

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Fox S41543

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State of North Carolina -- To wit

On this 15th day of June A.D. 1818 before me Thomas Ruffin one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Courts of Equity for said State, personally appeared Francis Fox aged about sixty-six or sixty-seven years resident in Wilkes County in said State, 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 providing for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said Francis enlisted in the year 1776 in Duplin County in said State in the company commanded by Captain __ Welch [John Walsh] of the 8th Regiment of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel __ Armstrong [James Armstrong] that he continued to serve in said Corps, until it was reduced & he was then transferred to the 3rd & afterwards to the 2nd Regiment of said Line, which was commanded by Colonel __ Patton [John Patten]; And he continued his service in the said regiments, until the Spring of the year A.D. 1780 or thereabouts, when he was discharged from service at Wilmington in North Carolina by Lieutenant Colonel S. Harney [Selby Harney]: That he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777], besides sundry skirmishes: That he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for Support & that he hath no other evidence now in his power to prove the truth of the foregoing Statements, then that hereto annexed.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid in Orange County

S/ Thomas Ruffin

S/ Francis Fox, X his mark

North Carolina

Charles Wood,¹ being first duly sworn, deposeth & saith that he is well acquainted with the above named Francis Fox & hath been since 1776 or thereabouts: and this deponent being then a Soldier in the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina Line, well remembers that he became acquainted with the said Francis in the Army & that he was in the battles of Brandywine & Germantown, as declared by him above: He further saith that said Francis continued in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment about the term of 3 years within the knowledge of this deponent & further that he does verily believe the several matters of fact set

¹ [Charles Wood S42084](#)

forth in the above declaration of the said Francis to be true.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 15th day of June A.D. 1818 at Orange County
S/ Thomas Ruffin

S/ Charles Wood, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 24th of February 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State, in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the North Carolina Continental Line for the Revolutionary War, that Francis Fox enlisted as a private soldier in said Line on the 8th of February 1777 for 3 years in Captain Walsh's Company of the 8th Regiment, and was discharged on the 20th of February 1780.

Given under my Hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Wilkes County

On this 30th day of April A.D. 1821, Personally appeared in the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions which by the laws of the said State is a court of record, opened and held for the County of Wilkes, Francis Fox aged about seventy-two years, Resident in Wilkes County 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, that he enlisted for three years in Duplin County North Carolina, about the year 1776 in the company of Captain Welch in the 8th Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Armstrong: That he was marched soon after his enlistment to Halifax Town in the said State of North Carolina and from thence to the North where he joined the Main Army under General Washington and was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and after faithfully served three years and thirteen days he was discharged near Washington and the State of North Carolina by Captain Robert Fenner who was then his Captain, he having been transferred to the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina line then commanded by Colonel Clarke [perhaps a reference to Colonel Thomas Clark]. 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 otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 as follows, to wit

That I have no Land whatever, and only one bed and bedclothes worth about \$10; one pot worth about \$2.50; one Dutch oven worth about \$3, one broken skillet worth \$.50; 2 axes and 2 hoes worth \$5; and that he has no stock of any kind, and is totally unable to work on account of his age and infirmities, the whole of his little property being only worth about \$21: -- That his Occupation has hitherto been a farmer but as before Stated he is totally incapable of working for his Maintenance: -- That he has a wife named Catherine aged about 30 years, and 3 small children, to wit, Jesse aged about 7 years; Jackson aged about 4 years and Elizabeth aged about 18 months: That his former declaration by which he obtained his pension under the Act of Congress of 1818, was dated as he believes the 15th day of June A.D. 1818.

And that he knows of no person living who can prove or verify his services but one

Charles Wood of Orange County in the said State of North Carolina, who swore to the Statement in his former declaration, and to which he begs leave to refer.

S/ Francis Fox, X his mark

North Carolina Wilkes County April Term 1821

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 30th day of April 1831

Test: S/ R. Martin, C. W. C. C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]