

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Fountain S41544

f15NC

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Solomon Fountain an inhabitant of the County of Edgecombe (NC) maketh oath that in the Spring of the year of our Lord 1778 he enlisted under Griss Coffield a Recruiting officer -- He marched from Tarborough County & State aforesaid to Halifax (NC) at which place he was placed under the command of Captain Ballard [Kedar Ballard] of the 10th Regiment [sic, 3rd NC Regiment] commanded by Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun] of the Northern Department of the Continental Army of the United States of America.

He enlisted to serve nine months & served during the whole of the time, commencing from Rendezvousing at Petersburg (Virginia) -- From Petersburg he marched directly to West Point under the command of the said Captain Ballard of said 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Hogun. He well recollects that General Putnam [Israel Putnam] commanded the Station of West Point at that time He further maketh oath that he received his discharge at Philadelphia from General Hogun. But unfortunately wore it out by frequently exhibiting it --

Previously however to obtaining his discharge he spent some time in Philadelphia in winter Quarters.

He further maketh oath that he is in indigent circumstances so as to need assistance from his Country which he humbly prays.

S/ Solomon Fountain, X his mark

I Frederick Jackson do certify & make oath that I know that Solomon Fountain did enlist as he states in his affidavit & served with me at West Point & Philadelphia for nine months.

S/ Frederick Jackson, X his mark

State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1818

I Edward Hall Clerk of the County Court aforesaid, do certify that Solomon Fountain and Frederick Jackson who gave the foregoing certificate appeared in open Court and made oath thereto.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of the Office at all borrowed the 25th day of May 1818.

S/ E. Hall, CC

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: Superior Court of Law and Equity September Term 1820

On the 16th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Edgecombe (a Court of record 1st Because it is expressly made a Court of record by an act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina passed in the year 1777 Chapter -- 2nd Amended by an act passed in the year 1806 -- Chapter 1st -- 2ndly Because it has been solemnly adjudged to be a Court of Record by the Tribunals of the several States of the United States -- 3rdly It is a Court of Record, Because it proceeds according to the course of the Common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a Record of its proceedings, 4thly It is a Court of Record because it has the power of fine and imprisonment) Solomon Fountain resident in Edgecombe County State aforesaid aged about 64 years 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 acts of Congress passed on the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Solomon Fountain enlisted for the term of nine months just before the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] as the certificate of his enlistment which he forwarded to the War department with his former Declaration will more fully show) -- in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Ballard in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hogun in the Line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps during his time of Enlistment.

That he was in the Battles of Brandywine and of Camden [probably the first Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780¹] -- and that he has no other evidence now in his power except what he has here stated

S/ Solomon Fountain, X his mark

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 -- Sworn to and declared on the 16th day of September 1820 before the Honorable John Joseph Daniel Esquire Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity in Open Court.

S/ Solomon Fountain, X his mark

Schedule of property belonging to the Deponent

1 Jug, 1 chest -- that he has a wife and a son aged about 19 years.

S/ Solomon Fountain, X his mark

[Attested by Nathan Mathewson, Clerk]

The number of Solomon Fountain's Pension Certificate is 6375

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 12th of June 1818

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Solomon Fountain appears to have been mustered as a nine months Soldier on the 20th of July 1778 in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary War

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh the date above

¹ If the veteran was indeed a participant in the Battle of Camden, he must have done so as a militia man since his service in the Continental Army would not have extended long enough to cover both the Battle of Brandywine and the battle of Camden.

S/ Wm Hill

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Wilson NC September 10 1858

Commissioners of Pensions DC

Sir

If I am not mistaken an act was passed at the last session of Congress giving land and allowing the soldiers of the revolutionary war the balance due them for services unpaid for at the close of the war. In accordance with the said act, I learned that Solomon Fountain a Soldier is entitled to 350 acres of land and \$1900 and upwards. Be so kind Sir as to inform me as to the facts in the case, and whether application has been made, and if so by whom -- & oblige yours very respectfully

Address Wilson, N.C.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 25, 1818, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]