

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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**Declaration of Samuel Ferebee in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.**

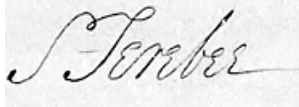
State of North Carolina }

Currituck County        }

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before **Caleb Etheridge, Martin McBride & Tully Bell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>.**, Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, **Samuel Ferebee**, a resident of the said County of Currituck and state of North Carolina of the age of seventy two years, 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. He states he was born in the County of Currituck and state aforesaid on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1761 & has a record of his age made in the handwriting of his father which record is now in a family Bible at the House of his brother **Thos. C. Ferebee's** in this County, that he lived in Currituck aforesaid when he was called into the service and has resided in said County since the Revolutionary War and still does reside in said County. That in the month of March or April 1779 he was drafted a sergant into the Militia of the State of North Carolina and immediately joined his Company at Indian Town in said County under the Command of Captain **William Russell** and remained at Indian Town in said Company untill the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1779 who in consequence of ill health received a furlough from **Captain Russell** untill his health should be restored, said furlough he set? has and annexes it to this statement. He did not return to the Company under **Captain Russel** any more. He received a commission of Ensign (which he now has & herewith encloses) in the Militia of said State dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 1779 and turned out as a volunteer in the month of October 1780 when the British were in Norfolk--at this time **Joseph Ferebee** was the Captain of the Company to which he belonged & a french man by the name of **Sinf** was colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged. He proceeded to a place in Virginia called North West and soon after his arrival they drew rations and were directed to Moyock Mill a place about four miles distance to be stationed as a Guard and as the Company was about starting for the place appointed a firing was heard at a place called the Logs or Bunch of Walnuts to which we immediately repaired and we arrived in time to be engaged in action. It was supposed that the Americans had force sufficient to have resisted the enemy but **Colonel Sinf** as was then thought by all the officers neglected his duty & refused to take command in the action, but ordered the magazine of stores to be burnt and by such conduct alarmed the troops and they retreated. A few days afterwards they collected again at a place called Tully Doziers Path and were then placed under **Colonel Gideon Lamb** and remained under his command at that place under the Command of **Col. Lamb** untill the first of January 1781. He then returned home where he remained but a few days before there was another call for troops and the Declarant turned out a volunteer on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1781 and served as Ensign under the Command of Captain **James Philips, Peter Douge** [listed later as **Peter Dozier**, but actually **Peter Dauge**] Lt. Col. and **James Blount** Colonel & **Isaac Gregory** General and served untill the 23<sup>d</sup> of April 1781 where he was discharged and he herewith encloses his discharge. The Declarant further States that some time in the month of May 1781 he received a Lieutenant commission in a Regiment of Troops which this State had ordered to be raised and placed under the command of **Barron Steuben** and altho he was not called to join the army under **Barron Steuben**, he was directed by a superior officer of the continental army to remain in the County to collect soldiers & send them on to the Rendevous at Hertford in this State and he was engaged in this service at the end of the year 1781. The commission last spoken of this Declarant has lost or mislaid and he has no other documentary evidence than but above spoken of. He further states that he was not engaged in any other Battle during the

war. He was acquainted with **Col. Thoroughgood** of the Virginia line at North West and with **Captain Bartee** of the Virginia Line & he recollects that he was a very active officer. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any Pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

(signed) **S. Ferebee**



**William Doxey** of the age of fifty five years a clergyman residing in the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina and **Jeremiah Land** aged sixty nine years residing in the same place hereby certify that we are acquainted with **Col. Samuel Ferebee** who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration that we believe him to be of the age of seventy two years, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolutionary War and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

(signed) **Wm. Doxey**

(signed) **Jeremiah Land**

**John Williams** of the age of eighty two years do hereby state that I have been acquainted with **Col. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Ferebee** the above applicant since the year 1780, that I know him a soldier officer of the Revolutionary War but do not know the precise service he rendered & do not know exactly how long he served, but think it was as much as two Years. Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year afores.

(signed) **John [his x mark] Williams**

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certify that it appears to them that **William Doxey** who has subscribed to the preceding certificate is a clergyman and a resident of the afores<sup>d</sup>. County and that **Jeremiah Land** who has also signed the same is a resident of said County and is a credible person and that **John Williams** whose affidavit is hereunto annexed is also a resident of Currituck County and is a credible person and that the statement is entitled to credit.

**I Spence Hall** Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Currituck County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true copy of the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of **Samuel Ferebee** for a Pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August Anno Domini 1833.

**S. Hall, CCC**

*[This page somewhat difficult to read]*

The amended Declaration of **Samuel Ferebee** made to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

This Declarant says that he has stated with particularities the time he served during the Revolutionary War, the grades he held during the different periods and the names of the officers under whom he served and is not able to per\_\_\_\_ the objection taken to this part of his declaration to the interrogatories \_\_\_\_\_ed by the \_\_\_\_\_ the Declarant makes the following \_\_\_\_\_.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory: Where and in what State were you born?

Answer: In Currituck County on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1761

2<sup>d</sup> Int.: Have you any record of your age and where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age in my own family Bible made by myself and there is also a record of my age in the handwriting of my father made in his family Bible which Bible is now in possession of my Brother, **Tho. C. Ferebee**.

3 Int.: Where were you living when called into service. Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: In Currituck County in the State of North Carolina

4 Int.: How were you called into the service? Were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Answer: For the first four as I have before stated I was drafted and for all the other service mentioned in the Declaration he was a volunteer, to wit: seven months as ensign & eight months as a Lieutenant. He states as before that he served under **Col. Sinf, Joseph Ferebee** Captain, **Colonel Gideon Lamb** of the Continental line, under **James Philips** Captain, **Peter Dozier** Lt. Col. and **James Blount** Colonel & **Isaac Gregory** Brigadier General. He further states that while Lieutenant he was directed by General **Isaac Gregory** to collect and \_\_\_\_\_ on the enlisted and drafted troops in Hertford the place of Rendevous in which service he was eight months employed of which he has other \_\_\_\_\_ as stated before.

6 Int. [*Number 5 apparently skipped*]: Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer: I did receive an Ensign commission signed by **Rich<sup>d</sup>. Caswell** then Gov. of North Carolina which commission is herewith enclosed. Also rec<sup>d</sup>. a Lieutenants commission which according to the best of my recollection was signed by the [smudged]. It has been lost or destroyed & this affiant does not know where it is.

Personally appeared in open Court at November Term 1833 before us **Caleb Etheridge, Alfred Perkins & Henry White**, Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

for the County of Currituck **Samuel Ferebee** of the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina aged seventy two years who being duly sworn according to Law did make oath to the preceding Interrogatories as above stated in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court before us.

signed **S. Ferebee**

signed **C. Etheridge** JP

signed **Alfred Perkins** JP

signed **Henry White** JP

I **Spence Hall** Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Currituck County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true copy of the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of **Samuel Ferebee** for a Pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office this the 13 day of December 1833.

**S. Hall**, CCC

State of North Carolina

Currituck County Jan<sup>y?</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1834

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant came safe to hand. I will endeavour to make the explanations you require.

First - why the commission of Ensign was att\_\_\_\_\_.

Answer - At that time it was a custom for the officers of the Militia to take \_\_\_? agreeable to seniority. At the date of the commission it was filled up in the name of **Timothy Etheridge**. He was the first sergant but he refused to accept it as he had lately been appointed a Justice of the peace for the county of Currituck which exemted him from military duty only in time of an Insurrection. I being next sarjent **Etheridge's** name was rubed out and mine inserted, blank commissions being \_\_\_\_\_. At the above time there was about 80 men inroled on the list of the company and now there is not one of them but myself alive in this county.

Second - by how long I served as a drafted private --I have no record and cannot tell no otherwise than as stated in my first declaration, and for the time I served as an Ensign you will refer to my answer to the 4<sup>th</sup> Interogatory in my amended Declaration. In answer to your last I turned out on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1781 but served three months after I arrived at Head Quarters in Virginia but was on duty from the 5<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1781 till the 23<sup>d</sup> April. I claim for seven months as Ensign from October 1780 till 23 April 1781 and eight months as Lieut. from 23 of April 1781 till 23<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1781.

I have indeavoured to make the explanations as short and comprehensive as \_\_\_ will do--if it is required to be made in open court and the clerk seal affixed to it you will please return the papers. Our court sets the last Monday in February next and I will indeavour to have them \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ [unreadable].

Yours Respectfully,  
**S. Ferebee**

**J.L. Edwards**, Com<sup>r</sup> of Pensions

North Carolina 23.526

**Samuel Ferebee**

of Currituck in the State of No. Carolina who was a Ensign in the company commanded by **Captain Russell** of the \_\_\_\_\_ commanded by \_\_\_\_\_ in the North Car. line for 7 months.

Inscribed on the Roll of N. Carolina at the rate of 70 Dollars \_\_\_ Cents per annum, to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>y</sup> '34 and Supt.? Pensioners, Indiantown, N.C.

Arrears to the 4 <sup>th</sup> of Feb <sup>y</sup> 1833	\$ 5.--
Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 Mar '34	35.--
	\$210.00

{Revolutionary Claim}  
{Act June 7, 1832}

Recorded by **C.P. Rice?**, Clerk  
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Letter to Po \_\_\_? & 3 and 19 Sep 1838

Do to 3 and for 20 Sept 1838.

Paid at the Treasury under the Act of the 6 April 1838, from 4 Sept 1835 to the 4 Sept 1837.

Agt notified 8 Oct 1838.

Paid at the Treasury under the Act of the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1838 from 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1837 to 4 March 1838.

Agt notified 19<sup>th</sup> April 1839.

June 17, 1931

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section

AWF: ILL

**Mrs. Hale Houts**

44 East Concord Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Madam,

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.8466, that **Samuel Ferebee** was born June 20, 1761 in Currituck County, North Carolina.

While residing in Currituck County, North Carolina he served in the North Carolina troops as follows: from in March or April 1779 as sergeant in Captain **William Russell's** Company until May 11, 1779 when he was furloughed on account of ill health. He was commissioned July 20, 1779 as ensign in Colonel **Samuel Jarvis'** Regiment and from in October 1780 to January 1, 1781 was ensign in Captain **Joseph Ferebee's** Company, **Colonel Sinf''s** and **Gideon Lamb's** Regiment and was in an engagement at the Logs or Bunch of Walnuts. From January 6, 1781 he was ensign in Captain **James Philips'** Company, Colonel **James Blount's** Regiment until April 23, 1781 when he was commissioned lieutenant and collected troops for **Baron Steuben** by order of General **Isaac Gregory**, in which service he was engaged until December 23, 1781.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1833 while a resident of Currituck County, North Carolina.

It is not stated whether soldier was married.

Very truly yours,

**L.W. Morgan**, Acting Commissioner