

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

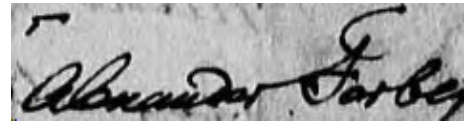
Pension Application of Alexander Forbes W10998      Judith Forbes      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 15 Feb 2014.

State of Virginia, Buckingham County towit.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before Charles Yancy, Samuel Patteson, John T. Boccock, and Robert Nicholas Justices of the court of said county now sitting, Alexander Forbes Sen'r a resident of said County and state of virginia, aged seventy 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the united states, under the following named officers and served as herein stated as a drafted militiaman from the county of Buckingham Virginia under Capt Peter Guerrant marched to Hillsborough North Carolina there attached to Capt Park Goodalls [sic: Parke Goodall's] Company from the County of Henrico Virginia and Commanded by Colo Nicholas [John Nicholas, pension application S46397] and General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] in the year 1780. Aged seventy years and served six months &

Where and in what year were you born? I was raised in Stafford County Virginia and was born in the year 1763. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is? Yes I have record of my own make, which is at home, taken from the old register. where were you living when called into service, and where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live? Ans. when called into war I lived in the County of Buckingham virginia, where I now live, and where I have lived ever since the war. How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if a substitute for for whom? Ans. I was drafted as I before stated. Did you every receive a discharge from the service and if so from whom was it given and what has become of it? Ans. I received a discharge from Capt Park Goodall and have lost it or have mislaid it.



I hereby certify that Alexander Forbes was a militia soldier in the Southern Campaign of 1780 in General Steven's Brigade, in which I was a Lieutenant Colonel, and have no doubt he served six months from the time of his being drafted till the termination of his service, from my knowledge of him then and since I consider him respectable and his oath and declaration, that he may make according to the late act of Congress entitled to full credit.

John Nicholas late Colo. R. A.  
August 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.



State of Virginia: Buckingham county towit:

The Amendment to the declaration of Alexander Forbes Sen'r. for a pension made 13<sup>th</sup> August 1832. On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before John Morris, William Moseley, Wm. W. Ferguson and Robert S. Gary Justices of the court, of said county and state of virginia, aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following explanation to his original declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 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, who further state that the following men live in his neighbourhood, who are known to him, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service, as a soldier of the revolution, towit, Capt Joseph Wooldridge, Wm. A. Jones, Joel Walkins, Thomas Gary, Doct. Joel W. Hood and Col. Thomas H. Hood.

[signed] Alexander Forbes Sen't.

NOTE: On 20 Dec 1854 Judith Forbes, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married Alexander Forbes on 27 March 1815, and he died on 22 Feb 1838. Thomas Forbes and James H. Forbes certified her statement. The application was submitted by W. W. Forbes, who referred to Judith Forbes as his mother. The file includes a certificate of the marriage of Alexander Forbes to Judith Ammonett, officiated by Rev. John Ayres. On an application for bounty land dated 24 March 1855, Judith Forbes was said to be 76, and her maiden name was spelled Ammonette.

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Forbes Alexander

VA  
(Judith)

W10998  
BLWt26642-160-55

[p2] Virginia certificate 12.359  
Alexander Forbes of Buckingham County  
Pvt under Col Nicholas, 6 months  
Issued 23Apr1833 @ \$20/annum

[p3] Virginia certificate  
Judith Forbes, widow of  
Alexander Forbes  
Issued 08May1853 @ \$20/annum.

[p6]  
State of Virginia

Buckingham County to wit:

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[answers to interrogatories]

-I was born in Stafford County Virginia in the year 1763

-Yes I have a record of my own make which is at hand taken from the old register.

-When called into serve I lived in the County of Buckingham Virginia where I live now and where I have lived ever since the war.

-I was drafted as I stated before

-I received a discharge from Captain Paul Sorrell and has lost it or have mislaid it.

Alexander Forbes

[routine county supporting statements

Joel Watkins, neighbor

Capt. John Morgan, neighbor]

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of him then and since I consider him responsible and his oath and declaration that he may make according to the late act of Congress entitled to full credit.

Teste  
John A Lightfoot  
A.K. Hughes

John Nicholas, late Colo. R.A.  
August 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

[routine county certification  
Rolfe Eldridge, clerk]

[p9-11 routine widow's declaration  
Buckingham County, VA 20Dec1856, Judith Forbes, age 76  
Deceased Alexander Forbes pension is recorded in Richmond, Book 2, Vol 8, Page 8  
Marriage 27Mar1815, maiden name Judith Ammonett, minister John Ayres  
Alexander died 22Feb1838  
Before John J Gilliam JP  
Thomas Forbes and James H Forbes, disinterested witnesses  
Rolfe Eldridge, clerk]

[p13-15 a virtual duplicate widow's declaration to that on page 9  
Buckingham Virginia 24Mar1855]

[p19 in a response to inquiry, the pension office states that Judith Forbes was allowed 160 acres of bounty land, Warrant 26642 and that she received widow's pension certificate #5165 on 05May1855 @ \$20/annum.]

[p33-35 Pension office rejection form requiring further proof:

- No clergyman validated the declaration
- Failed to relinquish claims to other pension
- Failed to answer interrogatory #7

Implication is that the county clerk failed to specify a clergyman and to copy part of the record from the court journal in Aug1832 to the letter sent to Washington.]

[p72- a supplemental appearance before the Buckingham court 12Mar1833 records the three missing pieces with Clergyman William Moore's routine statement.]