

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Fitch W1586 Barbara Fitch VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 7 Feb 2014.

State of Tennessee } August sessions 1832
Sullivan County }

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, John Fitch aged seventy two, (as well as he knows) a resident citizen of said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Towit. that in Bartley [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia during the Revolutionary war, about the 1st of September, the year not recollected he was drafted for a six months tour of duty in the Virginia Militia, under Capn Lysle, and was marched from Martensburgh [sic: Martinsburg] beyond the Ohio River against the Shawnee Indians, under the command of Genl. [Lachlan] McIntosh and Col [Joseph] Crawford and was there engaged in indian warfare, for the full period of his six months, and returned home after haveing driven the indians, and was discharged, by G'l. McIntosh in the Indians territory now Ohio, which [discharge] was casually burned on the burning of his brothers house with whom he resided. That after his return home from that service he remained at home and again volunteered his services to go to Winchester Virginia to guard the presoners, taken to that place for safe keeping, and performed that duty and was on that service three months when an exchange took place and he returned home after which about the winter of 1780 he removed to the frontier of North Carolina (now Tennessee) and settled on the Holston, and the Cherokee Indians being allies of Great Britain & in hostilely killing the Citizens on the frontier, he volunteered to go out on an expedition against said Indians for two months under Col [John] Sevier, and Brashiars the Captain [probably Richard Brashears, pension application R12756], is the whole service which he performed being eleven months in the whole, of actual service, and the excess of time returning from Ohio over his six months.

That he has no documentary evidence nor is there any witness by whom he can establish the fact of his servitude He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity (except the present) & declares that his name is not on the roll of any pension agency in any state

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first written John hisXmark Fitch

NOTE: On 10 April 1844 Barbary Fitch, aged 76 on 23 Dec 1844, applied for a pension stating that she married John Fitch on 11 Aug 1793, and he died on 11 April 1840. On 17 March 1845 she was said to be 73, and she again stated that she and John Fitch were married on 11 Aug 1793, which she remembered by reference to the birth of her oldest son. On 7 Jan 1850 it was stated that Barbara Fitch was 74 and her marriage to John Fitch was said to have occurred in August 1795. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 5 Aug 1795 in Sullivan County in the territory "South of the river Ohio" by John Fitch and Benjamin Washbourn for the marriage of Fitch to Barbara Waddell.

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Fitch John	VA	W1586	f36VA
	(Barbara)		
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[p2] East Tennessee certificate 3506
John Fitch of Sullivan County
Private under Captain Lisle, Col Crawford of Virginia
11 months from 1780
Issued 04Sep1832 @ \$36.66/annum
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[p3] Tennessee Certificate 672_
Barbara Fitch widow of John Fitch
Issued 06Nov1850 @ \$36.66/annum
Saml Rhea, Blountville
[p4-14] routine widow's application
[p15] State of Tennessee
Sullivan County
August session 1832

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, John Fitch aged seventy two, (as well as he knows) and a resident citizen of said county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: in Bartley County Virginia during the Revolutionary war, about the 1st of September, the year not recollected, That he was drafted for a six months tour of duty in the Virginia militia under Capn Lysle, and was marched from Martinsburg beyond the Ohio River against the Shawnee Indians under the command of Genl McIntosh and Col Crawford and was there engaged in Indian warfare for the full period of his six months and returned home after having driven the Indians and was discharged by Gl McInstosh in the Indian territory now Ohio. which was casualty burned in the burning of his brother's house with whom he resided. That after his return home from service he remained at home and again volunteered his services to go to Winchester Virginia to guard the prisoners taken to that place for safe keeping, and [p16] performed that duty and was in that service three months when an exchange took place and he returned home. After which about the winter of 1780 he removed to the frontier of North Carolina, now Tennessee and settled on the Holston, and the Cherokee Indians, being allies og Great Britain & in hostility killing the _____ on the frontier, he volunteered to out on an an expedition against said Indians for two months under Col Sevier and Brashears, the captain, is the whole service which he performed being eleven months in the whole, of actual service, and the excess of time returning from Ohio over his six months.

That he has no documentary evidence nor is there any witness by whom he can establish the fact of his servitude. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of any pension agency in any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first written.

John Fitch x his mark

{routine county supporting statements and certification

Samuel Hughes, clergy

William Rutledge, neighbor

Richard Netherland, clerk

G.W. Netherland, deputy clerk

[p28] 11Apr1844, Henry Maggert FPA S1850 testified that he witnessed the wedding of Barbara and John Fitch.

[p6] 08Jan1850 A certified copy of the marriage bond, John Fitch to Barbara Waddell, Territory of the United States South of the Ohio 05Aug1795. Six years after the original widow's pension application, the pension office did not believe Henry Maggert?