

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Fenn John Sarah VA W2087 f51VA
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Edited and supplemented by Will Graves in italics

[p2] a certificate with faint ink

[p3] Virginia certificate 1071 to
Sarah Fenn widow of John Fenn
Private of Virginia militia
Issued 19Oct1853 @ \$27.66 per annum

[p4] State of Virginia

On this 10th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before John Rubles, Samuel [Lemuel?] Hermutt, James H Belscher & Edward H Wilbitt [?] Justices of the County Court of Prince George now sitting a court of record, John Fenn, a resident of the said county of Prince George and State of Virginia, aged seventy three 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 the 7th of June 1832.

He says he was placed on the muster roll as soon as he arrived to the age of sixteen years which must have been about the year 1777. He was drafted unto the service of the United States and was stationed first near Petersburg at a place called Hardaway's ~~near Petersburg~~ under the command of Capt. Richard Williams where he served he thinks about a fortnight. He was a second time drafted into the service of the United States and was marched under the command

[p5] of Capt. Peter Williams to Stoner's Mill and was in service as well as he recollects about two months. Stoner's Mill is the neighborhood of Suffolk. General Muhlenburg [*Peter Muhlenberg*] commanded the division of the army. Colonel Dechi [*probably Col. Alexander Dick's*] commanded the Regt he was in & Major Boyce & Hoffler [*perhaps William Hoffler*] were the majors of the regt. He acted as Corporal in his company this tour. He was regularly discharged. He was a third time in service of the United States being drafted and was marched under James Field as Capt. & Wm Call [*William Call*] Lieut. to Chuckatuck Church between Smithfield & Suffolk. He was in Dechi's Regt and Muhlenburg commanded the division of the army. He served at this time. hr thinks about two months and was discharged.

He was again drafted into service and was marched from Prince George Court House under the command of Capt. Rich'd Williams to Sleepy Hole Ferry near Suffolk and joined the army at that place and after arriving there he was permitted to choose his officers when he made choice of Timothy Rives [?] for ~~my~~ his captain. This division of the army was commanded by General Muhlenburg. Capt. Rives Co was attached to Colo. Dechi's Regt. He was then in a Regt of L. Infantry [*light infantry*] which guarded the country by frequent marches. The country between Suffolk & Norfolk and he thinks he served two months & was discharged.

[p6] He was again drafted into the service and was placed under the command of Richard Williams and marched from Prince George Courthouse & crossed James River at Munge's [?]¹ Ferry & went from there to James Town & from thence crossed James River and was marched to Smithfield where we joined the main body of the army commanded by Gen'l Muhlenburg. He was in service as well as he recollects about six weeks and was regularly discharged.

He was again called into service and went under the command of Capt. Timothy Rives and was stationed between Surry Courthouse & Smithfield with about two other companys [sic] on detached service & marched from that place to Surry Courthouse from thence to Cabin Point & marched from Cabin Point to Merchant's Hope Church where he was discharged. He thinks he was in service about two weeks. 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.

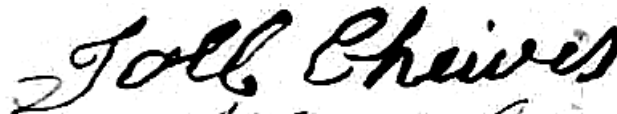
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



Prince George County to wit

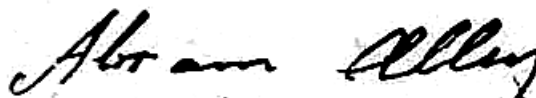
At the day of making the above declaration Joel Cheives² appeared in open Court and first being duly sworn deposeth and saith: That he was in the service with John Fenn in the Revolutionary War when we were stationed at Chuckatuck near Smithfield and James Field's Company & where General Muhlenberg commanded.

S/ Joel Cheives



At the same time Abram Alley³ also appeared in open Court and being duly sworn deposeth and saith: That he from what Mr. Fenn states of the history of the war knows that he was in service with him in the Revolutionary War at Stoner's Mill & Chuckatuck & near Portsmouth.

S/ Abram Alley



[p7-p8] routine corroborating and certifying county statements

Joel Chieves, compatriot soldier with Fenn

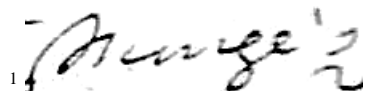
Abram Alley, compatriot

Magistrates' opinion of veracity

Nathaniel .B. Sturdivant, clerk opinion of veracity and county seal

[p9] note 30.954

John Fenn of Virginia for 8 mo 9 days \$27.66



¹ [Joel Chieves S9178](#)

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³ [Abram Alley S11955](#)

[p11-p13] 14Apr1853, Prince George County VA. A routine widow's declaration by Sarah Fenn age 72, widow of John Fenn, deceased 23Apr1843 with county certification of marriage by witnesses, magistrates, and clerk. She states that she married her husband in September 1798 and that she remains his widow.]

[p15-p18] 15Jun1855, Prince George County, a repeat of the April 1853 widow's declaration with the addition of the 1798 marriage bond of John Fenn to Sarah Watkins. The clerk's date of 1855 was a "typo" proven by 1853 dates elsewhere in the four pages.

[p24-p25] 11Jun1853 Mecklenburg County VA deposition of Susan Wilson age 61, witness to the marriage of Sarah Watkins and John Fenn *in Surry County by the Reverend Beverly Booth, a Baptist minister* with county certification.

[Ed. Note: the 51 page file contains several covers, notes, letters of inquiry, and procedural items several of which appear to be caused by separation of the Mecklenburg Co proof of marriage declaration from the bulk of the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]