

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Fennell W3970      Margaret Fennell      f51NC

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County

On this the 7th day of September AD 1839 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Margaret Fennell they resident of New Hanover County State of North Carolina aged sixty-seven years who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of Nicholas Fennell, who was a private in a company of nine months men in the War of the revolution and served as follows, That he was balloted in or drafted in May 1778 and entered service under Captain Thomas Devane [Thomas DeVane] and rendezvoused at Duplin old Court House, and remained there until August 1778 & marched thence to Elizabeth Town and stayed about two months, thence to Drowning Creek, thence by Dorchester and Fort Moultrie to the Ten Mile House in SC where he was put under other officers, viz., in a company commanded by Captain Anthony Sharpe and attached to the fourth Regiment commanded by Colonel James Armstrong, that she believes this was about the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1778. That from the Ten Mile House he marched to Charleston and received new arms, French musket bayonet &c thence to Black Swamp and Galphin's Mills near Savannah River, thence to Stonough [Stono] old field near which was the battle of Stonough [Battle of Stono, June 20, 1779] in which he was, thence to Bull Hill and dismissed the [sic] in August 1779 & came to Fayetteville and was discharged -- that when the said Nicholas Fennell entered the service he resided in New Hanover County NC and that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said Nicholas Fennell on the twenty seventh day of March 1786, that her husband the said Nicholas Fennell died on the sixth day of January 1828; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

She further maketh oath that she has not intermarried since the death of said Nicholas Fennell but continues his widow -- that the family record hereunto annexed has been in the possession of this applicant ever since the death of her said husband and in their joint and common possession for several years previous thereto, that the same is genuine that the record of her marriage with her husband Nicholas Fennell aforesaid, together with the marriage of her daughter Elizabeth and her son George, and the births of all her children is in the hand writing of her said son George Fennell, and also the Record of her and her said husband's births that the Record of the marriage of her oath her children is in the hand writing of various persons -- and

that the record of her birth and marriage was transcribed from her Father's family Bible which has since been burnt when her brother James Robinson's house was burnt several years ago.

S/ Margaret Fennell, X her mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, and I do hereby certify that the said Margaret Fennell is infirm and in bad health and cannot from bodily infirmity attend Court -- and further that she is well known to me and that her statement is entitled to full faith and credit.

S/ Chas. Henry, JP

[family record] Births

Nicholas Fennell was born for word the 15th day 1762

Margaret Fennell was born January 13th day 1772

Elizabeth Fennell was born April 27th, 1788

George Fennell was born March 22nd, 1790

James Fennell was born July 26th, 1792

Tabitha Fennell was born January 29th, 1799

Margaret Ann Fennell was born July 1st day 1801

Owen Fennell was born October 30th, 1803

Mary Jane Fennell was born January 13th, 1806

Nicholas Fennell was born April 8th, 1808

John Milton Fennell was born December 2nd 1810

Ann Eliza Fennell was born May the 19th 1813

Marriages

Nicholas Fennell and Margaret Robinson were married March 27th, 1786

Elizabeth Fennell Daughter of the above persons was married to Thomas Boykin May 10th 1805

George Fennell and Elizabeth Bryan were married the 26th January 1815

James Fennell and Ann Bennerman were married 13th November 1819

Owen Fennell and Elizabeth Herring were married April 8th, 1824

Amos Herring and Mary J. Fennell were married the March 3rd, 1825

[very faint entry] Thomas M. Lee and Tabitha Fennell were married 27<sup>th</sup> [?] October [?] 1825

Nicholas Fennell and Julia Ann Moseley were married 28<sup>th</sup> April 1831

Thomas Devane and Eliza Ann Fennell were married the 20th December 1832

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State of North Carolina Sampson County

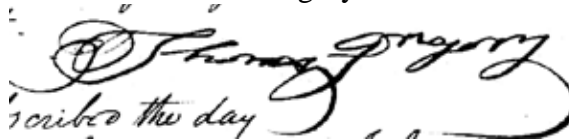
On this the 31st day of August A.D. 1839 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Thomas Gregory<sup>1</sup> a resident of said County of Sampson aged eighty-nine last January who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he was well acquainted with Nicholas Fennell the husband of Margaret Fennell who is an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, that he first saw said Nicholas Fennell in service in the War of the Revolution at Duplin Old Court House, that we rendezvoused there in August he believes in the year 1778, he knows it was the year before the battles of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] & Stoney Point [sic, more likely an attempt to refer to Stono], that he was in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Devane, that four companies of nine months men met there viz. one from Onslow, one from New Hanover, one from Bladen & one from Duplin County, that said Ferrell was in the company from New Hanover County, that said companies

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Gregory S41589](#)

were under the command of Major Robert Raiford, that they marched from Duplin Old Court House to Elizabeth Town, that we remained at Elizabeth Town about two months and marched thence to Drowning Creek, thence by Dorchester and Fort Moultrie to the Ten Mile house in SC being ten miles from Charleston, that at the Ten Mile house some of our officers left & we were put under others and this affiant was put under Captain Anthony Sharpe & believes that said Nicholas Fennell was in the same company, though not positively certain, and we were in the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel James Armstrong that from the Ten Mile house we marched to Charleston and received new arms (French Muskets & bayonets &c) thence to Black Swamp & Galphin's Mills near Savannah River, thence to Stonough Old field near where we had the battle of Stonough [Stono] or Stoney Point the 20th of June, thence to Bull Hill & dismissed the 10th of August, & came to Fayetteville NC and received our discharges from Colonel William Thaxton [William Paxton or James Thackston?], that at the expiration of our nine months service we were not discharged because of the absolute necessity of our continuing -- that these nine months men were balloted in in May (he believes in 1778), & would meet every fortnight & exercise, but actual service did not commence until August of that year and continued till August of the next; that this affiant knows of his certain knowledge that said Nicholas Fennell and two of his brothers viz. Morris Fennell & Arthur Fennell were in service as above stated -- that we were not in the battle of Briar Creek but were on this side of Savannah River and could distinctly hear the firing, but were in the battle at Stoney Point.<sup>2</sup>

S/ Thomas Gregory



*Thomas Gregory*  
witnessed the day

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me and I hereby certify that said Thomas Gregory is well known to me is a credible Witness and that his statement is entitled to full faith and credit

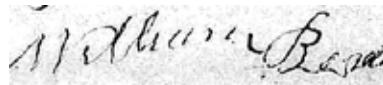
S/ Alworth King, JP

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North Carolina Bladen County

Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, William Bevan<sup>3</sup> and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith as follows to Wit. That he was well acquainted with Nicholas Fennel who was a soldier in the revolutionary War, that he saw said Fennel at Duplin old Court House NC serving under Captain Thomas Devane in a nine months tour (the year not recollected) that said Fennel marched from Duplin old Court house to Elizabeth town in Bladen County NC And he further saith that he served with said Fennel during the summer and left him at said Elizabeth town still in the service in General Ashe's [John Ashe's] Army.

S/ William Bevan



*William Bevan*

Sworn to before me this 9th day of March 1839 and I hereby certify that William Bevan is a

<sup>2</sup> The Battle of Stono occurred on June 20, 1779 and is very likely the battle to which this affiant is referring when he says "Stoney Point" and/or "Stonough." <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

<sup>3</sup> [William Bevan S6600](#)

credible witness

Test: S/ G. W. Bannerman, JP

[p 42, Bashaba Parker, 67, testifies on August 26, 1839, in Sampson County, NC, that she was present when Nicholas Fennell and Margaret Robinson were married in her father's house, her father being Jonathan Parker, a JP. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Morris Fennell<sup>4</sup> and Arthur Fennell, brothers of the veteran, both served in the Revolution.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>4</sup> FPA W7257