

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathan Formby W3794 Tabitha Formby VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 17 Feb 2014.

State of Georgia } Ss}

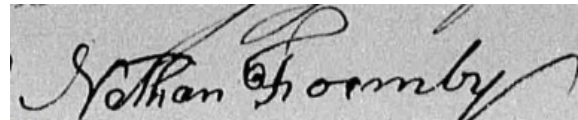
County of Walton } On this nineteenth day of November Eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Honourable Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid the same being a Court of Record Nathan Fomby a resident of the County of Walton in said State of Georgia aged seventy two years the 22^d of August Last 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, 1832. That he enlisted in the militia or state troops of Virginia from Chesterfield County in the year 1776 under Captain Roberson [probably Robertson] in the month of September in the following manner the militia of Chesterfield County Virginia was divided into Ten Class & this deponant drew No 2. In Sept Nos. 1 & 2 was called into service this deponant further states that he served under Capt Rolinson the other Inferior officers not recollected we marched from Chesterfield County Courthouse across James river at the hundred [probably Bermuda Hundred] from thence to Old Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] to guard the State house (after Governor Dunmor left his seat & deserted Virginia [Lord Dunmore, fled to HMS *Fowey*, 8 Jun 1776] & the sea port Towns this deponant seved six or seven weeks.

And this deponant further states that in the Spring of 1777 his Father moved from Chesterfield into Hallifax [sic: Halifax] County in said State one hundred & thirty miles above Petersburg & in the summer of the same year there was a call for men from Hallifax Capt Peter Rogers turned out a volunteer & beat up for volunteers who would turn out volunteers for three months – this deponant further declares that he volunteered under Captain Peter Rogers – Joseph Gill 1 Lieutenant George Wily 2 Lieutenant. the others not recollected – we marched from Hallifax Court hous to Petersburg from thence to Williamsburg from thence to Hampton there we took water across hamton road [sic: Hampton Roads] to Portsmouth and stationed there until discharged some time in November in the year 1777 Then in the year 1778 there was a law made in the state of Virginia that the militia who was subject to militia duty was classed in classes of twenty five men & they were to furnish a man or draw and see who should go and serve eighteen months in the regular Continental Service. the class in which this deponant fell made up a small bounty & this deponant enlisted for the term of eighteen months in February 1779 – and this deponant met in rendezvous at Petersburg sometime in April & when the new levys wer organised into regiments I this deponant served in Col Richard Parker’s Regiment the first regiment of the ney Levys. Captain Benjamin Taliaferro’s Company General Scotts [Charles Scott’s] Brigade L. Colonel R. Hopkin [sic: Samuel Hopkins] Major Richard Cluff Anderson [sic: Richard Clough Anderson]. Thomas Parker adjutant Benjamin Taliaferro Captain Samuel Selden and Beverly Stubblefield Lieutenants. This deponant Nathan Formby William Willis Peter Largran James Sanders Sergeants. some time in first of the summer we were called off to the South and we marched from Petersburg and crossed roanoak at Tailors Ferry [sic: Roanoke River at Taylor’s Ferry, S of present Boydton VA] I went on through Salisbury [NC] & through Camden [SC] and on to Augusta in Georgia we then reconoitred in the lower part of Georgia until the French army [French army and navy with Southern Army under Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779] beseiged Savannah and we then marched to Savannah where we arrived some time in September and the seige continued for some weeks & on the 9th of October we made an attempt to take the place by storm and in that attempt this deponant received a ball in his right shoulder which shattered his shoulder blade verry badly. this deponant still Sergeant was then sent on to Charlestown by water and about Christmas this deponant was carried into Augusta [GA] where this deponents regiment had taken up winter quarters some time in the last of February or first of March the regiment was called down to Charlestown some of the men were sick and they were left behind & this deponant was acting as Sergeant in the regiment & in consequence of of his wounds this deponant was

left with them and some time in May [12th] 1780 Charleston was taken by the enemy & this deponant heard that Col Parker was killed and the regiment taken prisoners. this deponant then stated on to Virginia and joined Col William Davis's [sic: William Davies's] regiment at Chesterfield Courthouse and when this deponant had served his full time he was discharged at that place this deponant then got home some time before Christmas and In February 1781 Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis] chased General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] across South & North Carolina to dan river. this deponant then turned out to guard the river to prevent Corn Wallis from crossing. and the enemy turned back [14 Feb] and Green left his baggage & recrossed the river and followed them back to Guilford Courthouse. at that time there was a call from Halifax County for men to join Genral Green Captain James Turner and Capt Edmond King's Companys went on and joined Genral Green at the seige of 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and this deponant further states that he served in Captain James Turners Company as a substitute in the place of William Waddle. I still sergeant from Halifax County Virginia Major Rose commanded. the other officers not recollected at this time And this deponant further states that he served as Sergeant in Captain Turners Company near four months – besides his eighteen months service as the same in Capt Taliaferros Company. Tis deponant further states that after the seige at 96 we retreated over broad river at the Fishdam ford [E of Carlisle SC] – apart of the militia such as active men were taken out & left at the fish dam ford (to prevent the enemy from crossing the river) under the command of Henry Lee. And this deponant further declares that he served as quarter master sergeant under Col Lee about One month until Gen Green got reinforced This deponant was then sent on to Camden with the prisoners & the sick – from thence Col Lee went on and met General Green at Utau Springs when they commenced the Battle [sic: Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] & this deponant was then sent on to Charlotte town Mclinburg [sic: Mecklenburg] Court house by Major Rose with the sick about the time of the battle at at Eutau Springs. This deponant after the battle at the Eutau Springs when the melitia was discharged and rendered no further service until peace was made

And this deponant further declares that he has no documentary evidence by which to establish his service but he has the marks in the flesh And this deponan further declares that the Certificate of Captain Taliaferro with whom this deponant served 18 months – also Alexander Lintens Certificate of the degree of disability – were sent to the War department by Col Lumpkin & deponant was told by Col Lumpkin that his name was found in the department – but he received no answer from the said department as this deponant understood – that the reason why he was not answered was that he did not have the signature of the Judge of the Suprem Court. This deponant further states that he served in all the term of 25 or 26 months

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 Any agency in any state – this deponant also declares that when he went in to Service the first time he lived in Chesterfield County virginia & that when he entered the last three tours he resided in Halifax County Virginia Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

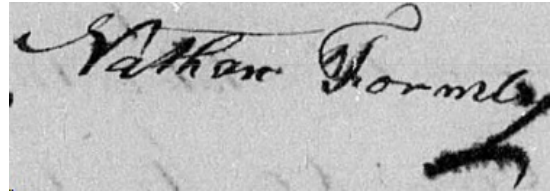
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nathan Formby". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

State of Georgia Walton County. on this Seventh day of October Eighteen hundred and Thirty three personally appeared before the Superior Court of said County and State Nathan Formby a resident of Walton County and State aforesaid aged Seventy three years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the provissions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 under the following named Officers to wit. entered the service in the State of Virginia in the month of February 1779 under the Command of Col Richard Parker, Lieutenant Richard Hopkins, Majr. Richard Clough Anderson Major Thomas Parker Adjutant, Captain Benjamin Tolliver [sic], Luetenant Beverley Stubblefield, 2nd Lieutenant Samuel Seldon. rendesvoused at Petersburg State of Virginia some time in

April 1779. marched from Petersburg some time in June of the same year to the South through North and South Carolina passing through Salisbury, Camden to Augusta in Georgia from thence marched to the seige at Savannah in September and on the 9th October attempted to storm the enemys work and was defeated and received a severe wound in my right shoulder, was put aboard of a vessel and was sent to Charleston to the Hospital after staying there near two months I joined my Company again some time near Christmas at Augusta Geo again about the last of February 1780 the Regiment was ordered to Charleston. I was left in charge of the disabled and sick at Augusta as a Seargent untill some time about the first of June left Augusta and went on an joined Col. Davis Regiment at Chesterfield Courthouse in Virginia and there received a discharge from Col. William Davis some time in August 1780.

Comprising the full term of Eighteen months. I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nathan Formby". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Georgia Walton County. On this Seventh day of October 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Superior Court now sitting Nathan Formby a resident of the County of Walton and State aforesaid 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 the 7th 1832. that he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated; in the month of September 1776 entered the service of the United States in the Millitia of the State of Virginia under Captain Robertson in Chesterfield County and marched to Old Williamsburgh Courthouse the then seat of Government to guard the State house Was then discharged after a service of not less then one month. 2nd term of Service in the Millitia entered the service again in the month of July 1777 as a volunteer under Captain Peter Rogers. 1 Lieutenant Joseph Gill 2^d Lieutenant George Wiley rendezvoused at Halifax Courthouse State of Virginia and marched through Petersburg & Old Williamsburgh to Hampton near the mouth of James River from thence crossed Hampton roads to Portsmouth and was there discharged after a term of three months service 3rd term of Service entered the Service of the United States in the millitia of the State of Virginia in 1781 as a substitute for a man by the name of William Waddle rendezvoused on the 10th day of May of 1781 as near as I can recollect near Dix's Ferry [1 mi W of present Delila VA] near the edge of North Carolina there the Pitsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania] Millitia and Halifax Millitia was consolidated and I was attached to James Turners Company William Watkins Lieutenant and was appointed a Seargent; the whole detachment under the command of Col. Robert Williams who marched us to Salisbury in North Carolina, Maj'r Rose was sent to take command of the detachment and marched us to join General Greene who was then on his march to Ninety Six in South Carolina; and there joined him on the 25th of May 1781 and was there untill the siege, after the siege we marched with Gen'l. Greene across Fishdam foard on Broad river, was there detailed to Co Lees Infantry [infantry belonging to Henry Lee's Legion] and we recrossed Broad River after the British had left the pursuit of Greenes Army; and marched down between Saluda & Broad river, reconoitring there untill Col. Lee was ordered by General Greene to march and join him on his way to the Eutaw Springs. I was detached to guard two forges and two tory prisoners to Camden and there joined Maj'r. Rose and a part of the company from which I had been detached. then was detached with some sick men to Charlotte town Meclenburgh Courthouse North Carolina and was there discharged this term comprised a service of three months. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the

agency of any State, and that I have no documentary evidence, nor know of any living testimony by which I can establish my claim

Question by the Court

1 Question Where and what year were you born

Answer I was born in Powhatton [sic: Powhatan] County State of Virginia in the year 1760.

2nd Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer I have not the record of my age but have seen my fathers family record

3rd Question where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you know live

Answer When I first was called into service I lived in Chesterfield County State of Virginia Since the Revolutionary war I have resided in Oglethorpe and Morgan County Georgia and now reside in the County of Walton.

4 Question How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom

Answer I have already answered this question in the foregoing declaration, by substituting, volunteering, &c.

Question 5th State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Millitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

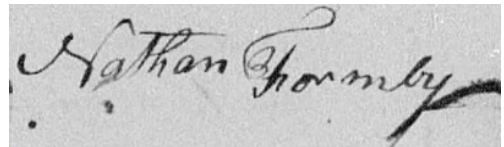
Answer General Greene Col Henry Lee Major Rose General Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] & others, the general circumstances of my service is detailed in the foregoing declaration

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it granted, and what has become of it

Answer I never received any written discharge for any millitia service agreeable to my best recollection If I ever did they have long since been lost.

Question 7 State the name of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behaviour your service as a soldier of the revolution

Answer Miller Echols, Robert Echols & many others

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Formby". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

NOTES:

On 5 Sep 1833 John Wilson (pension application R21437) of Greene County GA certified Formby's service.

On 4 Sep 1843 Tabitha Formby, 81, of Troupe County GA, applied for a pension stating that she married Nathan Formby in Halifax County on 23 Jan 1783, and he died in Walton County on 18 Aug 1833. (But note Formby's declaration signed on 7 Oct 1833.) She stated that the family record transcribed below was in the handwriting of her husband, as certified by Israel Moore and Mathew B. Formby.

Nathan Formby Seneer was born august 22 in the year of our Lord 1760 and on
Tabitha Formby his wife was Born in september 6th 1764
and we was Married on the 23^d of January 1783

This is the age of all my Living Children
poley Formby was bor July 18th 1784
Founting Formby was born September 23 1786
Obadiah Formby was born March 8th 1789

Sally A Formby was born Janaary the 8th 1791
Betssey E Formby was born November the 12th 1792
Frances W Formby was born october the 19th 1794
Moses Formby was born November 30th 1796
Lusey Formby was born Janaary the 6th 1799
Mathew B Formby was born Janaary 3^d 1801
Prudence Formby was born Janaary 25th 180[last digit illegible]
Aron Formby was born Janaary the 4 1805
Nathan Formby was born February the 26th 1807
Moses[?] Paulania Formby was born October 4th 1837

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Formby Nathan

VA
(Tabitha)

W3794

Transcription by FA Weyler

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[p2] Georgia certificate 16.995
Nathan Formby of Walton County
Private under Col Parker 2 years
Issued 23Oct1832 @ \$80/annum

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The declaration of a Nathan Formby a revolutionary soldier in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of Georgia

County of Walton

On this nineteenth day of November eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the honorable inferior court of the county of Walton aforesaid the same being a court of record, a Nathan Formby, a resident of the County of Walton in said state of Georgia aged seventy two years the 22d of August last. 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 7.1832. That he enlisted in the militia in state troops of Virginia from Chesterfield County in the year 1776 under Captain Robinson in the month of September in the following manner. The militia of Chesterfield County Virginia was divided into ten class & this deponent under drew No 2. In Sept No 1 & 2 was called into service. This deponent further states that he served under Capt. Robinson, the other inferior officers not recollected. We marched from Chesterfield County Courthouse & crossed James river at the hundred point thence to Old Williamsburgh to guard the Statehouse (after Governor Dunmore left his seat & deserted Virginia) & the sea port towns. This deponent served six or seven months.

And this deponent further states that in the Spring of 1777 his father moved from Chesterfield into Halifax County in said state one hundred thirty five miles above Petersburg. In the summer of the same year there was a call for men from Halifax. Capt. Peter Rogers turned out a volunteer beat up for volunteers who would turn out volunteers for three months. This deponent further declares

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That he volunteered under Captain Peter Rogers, Joseph Gill 1 Lieutenant, George Wily 2 Lieutenant, the others not recollected. We marched from Halifax Court house to Petersburg, from thence to Williamsburg, from thence to Hampton. Then we took water across Hampton Road to Portsmouth and stationed there until discharged sometime in November in the year 1777. Then in the year 1778 there was a law made in the state of Virginia that the militia who was subject to militia duty was classes in classes of twenty five men & they were to furnish a man or draw and see who should go and serve eighteen months in the regular Continental service. The class in which this deponent fell made up a small bounty & this deponent enlisted for the term of eighteen months in February 1779. And this deponent met in rendezvous at Petersburg some time in April & when the new levy was organized into regiments & this deponent served in Col Richard Parker's regiment & first regiment after my levy's Captain Benjamin Taliafero's

company, General Scott's brigadier Colonel B Hopkins, Major Richard Glass Anderson, Thomas Parker adjutant, Benjamin Taliafero Captain, Samuel Seldon and Beverly Stubblefield lieutenants.. This deponent Nathan Formby, William Willis, Peter Lagran, James Landers Sergeants. Some time in first of the summer we were called off to the south and we marched from Petersburg and forded Roanoak [sic] at Tailor's Ferry & went on through Salisbury & through Camden and on to Augusta in Georgia. We then reconnoitered in the lower part of Georgia until the French army besieged Savannah and we then marched to Savannah where we served some time in September and the siege proceeded

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For some weeks & on the 7th of October we made an attempt to take the place by storm and in that attempt this deponent received a ball in his right shoulder which shattered his shoulder blade very badly. This deponent still Sergeant was then sent on to Charles town by water and about Christmas this deponent was carried into Augusta where this deponent's regiment had taken up winter quarters. Some time in the last of February or first of March the regiment was called down to Charles town. Some of the men were sick and they were left behind & this deponent was acting as sergeant in the regiment & in consequence of his wounds this deponent was left with them and some time in May 1780 Charles Town was taken by the enemy and this deponent heard that Col. Parker was killed and the regiment was taken prisoners. This deponent then stated on to Virginia and joined Col. William Davis's regiment at Chesterfield Court House and when this deponent had served his full time he was discharged & at that place. This deponent then got home some time before Christmas and in February 1781 Cornwallis chased General Green across South & North Carolina to Dan river. This deponent then turned out to guard the river to prevent Cornwallis from crossing and the enemy turned back and Green left his baggage & re-crossed the river and followed them back to Guilford Court house. At that time there was a call from Halifax County for men to join General Green. Captain James Turner and Capt. Edmond King's companys [sic] went on and joined General Green at the siege of 96. And this deponent further states that he served in Captain James Turner's company as a substitute in the place of William Waddle.& still sergeant from Halifax County. Virginia.

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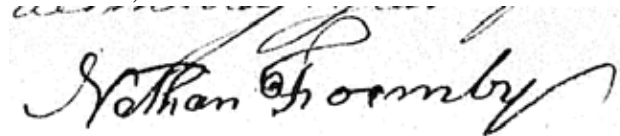
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This deponent was told by Col. Lumpkin that his name was found in the department but he received no answer from the war department.

[p7] as this deponent understood that the reason why he was not answered was that he did not have the signature of the judge of the Superior Court. This deponent further states that he served in all the term of 25 or 26 months.

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. This deponent also declares that he went into service the first time he lived in Chesterfield County Virginia & that when he entered the last three tours he resided in Halifax County Virginia. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court.

J.P.Lucas, Clk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Formby". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[routine county certification

W Whatley, judge

Egbert B Beall, judge

James Orr, judge

John P Lucas, clerk

[p8] note addressed to the Secretary of War

Write to Lumpkin to know if he does not recollect seeing his papers, to wit: a certificate from Dr. Alexander Linten of the degree of my disability & also Capt. Ben Taliafero's certificate that Formby enlisted for 18 months and that he served in his company & was discharged as a sergeant by William Davis Colonel after Taliafero was taken prisoner. & also what _____ have to believe that F. served as he stated.

[p9] 04Sep1843 Walton County, Ga.

81 year old widow Tabitha Formby declaration to apply for pension

Nathan Formby died 18Aug1833

[p19] Georgia certificate 6294

Tabitha Formby, widow of

Nathan Formby, private of the Virginia line

Issued 23Oct1844 @ \$80/annum

[p22] 16Apr1833 War Department form, synopsis of service

21 months as sgt, 3 months as private

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State of Georgia, Morgan County, personally appeared before me Fielding W Arnold, a justice of the peace for said county and state, John Wilson of the state aforesaid and county of Greene. Who after being duly sworn saith that Nathan Formby, the applicant in the foregoing declaration entered the service of the United States in the month of February 1779 in the state of Virginia under the command of Captain Benjamin Tolliver, Beverly Stubblefield 1st Lieutenant and Samuel Seldon 2nd Lieutenant, the regiment commanded by Col. Richard Parker, Lieut. Col.

Richard Hopkins, Maj. Richard Clough Anderson and that to this deponent's knowledge the said Nathan Formby served in the same company [p39] with this deponent agreeable to his declaration.

Sworn and subscribed before me
September 3rd 1833.

John Wilson x his mark

Fielding W Arnold JP

[county certification

John W Porter, deputy

Alexander K Leonard, clerk]

<http://revwarapps.org/r21437.pdf> John Wilson's file

[p46-52] 11Oct1833 Walton County Georgia

An abbreviated and more legible repeat declaration from the 1832 deposition above with county seal.

[Ed. Note:

There is no apparent cause for the War Department's appraisal of service as a *sergeant*, but the pension issued at the rate of *private*.

There is no explanation for the August 1833 date of the death of Nathan Formby stated by the justices in the 1844 declaration. The date is an obvious "typo" in that Formby made the October 1833 declaration.