

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Fulton S8532

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State of Virginia, Augusta County

On this 28th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Jacob Leas, Samuel Blackwood, Robert Gay and John A. Allison Gentlemen Justices of the County Court of Augusta, Robert Fulton, Sen., a resident of the County of Augusta, State of Virginia, aged about 73 years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declarations to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress; passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the said County of Augusta on the 18th day of November in the year 1760, as he has always understood and believes that there is a record of his birth in an old family bible of his Father's which is still in the County of Augusta that he was raised in the said County of Augusta and has continued to reside therein from his birth, that he was a resident of said County when he was called into the service and that he served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution as follows, viz--

That as one of the militia of Augusta County, he was drafted in the month of October 1780 for a three month tour of duty and rendezvoused at Waynesborough in the said County of Augusta in the month of October 1780, he is unable from old age and the consequent loss of memory to swear positively as to the day he rendezvoused at Waynesborough, that from therein he marched as a private to the City of Richmond where he served until the full term of his draft of three months expired, when he was discharged but received no written discharge, that Capt. Sam'l McCutchen [Samuel McCutchen] and Lieut. John McKimy[?], and Ensign David Gibson were officers of the Company in which he marched and served during the tour. Capt. Francis Long acted as Commander of the detachment of the troops until they reached Richmond, when his command of the troops was taken by an officer from the lower part of Virginia, whose name he has forgotten, that he remained stationed at Richmond during his said tour of duty and was in no engagement. He is unable from old age and the consequent loss of memory to swear positively as to the day on which he marched or the day of the month in which he was discharged, but to the best of his recollection, he served as a private in Capt. McCutchen's Company for a period not less than three months, he expects to be able to verify this tour of duty by Major Sam'l Bell [Samuel Bill] and Wm. McCutchen [William McCutchen] of said County of Augusta.

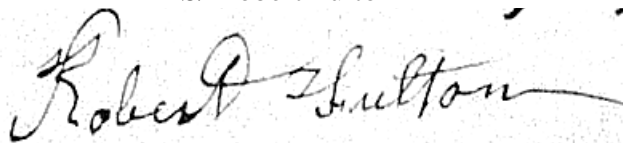
His next service was as one of the drafted militia of Augusta. He was drafted in the month of Feby 1781, he thinks about the 15th of the month, he rendezvoused at Waynesborough in said County and marched from thence with the other troops under the command of Col. Geo. Moffett [George Moffett] of the Augusta militia to Guilford in the State of North Carolina, where

they joined the troops under the command of Gen'l Greene [Nathanael Greene], that he was attached to the Company under the command of Capt. James Tate of the Augusta militia, James Mitchell was the Lieut. of said Company and John Young the ensign. He was in the battle of Guilford with the troops under the command of Col. William Campbell, Capt. Tate, as well as many of his Company was killed, and the declarant was taken a prisoner. This battle was fought on the 15th day of March 1781 immediately after which this declarant was marched with the other prisoners taken by the British to Wilmington in the State of North Carolina and there placed on board of a prison ship lying in Cape Fear River where he was kept a prisoner until about the 15th day of July 1781 when he was exchanged, and then returned to his residence in the said County of Augusta which he reached about the 10th of August 1781 being unable to travel earlier to his residence, in consequence of his feebleness produced by his confinement and treatment during the time he was a prisoner, he received no written discharge, he is unable from his old age and the consequent loss of memory to swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served in this tour of duty not less than five months from the time he rendezvoused at Waynesborough until he was exchanged as a prisoner of war, and five months & twenty five days from the time he left home until he returned to it—that he expects to be able to prove this tour of duty and service by Maj. Sam'l Bell [Samuel Bell]¹ and John Thompson,² Sen. of Augusta County.

He would refer to Wm. Davis Esq. & Ballard Smith, Esq as persons of his neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their opinion of his having served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State sworn in open Court this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Fulton



We Ballard Smith and Wm. Davis residing in the County of Augusta, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Robert Fulton, who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be about 73 years of age; that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and we concur in that opinion, Sworn & subscribed by us this 28th day of Oct. 1833,

S/ Ballard Smith
S/ William Davis

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State of Virginia, Augusta County to wit – the Affidavit of Major Samuel Bell taken before me Joseph Brown a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia on the 29th of May 1833 who being first duly sworn Deposeth and saith as follows.

That in the Fall of 1780 he volunteered to serve a tour of duty for three months, that he marched to Richmond, in Captain Thomas Smith's Company, and that he recollects that at the same time Robert Fulton Senior who lives near Greenville and the County aforesaid, was ~~at the same time~~ in the service and stationed at Richmond, he belonged to Captain Samuel

1 [Samuel Bell W12267](#)

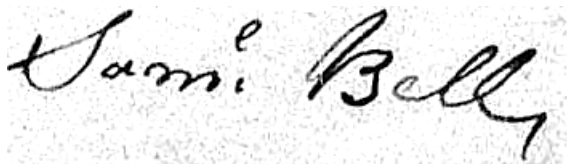
2 [John Thomson S40575](#)

McCutchen's Company, we were stationed there as this affiant supposes to guard the Assembly of Virginia as the Assembly was then in Session and there were some expectations that the British would come up there – and that the said Fulton and this affiant after having served out their tour of ~~three months~~ were both discharged at the same time, the names of any of the Field Officers commanding the Regiment is not now recollected.

This Affiant further states that in the month of February 1781 he was drafted and marched to Guildford [sic, Guilford], and that at the same time Robert Fulton was drafted and marched to the same place. This affiant does not distinctly recollect seeing said Robert Fulton, but is sure from any circumstances that he was along in Captain Tate's Company and that he was taken Prisoner by the British at Guilford, said Fulton and this Affiant were both in the same Regiment of which Colonel Moffett was the Commander, General William Campbell was also our Commandant.

Said Robert Fulton is about one year younger than this Affiant who is now in his 74th year, and further this Affiant saith not. All which he subscribes with his name day and year first above written.

S/ Sam'l Bell



Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 29th of May 1833
S/ Joseph Brown, JP

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State of Virginia, Augusta County

The affidavit of William McCutchan³ Senior taken before me Samuel Blackwood a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and the State of Virginia on the 20th day of June 1833 who being sworn deposed and saith that he Served a tour of duty for three months with Robert Fulton in the fall of 1780 in Captain Samuel McCutcheon's Company of Virginia Militia that he hath been long and intimately acquainted with said Robert Fulton and that he is a Man of undoubted veracity and integrity – and further this affiant saith not.

S/ William McCutchan



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State of Virginia, Augusta County, to wit

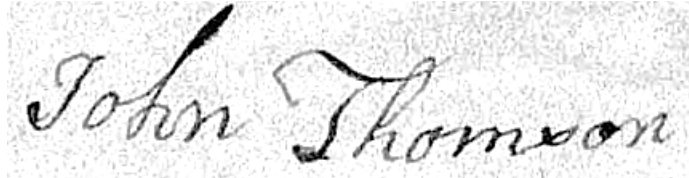
The Affidavit of John Thompson Senior taken before me John B. Christian, a Justice of the Peace in the County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn, saith as follows, that he is well acquainted with Robert Fulton who resides near Greenville in said County of Augusta and who is an applicant for a Pension under the late act of Congress, and that this Affiant knows of his own personal knowledge that said Robert Fulton served in the war of the Revolution, that this affiant served a Tour of duty in the same company with said Robert Fulton, viz. in the Company commanded by Captain James Tate of said County of Augusta in Virginia who fell at the battle

3 [William McCutchen W1888](#)

of Guilford. That this affiant & said Robert Fulton marched in said Company from said County of Augusta Virginia to Guilford North Carolina, and that in the engagement with the British Troops at that place the said Robert Fulton was taken Prisoner, which was in the month of March in the year 1781 and that said Robert Fulton did not return to his home until (as this affiant believes) about the first of August following. This affiant does not know said Robert Fulton's age but thinks he is five or six years younger than this affiant who is now in his 80th year. This affiant further states that he believes the said Robert Fulton to be a man of undoubted Veracity & integrity.

To which he subscribes his name this 24th day of August 1833.

S/ John Thomson [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Thomson". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date last above written.

S/ John B. Christian, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]