

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Fling S8489

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DISTRICT OF Columbia, ss.

On this Eighth day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district, personally appeared James Fling aged fifty seven years, resident in George Town [Georgetown] in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said James Fling enlisted in Stafford County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Mountjoy of the Sixth Virginia Regiment, that he enlisted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January seventeen hundred & seventy seven; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y. seventeen hundred & Eighty when he was discharged from service in little york state of [blank; probably York PA], that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Wash. June 3<sup>d</sup> 1818

Mr. Boyd Dear Sir

Will you help the poor man that takes this – James Fling who was of the 6<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regiment during the Revolutionary War. he was born in the same neighbourhood with my self which adds to the solicitude I should otherwise feel to aid an old Soldier who Fought the Battles of his Country at that Critical period. James Fling has no papers he tells me with him but will distintly state his History and I have no doubt by referrence to the Military records of that day the history he gives of himself will be found to correspond

I beg pardon for giving you trouble. Yrs mo Sinc'y/ Rob. Brent

Statement of James Fling of Montgomery County Maryland. [13 Aug 1832]

born a Mile & a half from the Mansion of George Brent Esq Stafford County Va.

The applicant on his Oath says that he was admitted by the General Government on or about 9<sup>th</sup> June 1818 to the Pension allowed to Revolutionary Soldiers. Which pension Deponent does not recollect receiving since the passage of the Act of Congress of the 1<sup>st</sup> may 1820 because Deponent was not willing to seek relief under that act by deposing to his circumstances in a Court of record. Deponent is over 70 year of age & has no real property

Deponent was a private in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, in which he enlisted as he best recollects in January 1777 for 3 years, that Regiment being, during the struggle, reduced to the 6<sup>th</sup> Deponent served his Country faithfully for the period of his enlistment – sharing in the field engagements at Brandywine – Germantown – Monmouth and Stony point – besides several Skirmishes with the Enemy – and was ultimately detached under Capt'n Williams to Little York in charge of British Prisoners. Deponents residence at the time of his first application for a Pension was, as it has ever since been, in Montgomery County Maryland. That application was promoted by the late Robert Brent Esq'r, an officer of the General Government, to whom deponent was well known for many years & whose Testimonial in Deponent's behalf he believes is of record in the Archives under J. L. Edwards Esq'r. [Commissioner of Pensions] Deponent memorialized the War Department, & [illegible word] petitioned Congress for a Pension without success, his Property, tho small, excluding him from the class of indigent persons

James Fling's mark X

Addenda            General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was Commander  
Gen'l Wheaton [sic: George Weedon], from Fredericksburg, was Brigadier Gen'l.  
Col. [Edward] Stevens – present at Battle of Brandywine  
Capt'n. Mountjoy – often about on Service  
    “     Spottiswoode [sic: John Spotswood] – lost Leg at Battle Germantown  
    “     Wood, or Woodson [Hughes Woodson], or some such sound, temporary.  
Lieut. [Thomas] Fox commanded, at the Battle of Brandywine, the  
          Platoon in which Deponent muster'd  
Maryland. Montgomery County towit. 13<sup>th</sup> August 1832. The above addenda was made at request of  
James Fling previous to his deposing to the statement on the preceeding side            Chas Bunting

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[p2] Maryland certificate 314  
James Fling of Montgomery county Maryland  
Private under Captain Mountjoy of Virginia for 3 years  
12Jan1777 to 12Jan1780  
Issued 17Aug1832 @ \$80/annum

[p4] Statement of James Fling of Montgomery County Maryland born a mile & a half from the mansion of George Brent, Esq Stafford County Va. The applicant on his oath says that he was admitted by the General Government on or about 9<sup>th</sup> June 1818 to the Pension allowed for Revolutionary soldiers. Which pension deponent does not recollect receiving since the passage of the act of Congress of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 because deponent was not willing to seek relief under that act by deposing to his circumstances in a court of records. Deponent is now 70 years of age & has no real property. Deponent was a private in the 10th Virginia Regiment in which he enlisted as he best recollects in January 1777 for 3 years. That deponent being during the struggle reduced to the 6<sup>th</sup>. Deponent served his country faithfully for the period of his enlistment & sharing in the field engagements at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and Sandy Point, besides several skirmishes with the enemy and was ultimately detached under Captain Williams to Little York in charge of British Prisoners. Deponent's residence at the time of his first application for pension was as it has ever since been in Montgomery County Maryland. That application was forwarded by the late Robert Brent Esq, an officer of the General Government, to whom deponent was well known for many years & whose testimonial in deponent's behalf he believes is of record in the archives under J. L. Edwards Esq. as deponent memorialized at War Department & has petitioned Congress for a pension without \_\_\_\_\_ his property, tho for all excluding him from the class of indigent persons. James Fling x his mark  
[county certification 13Aug1832

Chas Bunting, JP

[p5] Addenda

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[certification

Chas Bunting, JP

Daniel Brent, witness

[p8] Maryland certificate 928  
James Fling, private of Virginia Line  
Issued 09Jun1818 @ \$8/month

