

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Elias Fisher W26789

Sarah Fisher

VA

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State of Kentucky } SS

Mercer County }

On this 7th day of October AD. 1833 personally appeared before me Richard Huff one of the Judges of the Mercer County Court Elias Fisher a resident of Mercer County and State of Kentucky 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 June 7 1832

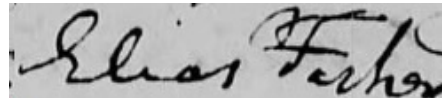
That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated That in July 1777 he was drafted in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] state of Virginia in Captain Henry Hill Company and joined the Regiment commanded by Col. Ephraim Rucker and marched without delay to Lancaster In Pennsylvania where we were stationed some time from thence we marched to McCallister's town and joined the army under the command of General Washington above Germantown where we were stationed for some time. The British then Occupied Philladelphia [sic: Philadelphia] the winter came on and we marched back to the state of Virginia and was honorably discharged having served a full Tour of six months (and often have I marched bare footed untill my feet would bleed depend upon it this was a hard time for us)

In the year 1778 in the fall of the year he was drafted as a guard in Captain Fisher Rice's Company for a Tour of three months as well as he recollects and was appointed orderly sergeant of the company and marched to the Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] Barracks where we were stationed untill we were discharged having served three months, and returned home, and in the fall of the year 1779 he removed to the now state of Kentucky and in the year 1782 he served a tour agst. the Indians of two months he thinks under Col Madison during which time we were stationed at McGary's and Meaux's station [Col. Hugh McGary's Station near Braxton and John Meaux's Station about 2 mi S of Salvisa] And in the year 1783 he was appointed an Indian Spie by Colonel Benjamin Logan and went up to the head of the Kentucky River and continued to spie in that direction for upwards of one month, and returned home, and in the same year 1783 The Indians having killed old Mrs Harbison and old Mr. Ewing I was again appointed a Spie and went to Harbisons Station where I continued to act as a Spie for upwards of one year and was discharged from that Duty. Major Thomas Lillard and myself acted as Spies together, he is fully convinced that he served nine months against the British and fully fifteen months agst the Indians in this Country to the best of his knowledge he served in all upwards of two years.

He farther states that he has no documentary evidence of his service he rec'd regular discharges for all the Tours of duty he served but he took no care of them but solemnly swears that he served as set forth in his declaration

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year afs'd. I also state that it inconvenient for me to attend court



[Certified by Benjamin Fisher, aged 66.]

NOTE: On 5 May 1853 Sarah Fisher, 75, of Buchanan County MO, applied for a pension stating that she married Elias Fisher in Mercer County on 18 Aug 1808, and he died in Boyle County KY on 23 March 1845. The file includes a copy of a record of the marriage of Elias Fisher and Sally Cosby by Rev. Randolph Hanon.

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[p2] Kentucky certificate 25159
Elias Fisher of Mercer County
Private under Captain Hill, Col Rucker in Virginia
8 months private
3 months sergeant
Issued 02Dec1933@ \$41.66/annum

[p3] Missouri certificate 2427
Sarah Fisher, widow of Elias Fisher
Issued 13Oct1853

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That he entered the service of this United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in July 1777 he was drafted in the County of Culpeper, State of Virginia, in Captain Henry Hill's company and marched without delay to Lancaster in Pennsylvania where we were stationed some time. From thence we marched to old Castleton Town and joined the army under the command of General Washington above Germantown where we were stationed for some time. The British then occupied Philadelphia. The winter came on and we marched back to the state of Virginia and was honorably discharged having served a full tour of six months. (and often have I marched bare footed until my feet would bleed depend upon it this was a hard time for us)

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Elias Fisher

[supporting statements and certification

Benjamin Fisher, neighbor

John Rice, clergy

Thomas Wood, neighbor

Richard Huff, JP

Thomas Allen, clerk

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Buchanan County Missouri documents of 1853 showing
death of Elias Fisher 23Mar1845 in Boyle County Kentucky
marriage of Elias Fisher to Sarah Cosby in Mercer County KY in 1808
claim of Sarah Cosby Fisher to widow's pension
Hiram Rogers, BCJP
Milton H Wash [Nash?] clerk of Buchanan County

[p12] Pension department adds that Elias Fisher's first tour was under Colonel Ephraim Rucker. Whereas that detail was not part of Fisher's deposition, they had another source, probably records of Captain Hill's company.

[p23] A May 1846 letter indicating that the pension office had refused copies of the Fisher file and Joshua F Bell justified a request for the information in regard to a contested will in Boyle County KY.