

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Furror (Furrer, Furr)<sup>1</sup> W1262

Catharine Furrer f53NC

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County Superior Court of Law begun and held for Cabarrus County at the Court House in Concord, November 19 1832

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable David L. Swain one of the Judges of the Superior Courts for North Carolina now sitting for Cabarrus County Henry Furrer a resident of the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina aged seventy-one years the 6th day of April next -- 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, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- To wit:

"In the month of May (about the first of the month) 1779 in the town of Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina where I then lived I joined, as a volunteer, for three months, a company in the militia under the command of Captain Carrigan [sic, Captain James Carrington] -- Lieutenant Baker -- attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel McDowell [probably Charles McDowell], though I am certain as to his name -- we were marched to Charlotte NC -- thence to a place called the "Snowy Camp," being the Camp ground that had been made by the soldiers that had gone from the State before in the "Snowy Campaign" -- thence to the Saluda River -- thence down the River some distance -- we crossed the Savannah and returned this side again in South Carolina -- we joined the Main Army a place called the "White Bluff" I do not remember now whether it is on the Saluda or Savannah River -- we were thence marched to Ashley River -- at the White Bluff I was detained from from the militia with many others, and placed under Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] a French officer, who had the Regiment of light infantry, which was used chiefly in scouting service, and most engaged in the night time -- we operated in several skirmishes on Ashley River and in the neighborhood of Bacon's Bridge 10 or 12 miles from Charleston -- One which I particularly remember 9 miles from Bacon's Bridge with a Colonel Megert or Maggart of the Tories at a place called the White House -- General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] had command of the Main Army -- General Butler [John Butler] was also I think with the Army -- We were also at Stono River, and I lay sick with the flux in the Camp during and for several days before the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], which I think, was about the middle of June -- I was discharged by Colonel Malmedy, sometime in August 1779 -- Having served three months according to my

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engagement --

In the month of March 1780 in the Town of Salisbury before mentioned where I then lived I again volunteered for three months in a company commanded by Captain Peter Faust Lieutenant Lowman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] -- General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. It was at the time the men were volunteering -- and enrolled to go on with General Gates [Horatio Gates] to the South. The Country was much infested with Tories -- and we were placed (that is Peter Faust & his Company) in Salisbury by General Rutherford, (who went to the South) as a protection to the Town of Salisbury -- and for the purpose of guarding the British & Tory prisoners that were sent there -- and placed in the Stockade -- we guarded sometimes a hundred Tories -- and at one time, there were thirty British soldiers that were sent from Ninety Six as they said who brought them -- I served three months and was discharged by Captain Faust in June 1780. Immediately on my discharge I was hired as a substitute for one month longer in the same service for one John Brown of the same place and remained till July 1780 when I was discharged by Captain Faust, as a substitute for John Brown -  
- For the first three months I was a Sergeant in Captain Faust's Company -- This was before Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] -- I served in this service four months --

In the month of July 1780 in the town of Salisbury North Carolina I volunteered for two weeks in a company of Calvary commanded by Captain Craige [James Craig] & Lieutenant Townsly -- and went in pursuit of Colonel Bryant [sic, Colonel Samuel Bryan] at the head of the Tories -- at the expiration of the two weeks, which I served, I was discharged by Captain Craige -

On my return, in August 1780 I became what is called a minute man and was constantly on the alert -- in scouting parties against the Tories till about the time that Cornwallis passed on through this section of the Country -- In this service I was always under Captain Faust, of Salisbury Rowan County NC where I joined him -- Cornwallis according to the best of my memory passed on some time in the last of January or February 1780 [sic, 1781] -- our commander in chief Rutherford and Colonel Francis Locke -- The extent of this service cannot from its nature be easily estimated -- sometimes we were out a week or 2 -- then after a longer stay at home, we would go again as occasion required -- But I can say that in this service, I was actively engaged for at least 3 months -- after the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], I was discharged by Captain Faust in April 1781 -- this minute service was very dangerous and laborious -- I served in all ten months and a half -- I was born in the County of Mecklenburg NC in that part of the County now called Cabarrus on 8 April 1762 when very young I was removed to Rowan NC shortly after the war I removed back to Cabarrus, then Mecklenburg -- and have now lived upwards of 48 years in Cabarrus, on the plantation where I now reside -- The record of my age is contained in the family Bible here produced in Court -- I have no documentary evidence of my service -- I know of no person now alive by whom I can prove my service -- For the reputation of my services & for my character I refer to Samuel Shinn Esqr. & Reverend John Robinson D. D.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension [roll] of the agency of any State. --

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Furrer



Questions propounded by the said Court to Henry Furrer

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In the County of Mecklenburg now Cabarrus NC in the year A.D. 1762 6th April  
2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have here in a Bible produced in Court

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived in Salisbury Rowan County when called into Service -- and have lived near 50 years since that time on the plantation where I now live in Cabarrus

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was always a volunteer except one month when I was a substitute for John Brown

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I do not recollect the names of the regiments -- I knew Colonel Malmedy & General Lincoln -- I was much in the vicinity of Ashley River -- at Stono, though not in the Battle -- I was a good while engaged against the Tories -- a very hard service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I was always discharged -- first by Colonel Malmedy -- then by Captain Faust -- they are all lost or mislaid -- so that I cannot find them

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I refer to the Reverend John Robinson D. D. & Samuel Shinn Esquire Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Furrer



[John Robinson D. D., a clergyman, and Samuel Shinn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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North Carolina Cabarrus County

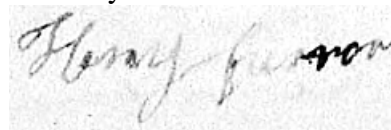
Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for Cabarrus County North Carolina, Henry Furrer who, being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: for 7 months and 15 days I served as a private -- and for 3 months I served as a Sergeant; and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833

Witness my hand & seal

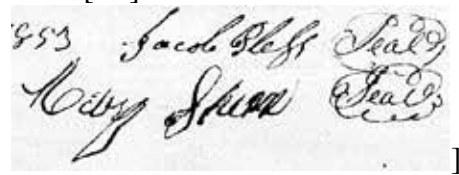
S/ G. W. Spears, JP

S/ Henry Furrer



[p 8: On April 18, 1853 in Cabarrus County North Carolina, Catherine Furrer, 59, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Furrer who was a private in the North Carolina militia and a pensioner at the rate of \$38.33 per annum; that she married him September 4, 1826; that her husband died December 20, 1851; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 5: On October 4, 1853 in Cabarrus County North Carolina, Jacob Pless and Mrs. Mary Shinn gave testimony that they were well acquainted with Catherine Furrer widow of Henry Furrer, deceased as well as being well acquainted with Henry Furrer; that they were present at the marriage of Henry Furrer to Catherine whose name at the time was Catherine Goodman; that such marriage took place on December 27, 1826 and continued until Henry's death December 22, 1851 [sic]



1853 Jacob Pless Seal  
Mary Shinn Seal

[p 10: On March 19, 1855 in Cabarrus County North Carolina, the widow, 61, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; in this document she states she married Henry Furrer September 7, 1826; that they were married by Samuel Shinn, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Catherine Goodman; and that her husband died in Cabarrus County on December 22, 1851 leaving her a widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.33 commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private and Sergeant for 10 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1853.]