

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Folkner (Fortner, Faulkner) S4289

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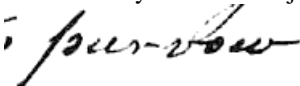
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State of Tennessee County of Perry

On this 23rd day of march 1846 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace of the County of Perry and State of Tennessee Thomas Folkner a resident of Tennessee in the County of Perry aged one Hundred years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he volunteered in the service of the United States under Captain Equiler Kervener [Aquilla Kervener of Chatham County North Carolina] and Colonel Ramsey [probably Ambrose Ramsey] in pursuing and suppressing the Indians and Tories who were committing depredations on the inhabitants of North Carolina particular[ly] at that time on the Catawba River that he don't recollect the precise date but to the best of his Recollection it was in the year 1777 which he served three months in that tower [sic, tour], after which to the best of his recollection in August 1778 he Substituted in the place of one Seth Cotton as Militia man in Chatham County North Carolina and marched under Colonel Moore [probably Lt. Col. Stephen Moore of Caswell County] from Chatham County to Salisbury from Salisbury he marched under Lieutenant Noll [probably Nicholas Nall] to Charleston South Carolina and joined the Army under General Marlbury [probably a mistaken attempt to name Lt. Col. Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] which he served a six months tour and was taken prisoner of war and was in confinement three months longer in Charleston ¹and was paroled by a British officer and left Charleston and returned to Anson County North Carolina, in August 1779 to the best of his memory he volunteered in Anson County North Carolina under Captain John D. Germet [sic, John DeJarnett] under the command of Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade], Colonel Williams [Lt. Col. Edward Williams] and Colonel Childes [Thomas Childs] and marched to Bettises Bridge [sic, Beatti's Bridge, August 4, 1781] and was taken a prisoner of again at that place and was carried by the British to Wilmington, with his services and confinement he was seven months from the time he volunteered in Anson County until he got released at Wilmington by being let out of the purvow [?]² the night before he was to be Executed the next day and returned home again to Anson County four months after his return to Anson County he volunteered again as a Minute Man in pursuit of the Tories who was ravishing Murdering and

¹ Applicant appears to be referring to the fall of Charleston which occurred on May 12, 1780, when the city was surrendered by General Benjamin Lincoln to British forces commanded by Henry Clinton.

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plundering the Country he was under the command of Captain Patrick Bogan Lieutenant Jarman part of the time on Little River and was at the Scrimmage at shoe heel [Shoe Heel Swamp or Creek] and Ash Pole besides other small engagement not now recollected Serving in all at different times at least four months at that time and then returned from service, which will appear by the proof that will be annexed, the cause of his not making earlier application for a pension has been in consequence of his not having any person to prove his services by until of late he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Hufsteder, JP

S/ Thomas Folkner



The declarant in reply to the Interrogatories as is required by the Regulations of the war department doth reply to Question 1st that he was born in Cumberland County North Carolina about the year 1746 Answer to Question 2nd he has no record of his age Answer 3 when he first volunteered and Substituted he lived in Chatham County North Carolina since the Revolutionary war he lived 30 years in North Carolina 20 years in the State of Kentucky and 20 years in the State of Tennessee and still continues to live in Perry County State of Tennessee Answer to Question 4th he volunteered under Capt. Equiler Kervener and Colonel Ramsey against the Indians and Tories and substituted in the place of one Seth Cotton and marched to Charleston South Carolina under Colonel Moore and Lieutenant Noll he volunteered and was under the command of Colonel Wade Colonel Williams and Colonel Childs where he was taken prisoner at Beatti's Bridge and volunteered under Captain Patrick Bogan and Lieutenant Jarman after the Tories and to Question 5 he don't recollect any Continental officers of Regiments at present except General Clinton at Charleston Answer to Question 6th he Received a discharge from General Lincon [Benjamin Lincoln] at Charleston and lost it while he was in confinement at Wilmington Answer to Question 7th as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services in the Revolution he would refer to Robert Crudup, Thomas Lomax of Perry County and William Williams of Hickman County.

[Joseph Dickerson and Larkin J. Curl gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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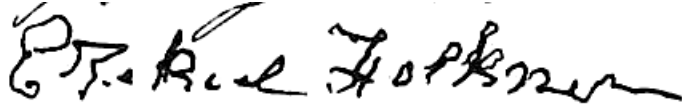
State of Tennessee Perry County

On this the 23rd day of March 1846 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace of the County of Perry and State aforesaid Mr. Ezekiel Folkner³ aged 85 years doth certify that he has known Mr. Thomas Folkner who has sworn to and subscribed to the within declaration from his infancy that he is knowing to the different tours he served in the Revolutionary war that he was knowing to his volunteering under Captain Equiler Kervener and Colonel Ramsey against the Indians and Tories and the time he Substituted [p 6] in the place of Seth Cotton and went to Charleston South Carolina and marched under Colonel Moore also the time he volunteered and under the command of Colonel Wade, Colonel Williams and Colonel Childs and his confinement at Wilmington and the time he volunteered as a minute man against the Tories and was with him

³ [Ezekiel Folkner \(Fortner\) S3374](#) but

a great part of the time of his services and the applicant positively served the different tours in the different parts under the different named officers that he has stated in his declaration Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ Ezekiel Folkner



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Raleigh North Carolina Comptroller Office

I William F Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby Certify that the name of Thomas Folkner appears of Record in this office as having had issued the following specie Certificates in his name for military services, viz. One for three pounds ten shillings (£3.10) see Book F, No. 2 page 29, also another in the name of Thomas Fortner for sixteen pounds eight shillings and six pence (£16.8.6) see Book A M number 15 page 40. Also another in same name for thirteen Pounds, thirteen shillings (£13.13) see Book No. 7 page 30 – given under my hand and seal this 27th day of June A.D. 1846

S/ Wm F. Collins, Comptroller

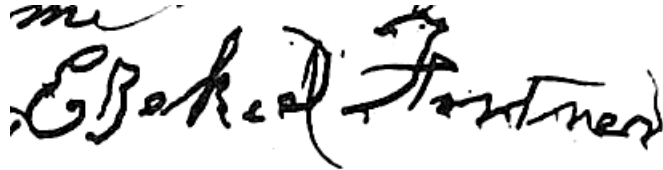
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State of Tennessee Perry County

On this the 3rd day of April 1847 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace of the County of Perry and State of Tennessee Ezekiel Fortner aged Eighty Six years doth certify that he is a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States and that he is a Brother of Thomas Fortner who made a declaration for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 about 12 months since that he was with his Brother Thomas Fortner a great portion of the time he served in the Revolutionary war which he has heretofore given his affidavit to the declaration of Thomas Fortner of Perry County Tennessee that the said Thomas Fortner was during the revolutionary war and ever since was called by every person and was only known by the name of Thomas Fortner and his name which is signed to his declaration filed in the pension office at Washington City which at present he draws his semiannually stipend is signed Ezekiel Fortner and that the name Faulkner was an error in drawing the declaration of Thomas Fortner Sworn to and subscribed the day and year both within written before me.

S/ John Hufsteder, JP

S/ Ezekiel Fortner



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia.]