereby [certify] the foregoing to be a true copy of the record in the case of John Faucett.

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S/ Jno Giles

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 17th March 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Robert Forsett a private in Captain Gee's Company of the 2nd Regiment was mustered on the 20th November 1776 for 3 years -- That there is no remark opposite his name, it is therefore

³ [Alexander Gillon W25629](#)

believed he served out his time or term of enlistment.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 18: letter dated February 5th, 1805 from Wm Blackledge transmitting the following affidavit of John Ingles in support of the bounty land claim of Robert Faucett/Fossett]

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I Do Certify that Robert Fossett was a Soldier in my Company, the Second Battalion of North Carolina, from 1776 until March 1780 -- he appears Some part of the time on my Muster Rolls a 3 year Tour, but must have Reenlisted, for in March 1780 he is registered for the War which was the last time we were Mustered -- being captured in May following at Charleston -- a true Statement from the Muster Rolls of my Company Coppins of which all to be in the War Office --

S/ John Ingles, formerly a Capt. in 2nd Battl^{ion} NC

To the Honorable
the Secretary of War

Raleigh December 20th 1804

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[p 20, John Ingles' signature is attested by H. Potter, the US District Judge in NC on January 28th, 1805]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 17, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]