

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edmund Foster W3795 Martha Foster VA
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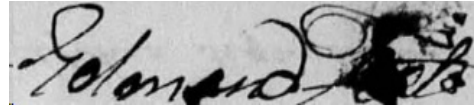
[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County [15 Jan 1819]

Edmund Foster states that he enlisted in the year 1777 with Cap'n John Marks of the 14th Regiment of Infantry of the Virginia line commanded by Coln Charles Lewis for three years which time he served. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germanton [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and at the Storming of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779]. That in the first mentioned action he received two flesh wounds, and lost the sight of his right eye while in the service by the small pox at which time he was offered a discharge but refused to accept of one. At the expiration of the three years he received his discharge in Philadelphia signed by Coln. Febecker of the Pennsylvania Line [sic: Christian Febiger of the Virginia Line]. which discharge on his return to Virginia he deposited in the Auditors office of that State since which time he has not seen or heard of it.

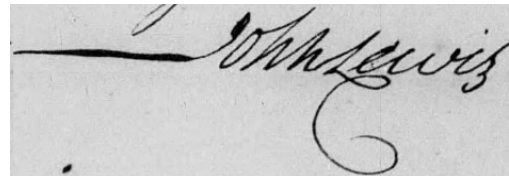
Said Foster farther states that the property he possessd has been by accident and misfortune reduced to the possession of a poor piece of land of which in his best and youthfull days he could not do more than make a support. he therefore conceives that he needs and ought to receive the assistant of his Country and prays to be placed on the pension list of the United States agreeable to the late Act of Congress.

Edmond Foster on his oath that the facts in the foregoing statement are true to the best of my knowledge & belief



State of North Carolina Rutherford County

Personally appeared before me the Subscribing Justice, John Lewis [pension application W3832] & being duly Sworn Saith that Edmund Foster did inlist in Capt'n. John Marks's Company, he believes in Feb'y. or thereabouts in the year 1777 which Company was attached to the 14th Virginia Reg't. Commanded by Colo. Charles Lewis & he the said Lewis being in the same Company & Reg't. knew that the said Foster did continue in the service until Decmber before his three years expired, at which time this deponant was detached with a part of the Virginia line to the Southward & he belives left the said Foster with the army which was then at winter quarters near Morristown New Jersey. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18th day of January 1819



County of Rutherford North Carolina ss

On this 19th day of April 1827, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county Edmon Foster resident in said county, aged about 70 years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st of May, 1820; that he the said Edmon Foster enlisted for the term of Three years in the latter end of the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by captain John Marks in the regiment commanded by colonel Charles Lewis in the line of the State of Virginia 14th Regt on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in

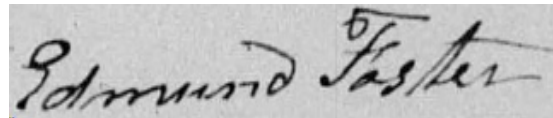
the said corps until the first of the year 1780 when he was discharged from the service, in the State of Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name has been placed on the pension list; that the number of his pension certificate is [blank] and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property, because he understood that if he possessed one hundred dollars worth of property or more, that he could not obtain a pension

And, in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That, since the 18th of March, 1818, the following changes have been made in my property. Some years back my Land was valued at one hundred dollars but property has so fallen in value that I cannot get fifty dollars for it at this time.

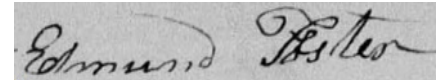
Schedule of Property owned by Edmon Foster now an applicant for a Pension

Item

100 Acres of poore land worth 50 Cents pr Acre	\$50.00
2 Cows worth \$10 each	20.00
Fowls (number not known) worth	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$75.00



Edmon Foster further states that his occupation is that of a Farmer That his Family now consists of himself his wife & four children the eldest of which is a Boy about twelve years old named Franklin, the next a girl about seven years old named Patsey and two smaller ones named Gravet & Emily That he is now infirm & incapable of supporting himself & that his infirmity is in part caused by the wounds he received at the taking of Stony point & the battle of Brandy Wine and that he is almost entirely dependent upon the industry & exertions of his wife for a support



[The following is from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do certify that Edmund Foster enlisted with me as a corporal the 13th february 1777 for three years which time he faithfully served
Jno Marks Capt [John Marks]
a copy Jno White

NOTE:

Although Foster appears to have been a Corporal, he received the pension of a Private.

On 4 July 1842 Martha Foster, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married Edmund Foster on 17 April 1784, and he died on 5 Aug 1837. John Denton (pension application S41503) certified that he had known Edmund Foster in service and had been his neighbor in Albemarle County VA afterwards. His wife, Sarah Denton, made a similar statement.

Martha Foster’s pension was initially denied because of insufficient proof of marriage. Upon inquiry in Albemarle County the Clerk certified that a license was issued on 13 Dec 1793 for the marriage of an apparently different Edmund Foster to Betsy Powers.

A letter dated 10 May 1856 inquires on behalf of “Mr. Foster” regarding a pension due his mother for the services of his father, Edmund Foster. On 12 July 1856 Polly Foster of Polk County NC assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits for the service of her father, Edmund Foster. She stated that her mother, Martha Foster, died on 18 May 1849.

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Foster Edmund

VA
(Edmond, Martha)

W3795

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[p2] North Carolina certificate 11,800
Edmund Foster of Rutherford County
Private under Captain Marks, Colonel Lewis
3 years end of 1776 to commencement of 1780
Issued 19Apr1827 @ \$8/month

[p4] North Carolina certificate 3175
Martha Foster widow of Edmund Foster
Issued 19Jan1849 @ \$80/annum

[p7]
State of North Carolina, Rutherford County
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Said Foster farther states that that the property he possessed has been by accident and misfortune reduced to the possession of a poor piece of land of which in his best and youthful days he could not do more than make a support. He therefore conceives that he needs and ought to receive the assistance of his country and prays to be placed on the pension list of the United States agreeable to the late act of Congress.

Edmond Foster on his oath that the facts in the foregoing statement are true to the best of my knowledge & belief. s/Edmond Foster

[certification by county clerk, Isaac Craton 15Jan1819
David Dickey, clerk of court of pleas and quarter sessions]

[p9]
January Term 1819
State of North Carolina, Rutherford County
Personally appeared before me the subscribing justice, John Lewis & being duly sworn saith that Edmund Foster did enlist in Captⁿ John Marks's Company, he believes in the Fall or thereabout in the year 1777 which company was attached to the 14th Virginia Reg^t commanded by Col^o Charles Lewis. & he the said Lewis being in the same company & regt knew that the said Foster did continue in the service until December before his three years expired at which time the deponent was detached with a part of the Virginia line to the Southward & he believes that left

the said Foster with the army which was then at Winter quarters near Morristown New Jersey.
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18th day of January 1819. John Lewis

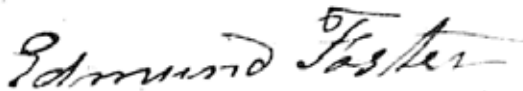
Test: Joel Cloud JP

[refer to FPA W3832-John Lewis]

The applicant requests that if any communication will be made to him by the Hon^{ble} Secretary of the War Department it may be directed to White Oak P. Office Rutherford County N. Carolina.

[p10] Schedule of property owned by Edmund Foster now an applicant for a pension

Item	
100 acres of poor land worth 50 cents per acre	\$50.00
2 cows worth \$10 each	20.00
Fowls (number not known) worth xxx	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$75.00



Sworn to & subscribed before Mo^s Logan
Chairman of the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions for
Said county now in session.

Edmond Foster further states that his occupation is that of a farmer. That his family consists of himself, his wife, & four children the eldest of which is a boy about twelve years old named Franklin the next a girl about seven years old named Patsey and two smaller ones named Gravel & Emily.

That he is now infirm & incapable of supporting himself & that his infirmity is in part caused by the wounds he received at the taking of Stony Point & the battle of Brandywine and that he

[p11] is almost entirely dependent upon the industry & exertions of his wife for a support.

s/ Edmund Foster

[routine county certification
Moses Logan, chairman of court
Isaac Craton, clerk
J.P.B. White, D.C.

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North Carolina

Rutherford County July the 4th day 1842 personally appeared before me John Denton and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration
1st That he knew the said Edmund Foster decd and that they were raised together in Albemarle County State of Virginia. Edmond Foster & myself were in the regular service together but did not belong to the same regiment. We served under General Washington & after the war was over we lived in the neighborhood together & was married near the same time & moved to Rutherford County North Carolina in the year eighteen hundred. I have been a neighbor to Edmond Foster since June seventeen hundred & eighty four till his death which was in August 1837. The said Edmond Foster was married in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia at the time named by

his widow Martha Foster. We used to have our marriages published in three times by some preacher which was the way Edmond Foster & myself was married. Edmond Foster was a pensioner at the time of his death. Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before

Robt. G Levitty JP

John Denton x his mark

Attest:

Joel Cloud

[p16

Sarah Denton deposition like her husband John to the marriage of Edmond and Martha Foster and the death of Edmond Foster.]

[p18 Deposition of widow Martha Foster 04Jul1842 Rutherford County NC.

Testified that she married Edmond Foster on 17Apr1784.]

[p20 Power of attorney by Polly Foster of Polk County NC 12Jul1856 to George C Ames of Washington DC to pursue any benefits due to heirs of Edmond Foster.]

[p22] Albemarle County marriage license for Edmond Foster to Betsy Powers 13Dec1793

[Ed note: The widow's pension was originally suspended for lack of proof of marriage. The sworn testimony of two witnesses to the marriage was not honored by the pension commission. A marriage bond for another Edmond Foster in Albemarle County to a Betsy Powers nine years after Martha and Edmond Foster were married appears to satisfy the bureaucracy though congressional inquiries and assertions did not.]