

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Samuel Faulconer S5376

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State of Virginia            }

County of Spotsylvania    }

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y [1833] personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Spotsylvania now sitting Samuel Faulconer a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 76 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 act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under Captain McWilliams in the militia. He was drafted for a three months tour & served out the service. He marched below Hanover Court-house on the way to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], to which place they were at first ordered, but these orders were afterwards countermanded, & they were directed to return to Fred'g [Fredericksburg?] where he remained until the time for which he was drafted expired. He does not recollect what year this was in. After this he volunteered under Captain John Scott & went to York at which place he served another tour of three months. This was the summer preceding the siege at York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. At that time General [Thomas] Nelson was the highest officer in command at York. He returned home & immediately after was drafted again for another tour of three months under Captain Francis Coleman & went to York where he remained during the siege of that place. Upon the close of that siege he was ordered to guard the prisoners surrendered there on their march to Winchester, but when he arrived in Fredericksbg his term had expired & he was discharged. If he ever rec'd any written discharges they are long since lost. He was born in the County of Orange and is about seventy six years of age. The register of his birth is destroyed. He was a resident of Spotsylvania at the time he served in the war as above stated & has resided in said County ever since. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any one living who can prove them except William Fisher [pension application W8813] and Kenneth Sutherling [sic: Kenneth Sutherland, S30724] both residents of Orange who can prove the tour at the siege of York.                   [signed] Sam'l Faulconer

Question 1 Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Orange, on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1757

Ques 2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it.

Ans. I have no record of my age. It has been destroyed.

Ques 3 Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in the County of Spotsylvania when called into service, have lived there since the revolutionary war & am now a resident of said County.

Ques 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, & if so for whom

Answer. I was drafted for two tours of three months each and volunteered for one tour of the same length of time

Ques 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. I never saw any of the regular officers in any of my tours that I recollect except the one at the siege of York - I saw at that siege General Washington, General Lafayette, Col Merriweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether] and many others whose names I cannot now recollect.

Ques 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, & if so by whom was it given, & what has become of it.

Answer. I never rec'd. any written discharges, or if I did they are long since lost.

Ques 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood &

who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. I am known to Jeremiah Chandler, John Penny Sr, Thomas Jones, Joseph Herndon, William Beazley & many others all of whom I confidently believe will testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my revolutionary services.

NOTE: On 9 May 1833 James Faulconer, the only child and heir of Samuel Faulconer, assigned power of attorney to obtain the final pension payment up to the time of his father's death on 9 Apr 1833.