

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Valentine Fantress (Fantress) W3008 Sarah Fantress VA  
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Commonwealth of Ky

Breckenridge County Sct [19 Jul 1819]

Valentine Fantress states & declares that some time in the year 1777 in the state of Virginia in the County of Albemarle he enlisted in the continental line under the command of Capt Windsor Brown in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col Gipson [sic: George Gibson] to serve during the term of three years that he continued to the full end of said term in the service as a private & was discharged by said Coloneal at Alexander [sic] Virginia that he has lost his discharge and knows of no person in Kentucky by whom he can prove his services and that from his reduced circumstances & old age he needs the assistance of his country for support & that he now resides in Breckenridge County Kentucky  
Valentine hisXmark Fantress

State of Kentucky Breckenridge County SS

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Breckenridge County Court being a court of record (in open Court) Valentine Fantress a resident in the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy two years the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Sept. next 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March with Loutenant George Thompson in Capt Windsor Brown's Company and served in Col. George Gibsons Regiment (1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment) under the following named officers. The company was comanded by Capt Windsor Brown Major Samuel Cavel [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell] was the brigade Major, the regiment by Col. George Gibson, in Gen'l. Muhlenburg's [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] brigade, in Gen'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] division, that he served three years lacking one month, was discharged at Alexandria in Virginia on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1780 – When he entered the service he resided in Albemarl [sic: Albemarle] County Virginia. He was at the taking of a fort call'd. Paulers Hook [sic: Paulus Hook NJ, 19 Aug 1779], was near when the battle of Monmoth [sic: Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778] was faught but was sick – he was in no other General engagement but several skirmishes. The army to which he belonged marched through Pensylvania, New York, Virginia, New Jersey & Deleware & some other Northern States

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declairs that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year afs'd. Valentine hisXmark Fantress

NOTE:

On 10 Jan 1840 Sally Fantress, 80, applied for a pension stating that she was married to Valentine Fantress in Aug or Sep 1780 in Albemarle County by an Episcopal parson named Murry, and her husband died on 3 March 1835. She added: "She does not say her husband done no service after their marriage for he was drafted for the term of three months in the fall of seventeen hundred and eighty one and marched with the company for the purpose of assisting in taking Lord Cornwallis, and was gone thirty six days in service." She also stated that their oldest child, John, "was three weeks old when her husband marched on his last tour of duty her next oldest Child Samuel was about two years and a day younger than John the next oldest is Pleasant he was about two years and a half younger than Samuel and so continued the rest of the Children being about two years and a half between their births." She also stated that she left Virginia more than 34 years previously.

Her statement was certified by Pleasant Tucker, 37, a son-in-law. He estimated the ages of the oldest four children as John 58, Samuel 55 or 56, Pleasant 53, and Betsy Butler at least 50, and that of the

youngest, his wife Patsey, as 36. Her statement was also supported by her fifth child, William Fentress (as he signed), of Grayson County KY.

On 4 Jan 1845 Sarah Fentress reapplied for a pension after her previous one ended, stating that her name before marriage was Sarah Hogg, and she was married to Valentine Fentress “after he quit the service,” in the summer of 1783, and that he died on 2 March 1835. This statement was certified by Valentine Fentress, Jr. and his wife, Elisbeth Fentress, (as each signed).

On 19 Oct 1848 Sarah Fentress was said to be 90.