

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Forsie (Forsee) W11001 Rebecca H. Forsie VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 18 Feb 2014.

State of Virginia, Chesterfield County to wit:

On this fourteenth day of August, Anno Domini 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Chesterfield County, now sitting, Charles Forsee, a resident of the said County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, aged nearly seventy nine 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, entitled "An Act supplementary to the Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution."

That he entered the service of the United State under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated, viz:

In the summer of 1777 he was drafted and entered the service in Powhatan (at that time Cumberland) County, State of Virginia, as a militiaman in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Harris, John Moseley and George Smith being the Lieutenants, and Stokes Smith ensign, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Carrington; marched under his command to Williamsburg and to York, where he was put under the command of General [Thomas] Nelson, and was discharged at Williamsburg after remaining in the service four or five weeks.

In the Spring of 1781, he was called out, in the same County in Capt Isaac Porter's company of militia, George Stovall being then one of the Lieutenants, marched to Chesterfield and was attached to Col. Ro. Goode's [Robert Goode's] Regiment, was sent down to Bermuda Hundred in the same County under Capt. David Pattison [David Patterson], and was shortly afterwards discharged at Ware bottom in that County, after a service of several weeks but how long he cannot distinctly remember.

In the winter preceeding at the time of Arnold's first invasion [Benedict Arnold, Jan 1781], he was again called out, in Powhatan County and sent down to Chesterfield in the same Company commanded by the same officers, and remained there a short time, under the command of what field officers he does not remember was chiefly employed about Powwhite in that County & in the neighbourhood of Westham, about the time the publick stores were destroyed there by a detachment of Arnold's army.

During all the summer and fall of that year from about the time of harvest until after the capture of Cornwallis's army at York [19 Oct 1781], he was in service in the same company and under the same officers, and was employed in the County of Powhatan chiefly along James River, in guarding boats, &c. That he was frequently called out and discharged after a few days, and soon called out again; That he was also several times called out on any emergency, upon short tours, which it is impossible for him to remember; he recollects that he was once, in the year 1780, ordered out in a sergeant's guard to watch the ferries along James River and stationed chiefly at Manikin [sic: Manakin] Town.

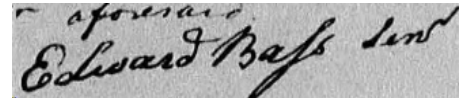
That he was born in the County of Powhatan (at that time Cumberland) and State of Virginia, on the fourth day of March 1754, as he has always understood, but has no record of his birth, and has resided all his life since 1781, at which time he removed from Powhatan, in this County. He does not remember any Regular officers, other than those he has mentioned, and was never in any battle.

That he never received any written discharge and has no documentary evidence of his service; but he believes there are witnesses still living who know that he served in the war of the Revolution: The applicant verily believes that taking all the tours together in which he was in military service, they must have amounted to more than six months that he was actually in military service; but the exact time, from the nature of the service, he cannot specify.

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 this day and year aforesaid Charles X Forsee's mark

I, Edward Bass [pension application S6595], a resident of the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia do hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with Charles Forsee, who has subscribed and sworn to the within declaration; and knew him during the Revolution. that we served a short tour together at Williamsburg and in that part of the County in the summer of 1777, but in different companies. I also know that the said Forsee served a good deal in the County of Chesterfield, during the invasion of 1781, and I have also frequently understood and believe that he served other tours in the militia during the Revolutionary War, but I have no personal knowledge of any except as above stated. that he is reputed in the neighbourhood in which he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and I believe him to be about seventy eight or nine years of age.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Bass Junr". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: On 24 June 1853 Rebecca H Forsie (as she signed), 75, applied for a pension stating that she married Charles Forsie on 26 April 1826, and he died 14 June 1836. In an application for bounty land dated 21 March 1855 it was stated that her marriage was officiated in Chesterfield County by Edmund Goode, a Baptist minister, and that her name before marriage was Rebecca H Branch. She signed with an X, witnessed by Richard Forsee (as he signed). On 27 April 1855 Thomas E. Sims and William W. Weisiger stated that Charles Forsie was a Baptist preacher.

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Forsie Charles

VA
(Rebecca H Forsee)

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[p2] Virginia certificate 2197
Charles Forsie of Chesterfield County
Private under Captain Harris, Colonel Carrington
6 months from 1777
Issued 21Nov1832 @ \$20/annum

[p3] Virginia certificate 5158
Rebecca H Forsie, widow of
Charles Forsie
Issued 07May1855 @ \$20/annum

[p6]
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Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

s/ Edward Bass Sen^r

[routine county corroboration and certification

Leonard Nunnally, clergy

Parke Poindexter, clerk

[p9-10 24Jun1853 widow's declaration of Rebecca H Forsie of Chesterfield County Virginia, age 75. Married 26Apr1826 to Rebecca H. Branch to Charles Forsie who died 14Jun1836.

[p11-12 21Mar1855, Chesterfield County, details of widow's declaration transcribed to a land warrant form for War of 1812.

John H Bass, JP

Edmond Goode, clergy

John Sims sen^r neighbor

Richard Forsee, neighbor

Moreau B Mann, deputy clerk

[p23-25 Corroboration and certification of widow's claim 27Apr1855, Richmond Virginia.]