

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Fergusson S8461

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State of Virginia, Chesterfield county, towit,

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October anno Dom 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Chesterfield county now sitting Moses Fergusson a resident of the said county of Chesterfield in the state of Virginia, aged seventy one or seventy two 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 sometime in the latter part of the year 1780 or in the first of the year 1781, he entered the service as a substitute for Jacob Flournoy's son, in a company of militia commanded by Capt'n Joseph Royall, of which Samuel Cheatham was Lieutenant, the Ensign of the company, and the field Officers of the regiment, to which the company belonged, are not now recollects; that he marched with the troops from Chesterfield county, down into the lower part of the state of Virginia, was at Smithfield, McKey's mills [Mackie's Mill] and that part of the country, was marched up to Cabin point [on James River in Surry County], and discharged, after having served a tour of six or eight weeks.

That some short time after he was called out in a company of militia commanded by Capt'n. Edward Moseley, the subaltern officers are not now remembered, DuVal [Samuel Duval] and [William] Boyce were field officers; he was marched up and down the James river, was at the battle at Petersburg [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781]; marched from thence by Chesterfield courthouse to Falling creek church, from thence to Tuckahoe [near Manakin] where they crossed the river, and marched down to Wilton below Richmond, where he was discharged, after serving a tour of three months.

That some few weeks after his second discharge he was again called out in the militia and was attached to the regiment commanded by Colo Robert Goode, that he was marched down to the lower part of Virginia, was at Bryant's point and in that part of the country, that they came up and crossed James river at Wilton, and was in the affair at Sudberrys [sic: Sudbury's 3 mi NW of Chesterfield, 23 May 1781], when the Americans were surprized, and part of them made prisoners by a detachment of Tarlton's light horse [sic: Lt Col Banastre Tarleton's Legion]; that they joined the army under Baron Steuben [Gen Baron von Steuben] and the Marquis Lafayette, and were marched up the country through Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] and the adjoining counties, and after serving tour of at least three months, was discharged.

That during the revolutionary war, he was kept in military service at least three months, guarding a magazine in Chesterfield county.

That the country being in a state of alarm, he was several times called out with the whole regiment of militia to which he belonged, for short periods, the length of which he cannot ascertain or remember. That he verily believes, that all put together, he was in military service, at least eleven or twelve months, during the revolutionary war: he never received any written discharge. The register of his birth has been lost or mislaid, he has been informed and beleives that he was born in the year 1760 or 1761, in Chesterfield county Virginia, where he has resided ever since: He has no documentary evidence of his military services in the revolution, but is well known in the neighborhood where he resides; Philip H. Vest [pension application S7789] can testify to a part of his military services, and sundry other persons can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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. Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year herein first written.

Moses hisXmark Fergusson

I Haley Fergusson of Chesterfield county Virginia aged sixty seven years being first duly sworn before the county court of Chesterfield now sitting, do hereby certify & depose, that I well rember that my brother Moses Fergusson who has made the foregoing declaration, did serve several tours of duty during the revolutionary war as a soldier in the militia; I remember that he served some time in guarding a magazine. Sworn to & subscribed this 8<sup>th</sup> October anno Dom 1832, before the court sitting

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Virginia; Chesterfield county to wit.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Moses Fergusson, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than Eleven months as a private in the militia, during the War of the Revolution, and for such service he claims a pension.

There is no Clergyman residing in his neighbourhood who can testify in support of his Declaration – during part of his service he was under the command of Baron Steuban and Marquis Lafayette & Majors Duvall & Holt of the Regular army. Subscribed and sworn to this 12th February 1833.

Moses hisXmark Fergusson