

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Flemming (Fleming) W3974 Elizabeth Fleming f23NC
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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County

Personally appeared before me Wright Barnes a Justice of the Peace Mrs. Elizabeth Flemming a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838, and such other Acts as have been passed by Congress for the benefit of the widows of deceased Revolutionary Officers privates &c -- That she was 85 years old the 10th day of November last -- that she is the widow of Charles Flemming, and was married to the said Charles, and the month of April in the year 1783, and that her husband the said Charles was in the War of the Revolution, and served as a private three months in Tarboro Edgecombe County, North Carolina and that he was then marched to South Carolina, and served six months more, under Captain William Wartes [William Wartis] -- He was a part of the time whilst there commanded by General Gates [Horatio Gates] and General Greene [Nathanael Greene] in 1780, and was stationed at Camden and other places -- all of which she remembers to have heard from her husband aforesaid and from other old persons -- that when she and her said husband were married, they were residents of the County and State aforesaid, and that they were married at the House of Limmin [sic, Lemon?] Ruffin a justice of the peace, and by him, and that the said Lemmon Ruffin is now dead -- that she does not know of any Bible which contains a record of their Marriage -- that her husband the said Charles never received a pension -- that she and her husband aforesaid, and children lived together up to the time of his death which took place in the aforesaid County about the last of September 1831, according to her memory at present, and that since his death she has been and still remains his widow. She further swears that her husband, the aforesaid Charles, turned out as a volunteer with several others in the Revolution and she has understood and believes that he was at General Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].

S/ Elizabeth Flemming, X her mark

Sworn to and Subscribed this the 20th day of February A.D. 1850 before me one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of Edgecombe and State of North Carolina and I further certify that Mrs. Elizabeth Flemings [sic] widow is unable to attend Court from bodily infirmity and that she is worthy of belief.

S/ Wright Barnes, JP

[p 7: On March 18, 1850 in Edgecombe County North Carolina, John Garrett, 58 gave a supporting affidavit as to Elizabeth and Charles Flemming living together as man and wife in his

neighborhood; that they had several children whose names were William (now deceased having died about 1 year ago and who was at least 55 and not over 60), Thomas (younger than William), Benjamin (who is upward of 50), Jesse & Mary Flemming (now a widow of Eason Page and the youngest of the Flemmings' children, she and Benjamin being their youngest children); that the Flemmings had a child before William but it died in infancy.]

[p 17, copy of last will and testament of Charles Fleming [sic] in which he names his beloved wife Elizabeth Flemming as his sole beneficiary and executor along with his friend William Drake. The will is dated November 27, 1824]

[p 19, Winnifred Jackson, 82, also gave a supporting affidavit as to the marriage of Elizabeth and Charles Flemming which according to the affiant occurred sometime in the year 1783. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County

Be it known that on the 12th day of December 1848 personally appeared before me John F. Hughes a Justice in and for said County and State Elijah Owens of the said County & State aged 85 years in February next who having first been duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Statement -- That he was well acquainted with Charles Fleming and that he the said Fleming did serve in the Revolutionary War in actual Service nine months he the said Fleming turned out a volunteer in Edgecombe County NC and was stationed at Tarborough three months and then was carried to South Carolina and there served six months, under Captain William Wartis and a part of the time under General Gates and a part under General Greene in the year 1780 and was stationed at Camden and other places.

Test: S/ J. F. Hughes

S/ Elijah Owens, X his mark

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Raleigh North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I William F Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the name of Charles Fleming appears of record in this office as having had a specie certificate issued in his favor for Military Services for three Pounds fifteen Shillings (£3.15), See Book No. 4, page 34. . Given under my hand and seal this 1 day of August A.D. 1845.

S/ Wm F. Collins Compt.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]