

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ferrell (Farrell) S6831

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State of North Carolina Wayne County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1832

On this the first day of October 1832 personally appeared before J. J. Daniel Judge of the Superior Court of law and Equity of the County of Wayne William Ferrell of Wayne County and State of North Carolina aged seventy-seven 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 by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775¹ in the month of May with Capt. Harrison and served in the third Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers

That he was enlisted by Capt. Harrison at Kinston North Carolina for the term of nine months -- and by him was marched to Halifax where he was placed under the command of Capt. G. Bradley [Lt./Capt. George "Gee" Bradley] of the Continental line and by him marched to Petersburg Virginia from thence to Philadelphia -- from Philadelphia to near West Point on North River where he remained for five or six months and assisted in making a fortification -- while at West Point he was sent under the command of Major Hogg [Thomas Hogg] to King's Ferry on North River where he was in the engagement that took place with the British -- that he then returned to West Point -- and by Col. Hogan [James Hogg] was marched back to Philadelphia -- then placed under Lieut. Col. Mebane [Robert Mebane] and marched to Halifax North Carolina. The term of nine months having expired he was by Col. Mebane regularly discharged -- which discharge he is unable to account for -- that Lieut. Yarborough [Edward Yarborough] commanded in the Regiment in which he belonged.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Ferrell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Ferrell", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

¹ Though the veteran dates his service as having been rendered in 1775 – 1776, it is much more likely that his service was rendered beginning in the summer of 1776 and ending in the spring of 1777. I base this assessment on his description of the officers under whom he served and the events which occurred during that service.

The Amended declaration of William Ferrell

On this the first day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Hon. Thomas Little Judge of the Superior Court of law and equity for the County of Wayne William Ferrell in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

This declarant states that about the 10th day of May 1775 he enlisted in the Army of the United States under Captain Harrison at Kinston -- that immediately he was marched to Halifax and from thence under Captain G. Bradley of the Continental line to Petersburg from thence to Philadelphia from thence to West Point on North River where he arrived about the first day of August 1775 -- and there at West Point remained until the first day of February 1776. That from West Point he was marched by Colonel Hogun to Philadelphia then by Lieutenant Colonel Mebane to Halifax where he was discharged by said Mebane on the first day of May 1776.

This declarant further states that there is no Clergyman living in his neighborhood -- neither has there been for the last 15 or 16 months -- That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service -- That he is acquainted with Samuel Watson & Lazarus Cook who live in his neighborhood who can testify as to his veracity and their belief as to his services and as to his age.

Ques.1 When and in what year were you born. Answer in the year 1755

Q have you any record of your age -- and if so where is it

I have no record of my age

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

I was living in Wayne County then called Dobbs -- when called into service since that time I have lived in Wayne and now live in Wayne

4 How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute -- And if a substitute for whom

I enlisted

5 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 services

Colonel Hogun, men then Captain Bradley and Harrison and Lieutenant Yarborough & I have no recollection of the militia regiments -- the circumstances of my service I refer you to my declaration

6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

I received a discharge from Colonel Mebane but know not what became of it

7 State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood -- and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

I am known to Samuel Watson & Lazarus Cook who live in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for truth -- and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid

S/ William Ferrell

[Samuel Watson & Lazarus Cook gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as

a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]