

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Forrest S8512

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State of North Carolina Greene County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, oldest Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court, William Forrest age 72 of the State and County aforesaid, and being duly sworn, doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 --

That he entered the service of the revolution on the 17th of September 1778 -- at Kinston in the State aforesaid & County of Lenoir, (then called Dobbs) under the command of Thomas Shoot [Thomas Shute], Captain William Caswell, Colonel, and \_\_ Bryant [William Bryant] Brigadier General and \_\_ Ashe [John Ashe], Major General -- marched thence through North Carolina -- passed through Elizabeth City -- through South Carolina near Charleston -- thence to Briar Creek -- was in the Battle at that place, on the 3rd the day of March 1779 -- was with the American Army some time at Purrysburg -- marched thence back to Wilmington NC -- was there regularly discharged on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1779 -- as by the original discharge herewith annexed, more fully appears -- making five months and ten days from the time of the rendezvous at Kinston, and the declarant avers that he had been regularly enlisted some time before.

The declarant further avers that he again entered the service as a volunteer under Captain William George -- John Spicer, Colonel General Linnington [sic, John Alexander Lillington] -- about the year 1780 -- he thinks in August -- marched thence to New Bern NC remained there a short time -- marched thence to near Wilmington -- and there remained until the enemy evacuated Wilmington, which this declarant believes was some weeks subsequent to the defeat of Lord Cornwallis's Army at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] making this tour of service the declarant believes to be about or perhaps more than six months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn and subscribed in open court as aforesaid.

S/ William Forrest, X his mark

S/ H. Miller, Chairman

S/ William B. Taylor

S/ Wm Darden

[Thomas Moore, a clergyman, and Henry S. Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Greene County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1834

William Forrest an applicant for a Pension under the Act of Congress of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

represents to the court aforesaid that his application as heretofore made before us and duly forwarded to the proper officer is in some particulars certified by the accounting officer to be deficient, amends his declaration in the following manner

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a justice of the Peace for the County of Greene, William Forrest, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service: but according to the best of his recollection he served upwards of 12 months as a private in the Army of the revolution under the officers and at the times stated in his original declaration (herewith annexed) for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to before made the 12th day of February 1834

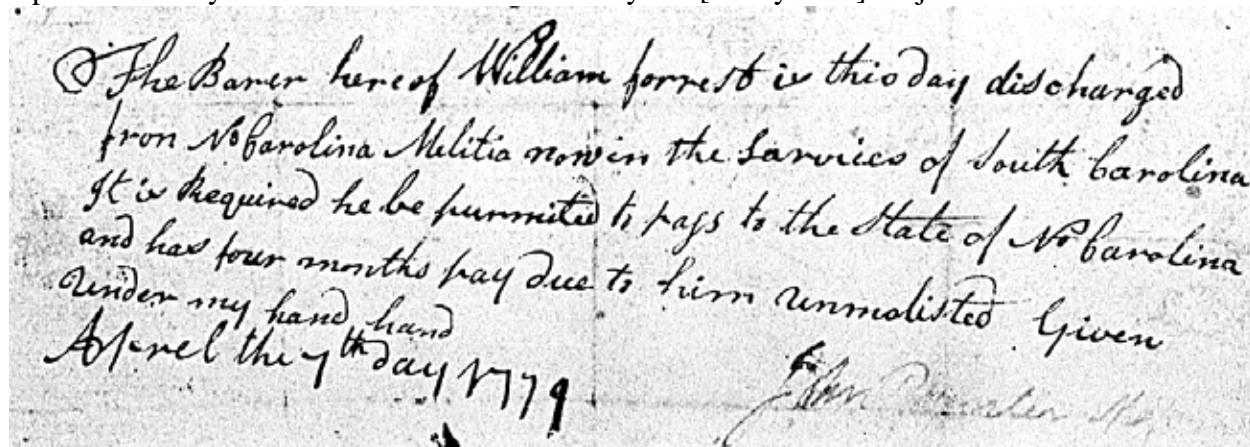
S/ M. Randolph, JP

“The Barer hereof William forrest is this day discharged from No. Carolina Militia now in the Sarvices of South Carolina It is Required he be permitted to pass to the State of No. Carolina and has four months pay due to him unmolisted Given

Under my hand hand [sic]

Aprrel the 7<sup>th</sup> day 1779

S/ John Poynter [? very faint] Maj.<sup>1</sup>”



The Barer hereof William forrest is this day discharged from No Carolina Militia now in the Sarvices of South Carolina It is Required he be permitted to pass to the State of No Carolina and has four months pay due to him unmolisted Given Under my hand hand April the 7<sup>th</sup> day 1779

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia.]

<sup>1</sup> Major John Poynter (Pointer, Painter) served as a Major in the Currituck County, NC militia and was at the Battle of Briar Creek. This officer is also referred to in other applications in this database as Jonathan Pointer, but the above certificate clearly indicates he signed his name "John."