

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Fancher S42719

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District of Ohio, Fayette County, SS

On this eighteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and nineteen, before Thomas McGanaugh, one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas for said County, personally came Isaac Fancher in the fifty ninth year of his age, resident in said County and State of Ohio, 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 entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." – That the said Isaac Fancher enlisted in Bartley [sic: Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Capt. Byers, whose first name he thinks was Thomas [possibly Thomas Bowyer], of the twelfth Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. John Nevil [sic: John Nevill]; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States from the year 1776 in the month of December (he thinks that was the month) untill in the month of June (he thinks) in the year 1782, when he was discharged from service in the State of South Carolina; that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Blufords defeat [sic: Battle of Waxhaws SC where Col. Abraham Buford was defeated, 29 May 1780], Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Camden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Eutaw springs [8 Sep 1781], and at a siege, he thinks they then called the siege of 96 (at town called 96) [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and also in some other small conflicts called scirmishes; and he is now old and infirm and geting unable to labour, and is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he hath no other evidence within his power of his services.

Isaac hisXmark Fancher

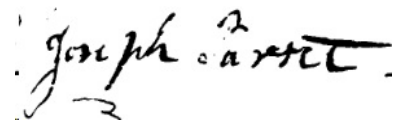
District of Ohio Fayette County SS On this twenty second day of March AD 1821 Personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for said county Isaac Fancher, in the sixty first year of his age, resident in Fayette County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows. In the 12th Virginia Regiment of the Virginia line, Capt. Thos. Boyer's company on continental establishment and the date of his original declaration is the 18th day of September AD 1819 and the number of his pension certificate is 15.706. He also declares as follows, to wit, And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day 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 Person's 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, to wit two Horses with [sic] not more than eighty dollars, two cows four calves & two year old cattle worth not more than forty dollars all grain worth not more than ten dollars; two set of horse gears & plow, not worth more than ten dollars; one pair of thrachers worth not more than four dollars, two Mattocks & a chopping axe. all worth not more than six dollars I have also a log chain worth not more than three dollars, total \$153. He farther deposeseth and saith that he is by accupation a farmer, and is not able to do much at it – not being able to earn more than twenty cents per day & has no farm to work on, having lost a little farm he once owned, not having got it of the right owner. His wife is dead & his children all of full age & doing for themselves & that he lives with one of his sons.

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[The following are from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#). Some of the online images are poor, including a petition to the Governor that is almost entirely illegible.]

State of Ohio } Ss
Fayette County } I Isaac Fancher aged 72 years do on Oath say that in the latter part of the year 1776 I enlisted into the revolutionary army for during the war in the 12th regiment of the Virginia line then commanded by Col Nevill – [several illegible words] Captain name was Langten or Langly [probably Jonathan Langdon] & subsequently I went under Capt Boyer of said regiment. I continued to serve in said regiment untill the Virginia Troops were ordered to South Carolina when I was detaile allotted or attached to serve in the infantry of Lees [Henry Lee’s] Legion – that some time in the summer of 1782[?] the said Legion or a part thereof returned to the North [illegible word] at the close of the war. I was discharge from the said Legion Altho the fact of having been on detail or volunteer duty with it has hitherto caused me to doubt whether my name would appear on its rolls or thos of the regiment in which I enlisted.
Isaac hisXmark Fancher

State of Ohio }
Fayette County } Ss [10 Nov 1831]
I Joseph Paret [sic: Joseph Parret, pension application W4108] of the County & State aforesaid do on Oath testify & declair that I was a Lieutenant in the [?]th Virginia Regiment during the revolutionary war & that I am now in the receipt of monthly pay from the United States under the act of 1 May 1828. And I do further testify & declair that I was well acquainted with James Fancher who makes this application previous to the revolutionary war and at the time of his enlistment – [illegible word] reported that he enlisted for during the war and I have allways understood & believe that he served till its close in 1783. Of this fact I think I cannot be mistaken as I was well acquainted with himself & family & know that in 1783 he returned home as I understood at the time & still believe from the service.



Department of War/ Bounty Land Office/ June 6th 1832
I certify that Land Warrant No. 1786 for 100 Acres issued on the 28th Novem’r. 1831 in the name of Isaac Fancher, alias Francher, for his services as a Private in Lees Legion in the Continental line of Virginia
Wm. Gordon First Clk

NOTE:
On 10 Nov 1831 Isaac Fancher assigned power of attorney to Joseph Watson of Washington to obtain the warrant for his land bounty from Virginia.
In the federal pension file is the following:
“Record Book of bounty lands shows Wt. 1786 for 100 acres Isaac Fancher or Francher, Private [Henry] Lee’s Legion VA Warrant issued to himself and delivered to Jos. Watson on Nov. 28, 1829 with following note, this warrant having been fradulently obtained, the scrip which issued was refunded by J. Watson.
A. E. P. Feb 5, 1912.”
“The papers in this case being proved forgeries the Scrip, which issued on the Warrant was refunded by Joseph Watson agent.”
No further details of the alleged fraud or of who committed it could be found.