

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert W. Fitz S8475 VA
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State of Virginia } S.S.
County of Mecklenburg }

On this 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Stephen P Pool a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, Robert W Fitz a resident in the County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia aged 76 or 77 years – who being first sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make The following declaration, in order to obtain the benifit of the act of Congress Passed on the 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated – that he entered in to the service of the United States as a volenteer soldier in the year 1776 in the month of March under Capt. James Anderson Lieut. Baskerville Eqn [Ensign] Holmes – (Field officers, Colo. John Ruffin & Meredith.) Marched from the County of Mecklenburg Va thro the Counties of Lunenburg, Amelia, Dinwidie [sic: Dinwiddie], the Town of Petersburg, Prince George County and were stationed a few weeks at Cobham [on James River in Surry County, now Scotland] from thence crossed James River to old James Town, from thence to Williamsburg from thence to Hampton and continued there nearly 4 months from thence to Portsmouth [sic: Portsmouth] and were there discharged from a Tour of 9 Months in december 1776

Mecklenburg County Sc

This day [17 Sep 1832] came Joseph Bennett [pension application S1495] before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, saith that he entered the service of the United States the same time the above named Robert W. Fitz did and served as a fellow soldier with him dureing the term above stated in his declaration

[Fitz's declaration resumes]

And after returning home to the County of Mecklenburg, In the spring of 1779 Took the place of William Baker as a substitute of Mecklenburg County Virginia and entered into the service under Captain Reuben Vaughan Lieut. Holmes, Egn Goode, Commanded by Lewis Burrel [sic: Lewis Burwell] (the Redg't. not recollected) Marche from the County of Mecklenburg to Granville Courthouse No Carrolinia and joined Gen'l. David Masons Army, from thence to Salisbury, thence to Camden South Carrolinia were stationed there a few weeks. from thence to Stono, and were in the Battle fought at that place which took place about the 22 July 1779 [sic: Battle of Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779] – Returned to Camden and were there discharged from a tour of 6 months the month nor the day is not recollected when discharged

Mecklenburg County Sc

This day [12 Oct 1832] before me Stephen P Pool a Justice of Peace for the County aforesaid Gray Holloway being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Saith that In the lifetime of His father, William Holoway [William Holloway] he Heard him say he was well acquainted with Robt. W. Fitz and that he was in the service of the United in the Revolutionary war with him and a mess mate and that they were both at the Battle fought at Stono in the year 1779 and further saith that he believes that William Baker his father in law told him in his life time that he substituted Robt. W. Fitz to take his place in a tour of service in the Revolutionary War.

[Fitz's declaration resumes.]

After Returning from South Carrolinia – Substituted for Stephen Jones of Halifax County Virg'a marched under Capt. Marmaduke Standfield [sic: Marmaduke Stanfield], Lieut Hobson Egn. (not recollected) from Halifax County Va the early part of the year 1781. Marched thro the Counties of Charlotte Lunenburg, Amelia, Dinwidie Town of Petersburg, and to Cabbin point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County], and there were Transferred to Capt. Jessee Conway [Jesse Conway] Lieut. Bates. Egn. (not recollected) under Command of Colo. William Dick & Maj. Long, officers of the Light

Infantry, marched from thence to the Dismal Swamp and Portsmouth were there alternately stationed until'd discharged (the month nor day not recollected) But from a tour of 4 months from the time we were marched in the County of Halifax from whence we marched – to the best of my recollection A few weeks after returning from the dismal Swamps Substituted for Nicholas Vaughan of Halifax County Virginia Marched under Captain Edward King Lieut. Watkins, Egn. Osburn commanded by Maj'r Rose marched from Halifax Court House in the year 1781 in the month of April or May to Salisbury North Carrolinia were stationed there a few weeks, from thence to Ninety Six in South Carrolinia and there joined Gen'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army and was in the battle fought at that place [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] a retreat took place and marched To the high Hills of Santee River remained there a few weeks from thence was detaild as a guard of British prisoners to Halifax Old Town in the County of Pytsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania] Virginia and were there discharged in the year 1781 the month & Day not recollected – from a tour of 3 months A few days after being discharged substituted for William Watkins of Halifax County Virginia under Captain Fleming Bates. Other Officers not recollected. Marched from the County of Halifax Virginia the most direct rout to little York. In the year 1781 about the last of august and were there at the Surrender of Lord Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], and there were discharged in the month of Octo. 1781. On a tour of about 2 months Mecklenburg County Sc

This day before me Stephen P Pool a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Wallis Wilson, being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of almighty God – saith, that he was a contemporary soldier with Robert W. Fitz in the year 1781 at the time he marched under Capt. Standfield from Halifax and believes he served the time he states in his declaration, and In the same year he was with him at little york at the surrender of Lord CornWallis & the time he states he served on that tour he also believes to be true Given under my hand this 15th Sept. 1832

[Fitz's declaration resumes.]

- 1 where an in what year were you Born?
In Dinwidie County Virginia In an about the year 1755 or 56
- 2 Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it?
I have no record at all
- 3 where were you living when call'd into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where to you live now?
In Mecklenburg County Virginia, and Halifax and have lived in Halifax and Mecklenburg and am now living In the County of Mecklenburg Va.
- 4 How were call'd into service; were you drafted, did you volenteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?
By a volenteer enlistment, and substitute for William Baker, Stephen Jones, Nicholas Vaughan & William Watkins
- 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Malitia Redgts as you can recollect, and the General Circumstances of our services?
Colo. William Dick, Maj'r. Long were call'd regular officers & Gen'l. Mullenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] No recollection of the Redg'ts. were a soldier
- 6 did you ever receive a discharge from the service and, if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?
I did, but cannot recollect by whom and the same were lost.
- 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present Neighbourhood who can Testify as to your Character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution
John Speed & Joseph Blanks

This Applican has no Documentary evidence, to prove his service, but has the evidence of Joseph Burnett, a contemporary soldier for a tour on nine month The traditionary evidence of Grey Holloway & Wallis Wilson a fellow soldier for two tours amounting to six month, one tour of 3 months as a substitute

for Nicholas Vaughan he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his service for that 3 months Tour – he was Borne in the County of Dinwiddie Virginia and partly raised there – from thence moved to Lunenburg on the Maherring river, from thence to the County of Mecklenburg from thence to the County of Halifax Va. from thence to Mecklenburg Va. again and is now living in said county

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 or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the state of Virginia

Robert hisXmark W. Fitz

The affidavit of William Whitt [S7870] a revolutionary Soldier of Credibility Taken for the purpose of explaining the services of Robt W. Fitz in the Revolutionary War whose pay is now suspended on account of his declaration for his services not being properly explained – this day the 25th december 1835 before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia personally appeared the above named William Whitt who being sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that he was in the Southern Campaign when the Battle was fought at Stonoe in South Carrolinia and was drafted from Halifax County State of Virginia, (But went as a substitute for his father,) and was in that Battle, a few days before that battle and perhaps the same day he saw Robert W. Fitz, in the Army but he believes was not attached to the same Redg't. and that he saw him very frequently being well acquainted with him – and that this Affiant saith that on that tour he served six months – and verily believes that Robert W. Fitz served the same time – further this Affiant saith not.

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[p2] Virginia certificate 2578
Robt W Fitz of Mecklenburg County
Private under Captain Anderson, Col Ruffin
18 months
Issued 25Mar1837 @ \$60/annum
Reduced from \$80

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State of Virginia
County of Mecklenburg

On the 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Stephen P Pool, a justice of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia, **Robert W Fitz**, a resident in the County of Mecklenburg, State of Virginia aged 76 or 77 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: That he entered into the service of the United States as a solintus [?] soldier in the year 1776 in the month of March under Capt James Anderson, Lieutenant Baskerville, Egn. Holmes (Field Officers Cols. John Ruffin & Meredith). Marched from the County of Mecklenburg Va, this, ten Counties of Lunenburg, Amelia, Dinwiddie, the town of Petersburg, Prince George County and was stationed a few weeks at Cabbin Point. From there crossed James River to old James Town, from there to Williamsburg, from there to Hampton and continued there nearly 4 months. From thence to Portsmouth and was there discharged from a tour of 9 months in December 1776.

[supporting statements and certification
Joseph Bennett, soldier with Fitz
Ste P Pool, JP]

And after returning home to the County of Mecklenburg, in the spring of 1779, took the place of William Baker as substitute of Mecklenburg County Virginia and entered the service under Captain _____ Vaughan, Lieut. Holmes, Egn Lynch, Commanded by Col Lewis Duval (the Regt# not recollected). Marched from the county of Mecklenburg to Granville Court House N. Carolina and joined Genl David Mason's army. From thence to Salisbury, thence to Camden South Carolina, were stationed there a few weeks. From thence to Stono and were in the battle fought at that place which took place about the 22July1779. Returned to Camden and was there discharged from a tour of 6 months. The month nor the day is not recollected when discharged. -

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[supporting statement of Gray Holloway that Fitz was a substitute for his father in law, William Baker at Stono and that William Holloway (Gray's father) had said Fitz fought at Stono.]

After returning from South Carolina, substituted for Stephen Jones of Halifax County Virginia. Marched under Capt Marmaduke Standfield, Lieut. Hobson, Egn. (not recollected) from Halifax County Va the early part of the year 1781. Marched thru the counties of Charlotte, Lunenburg,

Amelia, Dinwiddie, Town of Petersburg, and to Cabbin Point, and then was transferred to Capt. Jesse Sanders [?], Lieut. Bates, Egn. (not recollected) under command of Cols William Dick & Maj Song, officers of the light infantry. Marched from thence to the Dismal Swamp and were there stationed until discharged (the month nor day not recollected). But from a tour of 4 months from the time we were mustered in the county of Halifax from whence we marched to the best of my recollection.

A few weeks after returning from the dismal swamp, substituted for Nicholas Vaughan of Halifax County Virginia. Marched under Captain Edward King, Lieut. Watkins, Egn. Odhan [?] commanded by Maj Roes. Marched from Halifax County House in the year 1781 in the month of April or May to Salisbury North Carolina. Were stationed there a few weeks from thence to Ninety Six in South Carolina and there joined Gen^l Green's army and was in the battle fought at that place. A retreat took place and marched to the high Hills of Santee River. Remained there a few weeks. From there was detailed as a guard of British prisoners to Halifax Old Town in the county of Pittsylvania Virginia and was there discharged in the year 1781 the month & day not recollected from a tour of 3 months.

A few days after being discharged, substituted for William Watkins of Halifax County Virginia under Captain Fleming Bates, other officers not recollected. Marched from the County of Halifax Virginia the most direct route to Little York in the year 1781 about the last of August. There at the surrender of Lord Corn Wallis and then were discharged in the month of October 1781 – on a tour of about 2 month.

[Witness Wallis Wilson testified that he served with Fitz at the siege of York and surrender of Cornwallis.]

[p5 answers to interrogatories]

1 In Dinwiddie County Virginia in or about 1755 or 56

2 I have no record at all

3 In Mecklenburg County Virginia and Halifax and have lived in Halifax and Mecklenburg and now am living in the County of Mecklenburg, Va.

4 By a volunteer enlistment and substituted for William Baker, Stephen Jones, Nicholas Vaughan, & William Watkins.

5 Col William Dick, Maj. Long were called regular officers. Genl Muhlenburg. No recollection of the regiment were numbered.

6 I did, but cannot recollect by whom and the discharges were lost.

7. John Speed, Joseph Blanks

[routine county certification

John Speed, neighbor

Joseph Blanks, neighbor

Stephen P Pool, clerk

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Virginia certificate 2598

Robert W Fitz of Mecklenburg County

Private under Captain Anderson, Col Ruffin

Two years from 1776

Issued 04Sep1832 @ \$80/mo

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The affidavit of William Whitt a revolutionary soldier of credibility taken for the purpose of explaining the service of Robt W Fitz in the Revolutionary War whose pay is now suspended on account of his declaration for his series not being properly explained. This day the 25th December 1835 before me a justice of the peace for the County of Mecklenburg, State of Virginia personally appeared the above named William Whitt who being sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was in the Southern Campaign when the Battle was fought at Stono in South Carolina and was drafted from Halifax County State of Virginia, (but went as a substitute for his father) and was in that Battle . A few days before that battle and perhaps the same day he saw Robert W Fitz in the army but he believes was not attached to the same regiment and that he saw him very frequently being well acquainted with him and that this affiant saith that on that tour he served six months and verily believes that Robert W Fitz served the same time. Further this affiant saith not.

Stephen P Pool J.P.M.C.Va