

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rowland Flowers, Rowland W12 Ann (Anna) Flowers f52VA
Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 8/15/13

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State of Tennessee, Fentress County

On this the 20th day of July 1834 personally appeared before me Robert H. Richardson a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Fentress State of Tennessee, Rowland Flowers a resident citizen of the county Fentress aforesaid aged upward of Seventy of age according to certain calculation though he has no record of his age and after being duly Sworn for that purpose in his oath makes the following Declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. He states that he entered the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary in Buckingham County State of Virginia in the Early part of the spring Season of the year 1781 the precise day of the time of Entering Said Service not now Recollected. he entered Said Service a drafted private Soldier To Serve a Tour of three months against the British he marched off under Captain Silas Watkins and Lieutenant Joel Watkins and went on into the Edge of North Carolina and To many places in Virginia and after going to many points and places was finally marched Back. and having served out said Tour he received a written discharge from his said captain.

He again in a few weeks thereafter entered the Service as a substitute for his Father, James Flowers, who had been drafted he entered the service under Captain Peter Gearen, and Lieutenant Berry his his first name not recollected and Major Bois he marched on to Various places and finally to little York [sic, Yorktown] was in the whole siege and after serving out his said Tour of three month he again had a written discharge from cap. Gearen he cannot State precisely the period of entering and quitting the Service from old age and lapse of time.

He kept his said discharges many years after the War until they became misplaced or in some way lost. he is not certain in what way. So that he has no written or documentary proof of his Service and knowing of no person by whom he can prove his Service that he Served with but he can prove by his younger brothers his entering into the Service, and return from the service and many other things of a correspondent nature. He can prove the traditionary proof of his Service by his whole Scope of his intimate acquaintance that he was a soldier of the Revolution and that he was at the Surrender of Lord Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis]. there is no clergy man immediately convenient To him. He is Entirely unable from bodily infirmity to attend a court of record his inability To walk about is principally the reason why he applies for a pension he having been resolved to live on his own labor while able To labor. applicant was born in Buckingham county Virginia and Raised there and in Campbell County, said State Continued there until Twenty Two years ago and then moved to Overton County Tennessee but was Stricken off into Fentress County. Applicant will State some of his neighbors by whom he can prove his character being good for truth and The Tradition of his Service namely William Chilton James Beaty, Ambrose Bramlett, all Respectable men he hereby relinquishes Every claim To a pension or annuity Except the present and Declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Rowland Flowers, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert H Richardson, JP

We James Brown & William Rogers Residing in the county of Fentress State of Tennessee hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Rowland Flowers who had subscribed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration that we believe him To be upward of Seventy years of age that he is reputed among his neighbors generally as having been a soldier of the Revolution. and particularly as having been at the Taking of Lord Cornwallis and we certify that applicant is a man of undoubted veracity and we can concur in the above.

S/ James Brown

S/ William Rogers, X his mark

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid his before me.

S/ Robert H Richardson JP

Supplemented 8/15/13 by Fred Weyler

Flowers Rowland

VA
(Ann, Anna)

W12

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Declaration in pages 4 through 6 appear to be missing lower sections.

[p2] West Tennessee certificate 27563

Rowland Flowers of Fentress County

Private in Captain Watkins North Carolina Militia 6 months

Issued 08Sep1834 @ \$20/annum

Died 23Sep1837

[p3] Tennessee certificate 4498

Ann Flowers widow of

Rowland Flowers

Private of Captain Watkins Virginia Militia

Issued 22Mar1849 @ \$20/annum

Died 29May1854

Sent to Wm J Dabney, Albany KY

[p4] State of Tennessee

Fentress County

On this 20th day of July 1834 personally appeared before me Robert H Richardson, a justice of the peace in and for the county of Fentress, State of Tennessee, Rowland Flowers a resident citizen of the county Fentress aforesaid aged upwards of seventy of age according to certain calculation though he has no record of his age. And after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary in Buckingham County, State of Virginia in the early part of the spring season of the year of 1781,

the precise day of the time of entering said service not now recollected. He entered said service a drafted private soldier to serve a tour of three months against the British. He marched off under Captain Silas Watkins and Lieutenant Joel Watkins and went on into the edge of North Carolina and to many places in Virginia and after going to many points and places was finally
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Service and many other things of a correspondent nature. He can prove the traditionary proof of his service by his whole scope of his intimate acquaintance. That he was a soldier of the Revolution and that he was at the surrender of Lord CornWallis. There is no clergyman immediately convenient to him.

He is entirely unable from bodily infirmity to attend a court of record. His inability to walk about is principally the reason why he applies for a pension, he having been resolved to live on his own labor while able to labor. Applicant was born in Buckingham County Virginia and raised there in Campbell County said state. Continued there until twenty two years ago and then moved to Overton County Tennessee but was stricken off into Fentress County. Applicant will state some of his neighbors by whom he can prove his character being good for truth and the tradition of his service namely William Chilton, James Beaty, Ambrose Bramlett, all respectable men. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and
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Declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Rowland Flowers x his mark

[certification and supporting statements

Robert H Richardson, JP

James Brown, neighbor

William Rogers, neighbor

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State of Tennessee

Fentress County

On this the 13th day of October 1838, personally appeared before me George A Brock, a justice of the peace in and for the county of Fentress, State of Tennessee, Anna Flowers, a resident citizen of the county of Fentress, State of Tennessee aged seventy six years the fifteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight being last march past agreeable to her best and undoubted information, having no record of her age. Who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Rowland Flowers who was a Revolutionary soldier in the state of Virginia as a private in the war of the Revolution and who was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States at the rate of twenty dollars per annum under the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. She further declares that she was married to the said Rowland Flowers sometime about the last of November or the first of December being the second November or December that was after the surrender of Lord CornWallis and as she now understands to have been in November or December one thousand seven hundred and eighty two. She states that she has no documentary evidence of her said marriage nor record thereof.

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Nor can she state with further certainty as to the time of her said marriage, but recollects well it was cold weather a few weeks before Christmas. She was well acquainted with her said husband when he was only about ten years old. That he was younger than her. That she recollects the

service of her said husband and his return from the taking of Cornwallis and his being sick the first winter and spring after his return from the siege of York. That she was some the oldest of the two. She does not know precisely how much That he was understood to be under twenty years old when he was married to her. That her oldest son to wit William Flowers was born in August next ensuing after her said marriage, who is fifty five years old agreeable to her undoubted account having no record of the same. That she had twelve living children born of the bodies of her said husband and herself to wit William, Betsey, James, Rowland, Arthur, Rosanna, Magay, Sally, Polly, Levi, Judy, and Delila. That there is upwards of two years between the births of them generally. That there is nearly three years between the births of the tow last. That Judy the youngest now living and was married to Rodney King is upwards of thirty one years of age agreeable to her now calculation. That she has eight children. She states that she cannot read nor write and has no record of any of these facts, but that the same is agreeable to her honest best calculation at this time (which she believes is substantially correct). That her said husband the aforesaid

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Rowland Flowers dies in Fentress County Tennessee in the house where she now lives in the night and was on the 22nd or 23rd of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place about the last days of November or the first days of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty two agreeable to her undoubted calculation and in Buckingham County in the state of Virginia at the home of Hawkins Landrum, a Methodist preacher by publication of bans the same being published at the church agreeable to the church rules of that day. That her said marriage was previous to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, to wit at the time above stated. She further declares that she has not intermarried since the death of her said husband but continues to be and remains his widow ever since his death.

Anna Flowers

x her mark

[routine certification and supporting proofs

George A. Brock, JP

John H Richardson, clerk

John Albertson, deputy clerk

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Pension commission synopsis fills in details from the missing bottoms of pages:

Rowland Flowers substituted for his father as a private in Captain Peter Gearin's company under Major Bois at the siege of Yorktown.

Anna's maiden name was Jaret or Garrett.

In 1834, Anthony Flowers, aged sixty one, younger brother of Rowland, lived in Fentress County.

Andrew Shortridge W 26475 synopsis is also in the response to inquiry.

[p20] deposition of Anthony Flowers, brother of Rowland.

[p23] 28May1843 Anna Flowers deposition re/act of Congress of 03Mar183

[p25] 03May1845 Anna Flowers deposition re/act of Congress 30Apr1844 and 23Jan 1845.

[p27] adjacent Clinton County Kentucky transmittal 23Sep1844

Several additional supporting statements and certifications from Jamestown TN, Albany KY, and Morgan County TN re/widows pension administration.