

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Fortune S8513

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State of North Carolina }

Macon County }

On the 12 day of October 1832 personally appeared William Fortune in open court before the Honorable Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity being a court of record now sitting for the County of Macon and after being duly sworn saith he is a resident Citizen of the county & State aforesaid aged about seventy six years – do make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States immediately after the declaration of Independence under the following name officers & served as herein stated his first tour in the service of the United States he volunteered under Capt Janes[?] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [two names lined through, illegible] in Albemarle County State of Virginia & was marched to Hampton where he was was stationed to keep garrison for something like two months, from which place he was discharged & returned home Shortly afterward he drafted in the company Commanded by Captain Mast Leak [sic: Mark Leake] in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Infantry commanded by Col [Reuben] Lindsay in couty & state aforesaid and was employed for about three weeks in skirmishing and reconnoitering the positions occupied by Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] unil we were reinforced by Gen'l Waynes forces [Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun 1781] which forces was command by the Morquiss de La Fayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] and was in the Engagement with the Brittish troops at old James Town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation near Jamestown, 6 Jul 1781] which engagement was commanded by Genl Wayne from which place he was marched to a place called Mobbin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] & there stationed after which he was discharged & which was a Three months tour – he was employed by the order of general Washington about a month to assist in erecting the Barracks at Ivey Creek in Albemarle county state of virginia [Albemarle Barracks on Ivy Creek 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville, erected late 1778]

William hisXmark Fortune

He further declares he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove any part of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on any pension lost of any agency of any state

Where & in what year were you born

I was born in Albemarle county State of Virginia in the year 1756

Have you any record of your age if so where is it. He has no record of his age in his possession

Where we you living when called into service & where have lived since the revoluntary war and where do you live now. I live in Albemarle County State of Virginia I remove to county of Rutherford Couty North Carolina and I now live in the couty of Macon state aforsaid

How were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute if so for whom. I volunteered the first tour & the second tour I was drafted

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental & malitia Regiments as you recollect and the general circumstances of you services

I knew genl Washington Genl M de La Fayette and Genl Wayne

did you ever receive a discharge from the service ifso by whom was signed & what has become of it I received a written discharge signed by Col Lindsay which I have long since lost

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present Neighbourhood who can testify to your character for veracity and truth and your services as a soldier in the revolutionary war

I am know in my present Nighborhood by the Rev'd Humphrey Posey and Joseph Welch Esqr

NOTE: The letter accompanying the application was signed by Richard E. Fortune.

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Fortune William  
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[p2] North Carolina certificate 12.188  
William Fortune of Macon County  
Private under Col Lindsley 6 months  
Issued 03Apr1833 @ \$20/annum

[p4] State of North Carolina

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Sworn to & subscribed before me

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William Fortune                      x his mark

[p5] He further declares he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove any part of his service and knows of no person by whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on any pension list of any agency of any state.

[answers to interrogatories]

1-I was born in Albemarle County State of Virginia in the year 1756

2-He has no record of his age in his possession.

3-I live in Albemarle County State of Virginia. I move to county of Rutherford County North Carolina and I now live in the County of Macon state aforesaid.

4-I volunteered first tour & the second tour I was drafted.

5-I knew Genl. Washington, Genl. M de La Fayette, and Genl. Wayne.

6-I received a written discharge signed by Col. Lindsay which I have long since lost.

[p6] 7-I am know in my present neighborhood by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Humphrey Posey and Joseph Welch Esqr.

[supporting statement and certification

Humphrey Posey, clergy

Joseph Welch, neighbor

Silas McDowell, clerk

[p19] 17Nov1832 cover letter from Richard E Fortune, Asheville NC to Hon Lewis Cass, Secretary of War for the William Fortune pension application.