

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Fritts, S6864

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State of North Carolina Davidson County

On this 15th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting in and for Davidson County George Fritts a resident of Davidson County and State of North Carolina, Seventy-nine years of age, who being first 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- That he entered the service as a drafted militia man in the County of Rowan now Davidson, & State of North Carolina where he at that time resided (the day & year not now recollected) the Company to which he was attached was commanded by Captain Robert More [sic, Robert Moore], James Smith Major under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] served five months against the Cherokee Indians when he was discharged -- Entered the service again as a volunteer under Captain Lopp [John Lopp], Colonel Lytle [Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Lytle] and General Rutherford marched with the militia into South Carolina and Georgia served five months and was again discharged -- was drafted and served three months under Captain Lopp, was again drafted and served three months under Captain Lopp against the Tories -- was in the battle fought at Briar Creek¹ State of Georgia, against the British when General Ash [sic, John Ashe] was defeated -- has no documentary evidence of his service --

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

S/ George Fritts, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court 16 August 1832

S/ D. Mock, CCC

[Peter Everhart & John Koontz gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The foregoing Declaration and certificates having been returned by the War office with objections the declarant again appeared before Andrews Swicegood an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Davidson County and offered the following amendment to his declaration That his first service in the militia of North Carolina in the company of Captain Moore was for five

¹ March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

months in the summer of the year 1776. That his second Tour of militia service was as a private soldier for five months in the company of Captain Lopp as he believes was in the summer of the year 1779 -- during which time he was at the battle of Briar Creek in the State of Georgia. That his third Term of service was for three months in the light Horse or mounted militia under Captain Lopp was in 1780 -- That he served for three months as a drafted soldier in Captain Lopp's company early in the spring of 1781, that the term of his Service was the time of sixteen months. That he was born in Shenandoah County Virginia and removed to Rowan County North Carolina when very young and has lived there ever since. That no clergyman now nor at the time of making his declaration lived near him, and that none are acquainted with him.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 14th day of February 1833

S/ Andrew Swicegood, JP

S/ George Fritts, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the North Carolina militia.]