

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Fowlkes (Fawlkes) S8457

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State of Virginia Pittsylvania County, to Wit,

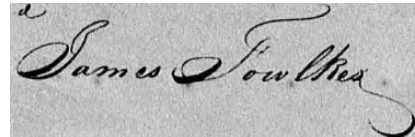
On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before Daniel Colemn, Stephen Coleman Nath Wilson & James Hopkins, the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting James Fowlkes a Resident of said County and State aforesaid Aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress Passed June the 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of September 1777 I marched from the county of Amelia in the state of Virginia where I then resided, as a volunteer in a company of Militia which was commanded by Capt Gabriel Folkes [sic: Gabriel Fowlkes] Lieut. [John] Knight and Ensign Robert Brooker through the County of Chesterfield to Petersburg From thence to Cabin Point on James River [in Surry County], from thence across James River to Williamsburg and from thence to Hampton in the state of Virg'a at that place our company was attached to the regiment which was commanded by Colonel Bibin Brooker [sic: Vivian Brooking or Brookin] we were stationed at that place untill our term of Service expired I acted on this tour throughout as a sergeant the time of Service rendered on this tour was three months. We were discharged by Colonel Brooker by entire Companies at Hampton in the month of December 1777. I did not receive a written discharge the service rendered is proved by William M Nance [pension application W5402] who was a Soldier with me in the same Company at that time. In the month of February 1778 I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer and marched from the County of Amelia in a Company of Militia which was commanded by Captain Rowland Ward & Lieut. John Townes through the town of Petersburg. Crossed James River at Minns ferry the Chickahominy River at Barrots Ferry [Barrets Ferry] to Williamsburg where we joined the regiment under Major Cunningham Colo [Holt] Richardson & Colonel [William] Nelson in the main army under Baron Steuben We were stationed at Williamsburg about three weeks and marched from there in various directions not being long stationed at anyone place untill our term of service expired. I was discharged by Major Cunningham at little York in the month of May 1778. the time of Service rendered in this tour was three months –my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I do not know any person living that was in that service with me I acted throughout this tour as a sergeant. About the first of February 1781 I again entered the service of the united States and marched from the County of Amelia as a volunteer in a company of Militia which was commanded by Captain John Oglesby Lieut. Jones and Ensign Swan together with three other companys – making in all 200 men under the command of Major Cunningham through the Counties of Lunenburg, Charlotte, crossed Staunton river at Bonds Ferry Dan River at Boyds Ferry [near present South Boston] in the County of Halifax Va. Entered the State of North Carolina & joined Colo Beverly Randolph's regiment in Gen'l [Robert] Lawson Brigade in the main army under Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. We continued marching in various directions sometimes in the night other troops falling in with us until the 15th day of March we met with the British &c under Lord Cornwallis and had a severe battle with them in the County of Guilford No Ca [Battle of Guilford Courthouse] the american army were defeated and retreated to Troublesome Old Iron works on Haw River [sic: Troublesome Creek a tributary of Haw River] where we again rendezvoused and followed on after Cornwallis as far as Ramseys Mill on Deep River. I was discharged at that place by Gen'l Lawson the 30th day of March 1781. I acted on the tour a part of the time as Sergeant the balance about one month as Ensign (by Brevet) the time of service rendered on this tour Including the time travelling home was at least two months. my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I do not know any person living that was in that service with me. In the month of may 1781 I again entered the service of the united states as a Volunteer and marched from the said county of Amelia in a company of Militia under Captain Rowland Ward Lieut John Townes and Ensign

Davis Booker through the Town of Petersburg & Cabin Point to the County of Southampton where we joined the regiment under Colonel [William] Blunt and marched from thence across James River at Cobham [present Scotland] to Williamsburg remained at that place three or four weeks marched from thence to Norfolk – we were stationed there for sometime then marched back to Williamsburg. Joined the main army under Gen'l [Adam] Stephen. Layfayette [sic: Lafayette] &c marched in various directions in the Adjacent Country untill the main Army under Gen'l Washington and others arrived at little York about the last of September 1781. we were stationed at that place untill Lord Cornwallis surrendered himself and his army to Gen'l Washington on the 19th day of October 1781. I then marched to Williamsburg where I was discharged by Colo Blunt about the last of October 1781 but at the same time was ordered to assist 18 sick men to Amelia Old Court House which I did I acted on this tour as sergeant the time of service rendered on this tour was six months. My discharge is lost and cannot be found I do not know any person now living that was in that service with me except John Pettros who lives in County of Charlotte at least 10 miles from me.

I was born in the County of Amelia on the 28th day of September 1760. My age was recorded by my father in a book that is now in the possession of my brother William Fowlkes I lived in the county of Amelia in the state of Virginia when I entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. I lived in that county untill the year 1790 then moved to the county of Pittsylvania and have lived in that County ever since. I entered the service in every Instance as a volunteer. I do not recollect the No of any regiment that I served in, the officers I served with are named in my declaration I can refer to [blank] who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Fowlkes". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

I William M Nance of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia do hereby certify that James Fowlkes of the said County who is an applicant for a pension was a revolutionary soldier that In the year 1777 he served a tour of duty with me as a sergeant in a Company of Militia under Captain Fowlkes from the County of Amelia in the State of virginia to Hampton in the said State & that the said James Fowlkes was honorably discharged from the said service. I further certify that we were both residents of the said county of Amelia that I was well acquainted with the said James Fowlkes and know that he served several other tours of duty in the service of the revolution. Given under my hand this 19th day of January 1833.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm M Nance". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

NOTE: A document in the file states that James Fowlkes died in August or September 1833.

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[[p2] Virginia certificate 12330
James Fawlkes* of Pittsylvania Co VA
Prv & Sergt if regt of Brooker 14 months
James *Fowlkes records corrected
Issued 22Apr1833 @ \$60/annum

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State of Virginia, Pittsylvania County, to wit:

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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.

James Fowlkes

[routine county supporting statements and certification]
Jeduthun Carter, neighbor
Emmanuel Jones, neighbor
William M Nance, Amelia County compatriot
Benjamin Watkins, JP
Will Tunstall, clerk

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s/Wm M Nance

<http://revwarapps.org/w5402.pdf>

[Ed note: The war department evaluated 6 months as in the rank of private, 8 months as sergeant and none as ensign. The application indicates 13 months as sergeant and one as ensign. Sgt rate of \$5/month. Private rate of \$3.33/month. The proper award appears to be at least \$70/annum instead of the \$60 granted.]