

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Foster W21139 Mary Foster VA
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The State of South Carolina. Ss.

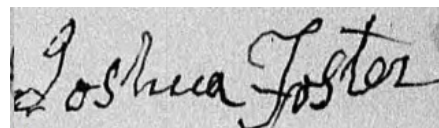
On this 18th day of August 1818 before me David Johnson one of the Associate Judges of the said State personally came Joshua Foster aged about sixty five years, who being by me first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" That he the said Joshua Foster enlisted for the term of two years about the 17th day of February 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded at the time of Enlistment by Captain John Morton [resigned 12 Mar 1777] & afterward by Capt. John Holcomb [sic: John Holcombe] of the 4th Regiment Commanded by Col. Stevans [sic: Adam Stephen], & Leiut. Col. Isaac Reid [sic: Isaac Read] in the line of the said State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States untill the expiration of the term of his enlistment when he was regularly discharged from service. That in this service he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. That immediately after the expiration of of this term he re-enlisted for eighteen months and afterward changed that enlistment to during the war and was detached in a Company Commanded by Capt James Gray and afterward by Capt. William Beale in a Regiment under the command of Col. Wm Heath [sic: William Heth] and marched to South Carolina and was taken prisoner by the Enemy in Charleston [12 May 1780] & remained there for about one year and from thence made his escape and his regiment being dispersed he never afterward joined it. And that he is now in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that the subjoined deposition of William Baily [sic: William Bailey, pension application R8348] is the only other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Joshua hisXmark Foster

South Carolina [18 Aug 1818]

William Baily personally came before me & being duly sworn saith that he saw the before named Joshua Foster doing duty as a Soldier in the 4th Continental Virginia Regiment at the place of Rendezvous near Monmouth immediately after the Battle at that place Wm hisXmark Baily

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution, Approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Joshua Foster of Pacolett [sic: Pacolet] River in District of union in the State of South Carolina do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service untill the fall of Charlestown on the 12th day of May and remained a Prisoner untill the seventh day of May ensuing at which time I escaped from the British at which Period I was a Sergeant in Capt Beal's Company in the 2 Virginia Detachment after escaping from the British I fought under Capt Spead on way to the north yet from the number of toryes [sic: Tories] and the emence distance I had to travel It was not in my power to reach the army at little york untill after the fall of Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] I further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of May 1828 on the Pention list of the united States
witness my hand this 14th day of November 1828



[On 7 Nov 1840 Mary Foster, 74, of Union District SC, applied for a pension stating that she married Joshua Foster in January 1782.]

South Carolina }
Union District } [7 Nov 1840]

Before me David Johnson one of the said state personally appeared William Bailey of the said District deposed that he is now near ninety two years of age. That he was a soldier of the Virginia line in the Army of the Revolution and became acquainted with Joshua Foster the late husband of the declarant Mary Foster at Fort Montgomery on the North River where the army were encamped. That this said Joshua Foster was then a soldier in the Virginia line but in what Regiment or Batalion he belonged or who were the officers under which he served deponant dont now recollect. That previous to the Storming of Stoney Point [Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] the said Joshua Foster and deponant were detailed to re-enforce the light infantry and were both in that engagement. That the said Joshua Foster & deponant fought in the battles of Germanton Monmouth Brandywine. Deponant has often heard the said Joshua Foster say & he believes that he had served in the army of the Revolution for about the term of seven years and that he was a soldier in the army at Charleston South Carolina when that place was surrendered. Deponant was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at little York and from conversations with the said Joshua Foster after that event he is fully satisfied that he also was a soldier and served with the american army on that occasion
William hisDmark Bailey

NOTE:

On 7 Nov 1840 Robert Foster stated that he was present at the marriage of Joshua and Mary Foster, which took place “at the house of her father Josiah Foster in the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia,” and that Joshua Foster died in January 1829. Isaac I. Foster, Esq., about 58, brother of Mary Foster, also made a supporting statement.

The file includes a family record transcribed below. J. J. Foster certified that it was in the handwriting of Joshua Foster from an Old Testament and listed the births of Joshua and Mary Foster and their six children, whom he named: Josiah; Jiney Miller; Doshea; Elizabeth; Sarah Johnson; and Mary Singleton.

Joshua Foster was born June the 4 1854 Mary Foster his wife was born February the 4 1764 Josiah Foster there son was born February 16 1783 Jinney Miller Foster was born January the 3 1786 Doshea Foster was born May the 16 1789 Elizebeth Foster was born June the 28 1792 Sarah Johnston Foster was born June the 20 1795 Mary Singleton Foster was born November[?] the 1 1798 [?]tober Brian[?] Foster was born June 19 188[last digit missing]

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Foster Joshua

VA
(Mary)

W21139

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[p2] South Carolina certificate 16.651

Joshua Foster

Private under Colonel Stevens 2 years

Issued 05Apr1820 to Hon John McCreary, House of Rep @ \$8/mo

[p3] South Carolina certificate 2448

Mary foster widow of

Private Joshua Foster of Virginia

Issued 16Dec1848 @ \$80/annum

Robert G Twitty, Rutherfordton NC

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The State of South Carolina

On this 18th day of August 1818 before me David Johnson one of the associate judges of the said state personally came Joshua Foster aged about sixty five years. Who being by me first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.: That he the said Joshua Foster entered for the term of two years about the 17th day of February 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded at the time of enlistment by Captain John Morton & afterward by Captain John Holcomb of the 4th Regiment commanded by Col. Stevens & Lieut. Col. Isaac Reid in the line of said State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said corps in the service of the United States until the expiration of the term of his enlistment when he was regularly discharged from his service. That in his service he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, & Monmouth.

That immediately after the expiration of of [sic] this term he re-enlisted for eighteen months and afterward changed that enlistment to during the war and was detached in a company commanded by Captain James Gray and afterwards by Captain William Beale in a regiment under the command of Col. W^m Heath

[p5] and marched to South Carolina and was taken prisoner by the enemy in Charleston & remained there for about one year and from there made his escape and his regiment being dispersed he never afterward joined it. And that he is now in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his county for support. And that the subjoined deposition of William Baily is the only other evidence now in his power if his said services.

Joshua Foster x his mark

[certification David Johnson, judge]

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South Carolina

William Baily personally came before me & being duly sworn saith that he saw the before named Joshua Foster doing duty as a soldier in the 4th Continental Virginia Regiment at the place of Rendezvous near Monmouth immediately after the battle at that place.

Sworn & subscribed before me 18th Aug^t 1818.

W^m Baily x his mark

David Johnson

[p7] 07Nov1840 Union District SC, widow Mary Foster's declaration

Marriage to Joshua Foster in Jan1782.

Certification by David Johnson

Testimony by Robert Foster, present at the wedding at the residence of her father Josiah Foster in Charlotte County VA. That Joshua Foster dies about January 1829.

Testimony by Isaac J Foster as to Joshua and Mary Foster living as husband and wife.

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South Carolina

Union District

Before me David Johnson one of the said state personally appeared William Bailey of the said District deposed that he is now near ninety two years of age. That he was a soldier of the Virginia line in the Army of the Revolution and became acquainted with Joshua Foster the late husband of the declarant Mary Foster at Fort Montgomery on the North River where the army was encamped. That the said Joshua Foster was then a soldier on the Virginia line

[p9] but to what regiment or battalion he belonged or who were the officers under which he served, deponent don't now recollect. That previous to the storming of Stony Point the said Joshua Foster and deponent were detached to reinforce the Light Infantry and were both in that engagement. That the said Joshua Foster & deponent fought in the battles of Germantown Monmouth Brandywine. Deponent has often heard the said Joshua Foster say & he believes that he had served in the army of the Revolution for about the term of seven years and that he was a soldier in the army at Charleston South Carolina when that place was surrendered. Deponent was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Little York and from conversations with the said Joshua Foster after that event he is truly satisfied that he also was a soldier and served with the army on these occasions.

William Bailey x his mark

Sworn & subscribed

7th Nov. 1840

David Johnson

[supporting statement by William Palmer before Chancellor David Johnson

Certification by James Rogers, clerk]

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Joshua Foster of Pacolet River in District of Union in the State of South Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until the fall of Charleston on the 12th day of May and remained a prisoner until the seventh day of May ensuing at which time I escaped from the British at which period I was a sergeant in Capt. Beal's Company in the 4th Virginia Detachment after

escaping from the British & fought under Capt. Speith on my way north of it from the number of _____ and they _____ distance I had to travel. It was not in my power to reach the army at Little York until after the fall of Cornwallis. I further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this 14th day of November 1828

Joshua Foster

[certification by
Allen Fortez (?) JP
Wm Garrett}