

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Fuller S8537

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this 18th day of October [1832] personally appeared in open court before the justices of the court of Pleas and Quarter Session of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now sitting Alexander Fuller a resident of said County and states his age 68 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 To wit that he was born in the year 1765 in Orange County State of North Carolina he went to Onslow County in said State and was taken as a substitute for a Tour of three months he was only 14 years of age he enlisted under Captain Fox [William Fox] Reuben Grant was the Lieutenant he marched to Elizabeth Town on Cape Fear River he was stationed here some time and marched up to Cross Creek Here Captain Fox died suddenly Lieutenant Grant then took the Command. He went up to Cross Creek and was joined by the Virginia militia. He was commanded by General Harrington [probably William Henry Harrington]. He marched next to Cheraw and there was stationed until his time expired he got his discharge from General Harrington. He again by the request of General Harrington stayed 2 months longer without being enlisted and also got a discharge which he has lost or mislaid. He returned home and again was drafted for 3 months by Captain King and joined the company commanded by Captain Matthew Alberton and marched to Blufords Bridge [Buford's Bridge]<sup>1</sup> and there staid his time out frequently scouting against the Tories and British that had been landed in Wilmington. He here served his time out and received his discharge from Captain Matthew [Alberton—text obliterated]. He was only 16 or about that when he left the Army [text obliterated] in all 8 months. He after returning home moved to Lincoln County and lived several years. Thence to Iredell County and married there remained there 20 years and moved to this County of Buncombe, where he now lives and has resided for 16 or 17 years. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the Pension roll of any agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforesaid.

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<sup>1</sup> JD Lewis notes: "The bridge was a recently constructed "swing bridge" that was built by a man named Mr. Buford in the early 1770s. But, by the late 1770s, it had been purchased by a Mr. Heron and everyone in the vicinity knew it as Heron's Bridge - primarily because he strengthened it considerably and made it much more reliable. But, the "old timers" still called it Buford's Bridge." See, [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_herons\\_bridge.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_herons_bridge.html)

S/ Alexander Fuller, X his mark

[Nathan Harrison, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County

On this 29th day of August [1833] Personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of P&QR Sessions, Now sitting, Alexander Fuller a resident of the United States in the County of Buncombe & State of North Carolina aged 68 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth 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.

That he believes he was born in 1764 at Hillsboro in Orange County and his Father moved him to Onslow County both in North Carolina where he enter[ed] the Service of the United States in 1779 in the 15th year of his age as a substitute in the militia being considered sufficiently grown under General Herington & Major Bush his Captain's name was William Fox and was ordered to Elizabeth town where he staid about 2 months and then was marched to Fayetteville at that time called Cross Creek on the march there Captain Fox died and Reuben Grant was made Captain in his place. They stayed at Fayetteville about one month and from thence to Cheraw in South Carolina on the [text obliterated] River and was stationed there until his time expired being 5 months in service and was Discharged by General Harrington though he was not permitted to receive it until the company under Captain Grant and Devann should convey the Prisoners that had been taken by the Cavalry & brought in and kept under guard by the militia into Onslow County and then it was given to him by his Captain.

The following year he was drafted and entered the service in the militia under Captain John Spicer and was marched to Beauforts Bridge over Cape Fear River near Wilmington where Colonel Sumpter commanded and after being Stationed there some time Captain Spicer left the Service and he was placed under Captain Matthew Allbriton [Matthew Allbritton] and remained at this station scouting the most of the time the British having taken possession of a house near the Bridge on the opposite side of the River Colonel Sumpter conceived a plan to drive them out and marched part of his command up the River to a ferry and crossed and lift part at the Bridge intending to march down and attack them on their own side and draw them off so that those that remained at the bridge could cross and attack them also but the British placed a large gun to defend the bridge and the artifice failed and the Americans were defeated And the militia would have been entirely destroyed but that the Cavalry covered their retreat.

After this occurrence himself with 50 or 60 more were out on a scout and for several nights did make a certain unoccupied house some few miles distant on the Main road from Wilmington to New Bern a halting place for their party on the night succeeding the last night that the militia halted there Captain Love of the Cavalry with his men halted there and was surrounded by the enemy and all killed but one man who made his escape. After this he was marched up with a part of the militia to Neuse River to guard the Magazine and there he was discharged having served 3 months but cannot be certain by whom he was discharged and that he has lost or rather that by long keeping among the papers they wore out. He further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
Witness S/ T. T. Patton, JP

S/ Alex Fuller, X his mark

[Facts in file: After initially approving this application, the War Department required the veteran to prove his service by an eyewitness to his service. When he failed to provide such proof, his pension was suspended and his name was dropped from the roll March 18, 1835; he left NC sometime in December 1836, moved to Clinton, Missouri, as 'most of his children had moved from NC to Missouri"; he died in Andrew County, Missouri, March 18, 1844, survived by a widow named Jane, who died in 1860; Milas Fuller in 1838 lived in Clinton County, Missouri and in 1860, Andrew Fuller of Clinton County, administrated the estate of Alexander Fuller—the relationship of Milas and Andrew to the veteran is not stated by the documents in the file.]

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