

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Forehand S6850

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this the 25th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Daniel Hopkins a Justice of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Edgecombe County David Forehand a resident of Nash County of North Carolina aged 78 years, who being first duly sworn according to law in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 for the relief of revolutionary Soldiers, doth make the following declaration -- That he entered the service of the United States during the revolutionary war under the following named officers -- That he enlisted in Edgecombe County North Carolina in the month of November in the year 1779 -- in a Militia Company commanded by Captain Frederick Bell -- John Bates [could be John Batts]¹ Lieutenant and Shadrach Scarborough Ensign and marched through Wilmington North Carolina & Georgetown South Carolina to Charleston and remained there until about the middle of the next April when he was regularly discharged and returned home -- during this service he served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lowrie Lieutenant Colonel John Shepard [sic, probably Maj. James Shepherd] -- and Captain Bell of his company was promoted to be Major Commander in chief at Charleston General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] -- and during this tour he served among others with Micajah Pettway² and Lewis Todd³ both of whom are now living in Edgecombe County and are ready to testify to the truth this declaration and the said M. Pettway was promoted to be Ensign in said company --

And further sometime during the next August he joined as a substitute a company raised in Edgecombe by Captain Scarborough [James Scarborough] and marched in September and joined a Regiment commanded by Colonels John Branch and Henry Hart -- and were marched into South Carolina by General Allen Jones where he staid until regularly discharged the first of January 1781. -- And during this service he also served with the said Micajah Pettway who then acted as adjutant of the Regiment and is now ready to vouch for the above mentioned service.

He also served in the County of Edgecombe for three months in a militia company raised by Captain James Wilson but [applicant] being an illiterate man and having no living witness nor any documentary evidence of it has escaped his recollection -- and he is unable to make any particular statements about it.

¹ *John Bates*

² [Micajah Pettaway \(Petway, Pettway\) S366](#)

³ [Lewis Todd S7736](#)

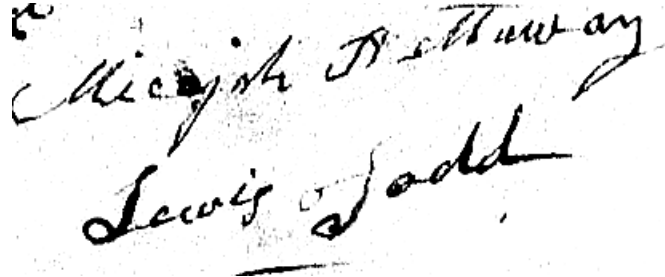
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever to his knowledge.

S/ David Forehand, X his mark

We Micajah Pettway & Lewis Todd residents of Edgecombe County State of North Carolina do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with David Forehand who has signed and sworn to the above declaration -- That we believe him to be about 78 years of age -- and that we hereby testify to his services as stated in the above declaration -- that we served with him as there stated.

S/ Micajah Pettaway

S/ Lewis Todd

Handwritten signatures of Micajah Pettaway and Lewis Todd. The signature of Micajah Pettaway is written in a cursive script, and the signature of Lewis Todd is written in a more formal, blocky script.

[Mark Bennett, a clergyman of the Baptist Church in Edgecombe County gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas & Q Sessions Augt. Term 1833
Amended Declaration of David Forehand

The application of David Forehand for a pension dated November Term 1832 having been returned from the Department as insufficient in several items this is to remedy those deficiencies and accompany the previous declaration

1st question answered sufficiently—2nd & 3rd No—

The applicant says that he resides at present in Nash County But that he was raised in Edgecombe and lived there until very recently -- he enlisted there and both himself & his services were only known to citizens of Edgecombe County -- and consequently was compelled to have this application made out in Edgecombe for these reasons his application is made in a different County from the one he resides in --

3 & 4th -- with regard to the period of the War he served -- and the term & length of service he must refer to his former declaration where they sufficiently [are addressed] as he hopes & believes -- and are as distinct as memory will allow him to specify -- at least service for six months is established --

6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, 11 are answered -- Yes

12 is supplied by the affidavit of Mark Bennett attached to former Declaration and attested by the same Justice who attested the declaration before viz. D. Hopkins Esqr.

17 the seven Interrogatories prescribed by the Department are embodied on the next page and are answered together with the former declaration

I have always been told by my parents that I was born about the year 1754 in Edgecombe County State of North Carolina -- But I have no record of my age -- I know that I was living in Edgecombe when I enlisted -- I was drafted twice but only served one of the times -- once I entered as a substitute for my brother Solomon Forehand -- and once as a substitute for one William Gadd -- one Tour of service was under Captain Fred Bell -- Lieutenant Batts and Ensign

Scarboro -- the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lowrie Lieutenant Colonel Shepard -- another tour under Captain Scarboro -- Regiment commanded by Colonel Branch for particulars see former Declaration annexed to this

I received a discharge from the service regularly but have lost it long since. I never received any commission --

Micajah Pettway & Lewis [Todd] who still live in Edgecombe can testify to my services & character -- and also Mr. Mark Bennett a clergyman -- In Testimony whereof I hereunto signed my name.

S/ David Forehand, X his mark

[attested by Lewis Wilson, Chairman of the Court]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]