

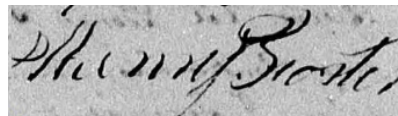
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Foster W25586 Esther Foster VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky } Sct
Nicholas County }

On this 25th day of November personally appeared before the Justices of the Nicholas County Court Henry Foster a resident of Nicholas County & State of Kentucky, aged 71 years the 31st day of May 1833 who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he Enlisted in the Army of the United States in the latter part of the year 1779 with Capt. Benjamin Roberts [pension application S31343] & served in a corpse of two companies Virginia line (he thinks) under the following named officers, Col. George Slaughter [W8729], who commanded said corpse of two companies. Benjamin Roberts was the captain under whom I served, & Ensign William Roberts – Mark Thomas was the capt. who commanded the other company & Nathaniel Sanders was his Ensign. There were no majors nor Lieutenans in said corpse. We continued to serve in said Corpse until Col Crocket's [sic: Joseph Crockett's] Regiment came to the falls of Ohio (now Louisville in the State of Kentucky) where we were stationed then Slaughter's corpse were attached to crockets Regiment where I continued to serve until my term of service expired.. I Enlisted for two years & served out my full term of Enlistment & was kept a short time after my term of service expired to receive my discharge, which I regularly received in January 1783 a little before the Cold Tuesday at the falls of Ohio which discharge I deposited with Col. Leslie Combs of Lexington Kentucky who now informs me he deposited it in the War Department where it still remains, and obtained a grant for a pension for me under the Law of 1818. But which I never was permitted to draw because of being possessed of too much property. When I Enlisted I resided in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County & State of Virginia near Ely's ford [Eley's Ford] on the Rappahannock river. I entered the service in Culpepper County Va. from Culpepper we went to Redstone Old Fort [at present Brownsville PA] from there we went to the falls of Ohio from there to Pickaway in the State of Ohio & was at a little battle at Pickaway [Piqua then in the territory of Ohio, 10 Nov 1782] The commanding officer at Pickaway was Gen'l. George Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] I was one of the Artillery who took charge of a six pounder under Col. Benjamin Lynn a militia Col. which was the only battle of any consequence I was in, during the two years which I served. I was in some Indian skirmishes I entered the service soon after my Enlistment which was in the latter part of the year 1779 & served under but but one term of Enlistment.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, & declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any state
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid



[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To the Executive of the State of Virginia [12 July 1844]

The memorial of Henry Foster of Nicholas County Kentucky a soldier in the Illinois Regiment of the State line of Virginia in the Army of the Revolution.

Your memorialist will respectfully represent that he was a Soldier in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Roberts in the regiment of Colonel Crocket in the Army of the Revolution, and served several years in actual service. That his service was principally rendered at the Falls of Ohio where the City of Louisville now stands in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. That when he enlisted he

was promised Land Bounty by the State of Virginia which to this day he never has received. That he has been allowed a Pension under the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 at the rate of \$80 per annum.

For the proof of his right to Bounty Land he will respectfully leave to refer to the Army Register of Virginia containing the names of the soldiers of the Illinois Regiment who became entitled to Land Bounty – as he has been informed and verily believes his name is enrolled s'd Register.

Believing it to be his right & his duty he most respectfully ask the Executive of his native Commonwealth to grant him an allowance of Land Bounty for the quantity promised to those of his rank in the said State Line by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and this he will ever pray.

Most Respectfully Your Obt Servt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Foster", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name "Most Respectfully Your Obt Servt".

NOTES:

On 2 Jan 1855 Esther Foster, 58, applied for a pension stating that as Esther Whittington she married Henry Foster in 1819, and he died on 25 Jan 1849. On an application for bounty land dated 2 June 1855 Esther Foster was said to be 59, and the year of her marriage was said to be 1812. An undated letter in the file states that Esther Foster “has one daughter who is a lunatic, and affiant is very old, and since the lunacy of her daughter her own recollection is bad.”

The file includes copies of the will of Henry Foster dated 21 Jan 1849 with the following provisions: “It is my will, and I hereby bequeath & devise to my wife Easter, and her female children, to wit, Sarah, Patsy, Catharine and Margaret, and her son George, all my lands slaves and personal property for and during the period of fifteen years from the time of my death... however, that Lavina Brown and her husband, and James Foster have the use and enjoyment of the farm on which they live for the aforesaid period of 15 years... that my son Volney Foster have the use and enjoyment of the farm on which he resides for the said term of 15 years... that one hundred Dollars be applied by my Executrix [Esther Foster] to the schooling and education of my son Henry Foster and that his Brother Jackson Foster have fifty acres of land laid off to him... that at the end of fifteen years from the time of my death, my property herein before bequeathed and devised to my said wife Ester and her children shall go to her and her said children, Lavina Brown, James & Volney Foster, George Foster, Sarah Foster, Patsy Foster, Catharine Foster & Margaret Foster forever. Having made provisions for my older Children, it is not my wish that they shall have any thing more of my estate.”