

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dennis Fielder S8476

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State of Virginia, County of Grayson

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Grayson County now sitting Dennis Fielder a resident of Grayson County in the State of Virginia aged seventy six years, who being first duly sworn in 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.

This applicant says that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for three months under the command of Capt. John Clark in the month of May 1776 or 77, as well as he now recollects, and marched to Petersburg in Virginia where he remained until his time of service expired. Col. George Walker had the command of the troops at Petersburg while this declarant was there. This declarant again volunteered his services for three months under the command of Capt. John Clark, and marched to Prince Edward Court house in the month of March of the same year of Lord Cornwallis' surrender at York Town in Virginia [October 19, 1781], where this declarant remained with others until his time of service again expired. The troops at Prince Edward Courthouse Va. was commanded by Col. John Holcomb or Holcome & this declarant with others was there guarding the Military stores at Prince Edward Courthouse Virginia. This declarant volunteered his services a third time for three months and marched from Prince Edward Courthouse in Virginia in the same year last aforesaid, under the command of Capt. Richard Hollan, or Holland, with a number of British prisoners whom it was ordered should be taken to Winchester Va., but afterwards orders were given to march the said prisoners to the Barracks in Albemarle County Va., where they were taken, and delivered to Col Lindsey, and shortly afterwards the declarant was discharged & went home having served in the whole nine months. This declarant resided in the County of Prince Edward in Virginia at the different times he volunteered, and continued to live in that County until the year 1789, when he removed to Grayson County, then Montgomery County, where he has resided ever since. This declarant was born in Goochland County, Virginia, 21<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year 1756, but has now no record of his age. He saw Baron Steuben and his forces pass Prince Edward Courthouse while he was stationed there, the Baron was then marching towards the South. This declarant never received any discharge from the services, his Captain told him he would give him one, if he would come for it, but this declarant never did apply for it because he supposed it would not be long before he would again be called into service, always holding himself ready to march whenever it was deemed necessary he should do so. This declarant is known to John Bird, Joshua Martin & Stephen Bourne in his present neighborhood who will testify to his character for veracity, and as to his service in the revolutionary War. He is also known to John Fielder,<sup>1</sup> a contemporary survivor who knows that he did serve as is herein stated, and set forth. This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the

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<sup>1</sup> Probably the same man as [John Fielder R3533](#)

Present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Dennis Fielder, D his mark

We Joshua Martin, residing in the county of Grayson, and John Bird, residing in the same County, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Dennis Fielder, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 76 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Martin

S/ John Byrd

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]