

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Fooshee S8511

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions August Term 1833

On this 15th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of said Court now sitting John Fooshee a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 74 years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the Summer of 1778 he volunteered his service as a private in Chatham County North Carolina and joined a company of Militia commanded by Captain William Cage and was marched to Luttrell's Barracks where he joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel Luttrell [John Luttrell] he served three months under Captain Cage in subduing the Tories in Chatham Randolph and Moore Counties the Barracks was headquarters he received a written discharge which was signed by Colonel Luttrell but is now lost Shortly after his discharge in the same year 1778 he received a commission as Lieutenant in the North Carolina Militia which commission was signed by Colonel Luttrell that his commission owing to the great lapse in time has been lost or mislaid that he immediately joined Captain Cage's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Luttrell that he marched with the Regiment to near Pedee [River] he served for three months in the neighborhood of the Pedee and was in several slight skirmishes with the Tories he was marched back to Chatham and discharged his discharge was signed by Colonel Luttrell which is no[w] lost. In the year 1779 he volunteered his services as a private in a company commanded by Captain Douglas [Edward Douglas] and was marched with several other companies in a southwardly Direction across Pedee into South Carolina and after having served three months he was discharged at the Long Bluff in South Carolina he has no recollection of having received any written discharge on this occasion nor can he recollect the name of any Field Officers but he distinctly remembers that Captains Guinn [perhaps William Gwinn] & Hodges [perhaps George Hodge] were in the same service.

In the same year to wit in 1779 he volunteered as Lieutenant in a company commanded by Captain Edward Douglas in Chatham County in the Militia he joined no Regiment but was actively engaged for three months operating against the Tories in Chatham and the adjoining Counties when the Tour expired himself and the whole company received written discharges from Colonel Griffis [probably Roger Griffith, Griffin] Colonel of the Chatham militia but the one which he received is now lost.

He thinks it was in the latter part of the same year to wit 1779 he volunteered his services

as a private in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Edward Douglas and was [marched] to Fayetteville where he joined General Butler's [John Butler's] Army and was placed in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong he served three months and favorable and it is vicinity when he received a written discharge signed by Colonel Armstrong which is now lost.

In the year 1780 he volunteered his services as a private in Captain Goldston's [William Gholson] Company of Horse and scoured the country in search of Tories from Chatham to the South Carolina line but principally on Drowning Creek when he was marched home & received a discharge signed by Colonel Griffis Colonel of Chatham Horse after he had served three months.

In the early part of the year 1781 he volunteered his services as a private in a company commanded by Captain William Douglas he remained under his command about six weeks when himself Moses Terrell & Aaron Terrell quitted his command and went immediately in pursuit of General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army and reached in a few days before **the Guilford The battle [March 15, 1781] he was placed in a company commanded by a Captain Steuben a Frenchman who was¹** frequently called Baron Steuben he fought in memorable battle of Guilford and remained with the Army some time after the battle when he was discharged at Hillsboro after he had served at least three months he received no written discharge on this occasion.

In the year 1781 he volunteered his services in Chatham County and joined a company as Lieutenant which was commanded by Captain Tavner Marsh [Taverner Marsh] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Griffis he marched from Chatham to Drowning Creek in the neighborhood of which stream and the Raft Swamp he served a Tour of three months the whole of which time he acted as Lieutenant this service was exceedingly fatiguing in consequence of the great hordes of Tories in that quarter at the end of his tour he was marched back to Chatham and got a written discharge from Colonel Griffis he further states that he has no documentary [evidence] of his services --

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 territory in the union.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Fooshee, X his mark

[Robert Bingham and William Neal gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Chatham County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Joseph Hackney² aged 81 years who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that during the war of the Revolution he thinks in the year 1781 or 1782 he performed the duties of commissary for a company of North Carolina Militia under the command of Captain Tavner Marsh for three months during the whole of which time John Fooshee of the County of Chatham and State aforesaid acted and discharged the duties of a Lieutenant in Captain Marsh's Company -- That sometime in the year 1778 or 1779 he recollects distinctly that the said John Fooshee was a private in Captain Cage's Company of Militia and served a Tour of duty at and near the neighborhood of Luttrell's Barracks in Chatham County this deponent recollects

¹ These lines are missing from the Footnote.com digital image but can be found in the HeritageQuest.com version of the application.

² [Joseph Hackney S6973](#)

distinctly having seen the Fooshee in Captain Cage's Company he was at the same time in the service on the same station acting as a Lieutenant in Captain Jones Company.
Sworn and subscribed before made this 11th day of June A.D. 1833.

S/ A. G. Hinton, JP

S/ Joseph Hackney, H his mark

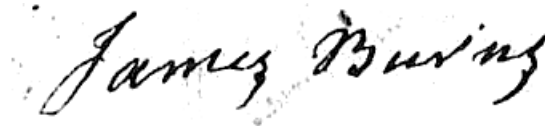
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State of North Carolina Chatham County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Chatham and State aforesaid James Burns³ aged seventy years who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that during the Revolution he thinks in the year 1781 or 1782 -- he performed the duty of a soldier in a company of Militia of North Carolina Commanded by Captain Tabner Marsh for three months during the time John Fooshee of the County of Chatham acted as Lieutenant in said Company and State aforesaid and further your deponent saith not. Nov. 15th 1833.

S/ N. Stedman, JP

S/ James Burns

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Burns". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of North Carolina Chatham County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & state aforesaid William Marsh⁴ age Seventy-five years who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that during the Revolution he thinks in the year 1779 he performed the duty of a soldier in a company of militia of North Carolina Commanded by Captain William Douglas for three months during the term John Fooshee of the County of Chatham served as a private in said company.

And further deposeth that the Captain Goldston under which we served the next tour of three months was taken prisoner in consequence of which myself & Fooshee were separated during this Tour and the next three months under Captain Edward Douglas I frequently saw the said Fooshee in the service and further your deponent saith not.

November 19, 1833

S/ G. W. Goldston, JP

S/ Wm Marsh

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Marsh". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

³ [James Burns S4979](#)

⁴ [William Marsh S7186](#)

[p 9: On February 10, 1852, in Chatham County, NC, Jeaddiah Fooshee, 50, filed an affidavit stating that he is the son of John Fooshee, a pensioner of the US for his services in the Revolution at the rate of \$110/annum; that his father died October 18, 1842 leaving no widow, but survived by the following children: Jeaddiah, Joseph, Elisabeth, Maria and Martha Fooshee. The filing was made for the purpose of claiming the arrearages in pension due his father at the time of his death. The applicant signed his application with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$110 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Lieut. in the North Carolina militia.]