

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

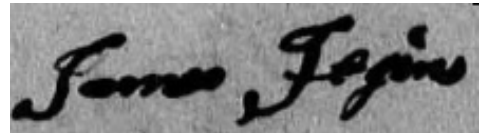
Pension Application of James Figgins (Figgins) W4952 Mary Figgins VA
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I James Figgins, aged 66 years the 23rd of July last, of Columbiana county in the state of Ohio, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the continental line of the army of the revolution, for and during the War, (in the month of sept. 1780;) and continued in its service until its termination. I was recruited at Westmoreland county, Va. by an officer or soldier by the name of Smith, from which place I, (and 17 others,) marched to Richmond, on James River, headed by Geo. Gardner [George Gardner], then an officer, (say Lieut.) of the Militia. From Richmond I went to Chesterfield courthouse about 15 miles S. W. of Richmond. At this place I joined and was enrolled in the comp'y. commanded by Capt. Scott; Scott's company being then under the command of an officer commonly called Col. Hawes [Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450]. In this company I continued to serve till about the month of February 1781, when Baron Steuben came to Chesterfield and took command of the Reg't. Brigade, or whatever it was. On the day upon which the Baron took comand he called on & took me to his quarters about a mile N.E. of Richmond. Upon my compliance the General informed me that I must stay by his person, as one of his assistants, waiters or guards. In this capacity I served obeying the commands of the said Steuben, till the surrender of York, Va. on the 19 Oct. 1781. From this till the time of my discharge in July 1783, I still continued in service under the following officers: Under Col. Freebecker or Feebecker [sic: Christian Febiger VAS675], (Cap. Lovely [William L. Lovely BLWt1302-300]) till Oct. 1782; at this time I was marched four miles North of where the British prisoners lay and was there attached to a company of Regulars commanded by Capt. Steel (Archibald Campbell being Liet. in said comp'y. This was part of a corps commanded by an officer usually called "Gen'l. Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg VAS1495-850];" in it I served till discharged in 1783, being at the time of my discharge a private in said Capt. Steel's company.

And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars, to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778. And I further declare that I was not, on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this eighth day of February, eighteen hundred and thirty.

Attest, W. D. Ewing



Note: The most convenient Branch Bank is at Pittsburgh, Pa. The most convenient Post Office is at New Lisbon, Ohio, where communication may be sent to W. D. Ewing my att'y.

[From other letters in the file, the following appears to have been written by George Green.]

I Mary figgins Remarks that George Green Has Came my way and seems to Have a Disposition to Do Business for soldiers Widows & orphans therefore I allow Him to be my Lawfull attorney to do My Business with all the Virtues of the Laws of the united states with you Congress & War Department therefore I allow Him to Have all privileges to Have access to all the Records you Have in your possession in my favour or my Husbands James figgins who served in the Revolution War against old England Now therefore I Remark and Can solely swear and affirm on my Deposition that I was Lawfully Married to James figgins a prodistant Minister By the Name of Smith His given Name my old mind Now Cant Remember but it was where we got Married Was in Westmoreland County in the state of Virginia Near the salt Waters on the west side of potomack But what Month or year now my old mind Cant Remember but not Long after the Revolution War was over for in the same County where we got Married I Had Eight

Lawfull Children to Him & then we moved to Columbiana County where I Had another Child to Him & in this County we Lived upwards of thirty years where he Dyed on the twenty third Day of September in the year of Eighteen Hundred and forty four Now I am going to Remark you Congress & war Department gave my Husband a pension for His services in the Revolution War with Great Britain I think fourteen or fifteen years & I think he got his Last pay about the fourth of September Last, now I am going to Remark in that Embarrassed situation of things in Virginia shortly after the Revolution I Don't know that it was Customary for people when they got Married to git a Certificate from the minister so we got none & my Husband not being much of a Scholar I Don't know that he sot Down our Marriage in our Bible and as I am now Between Eighty & Ninety years of Age and my Lawfull Husband Was Nearly Ninety years of age when I Buried Him or was buried in Columbiana County state of ohio Now if I Cant prove my marriage No Neaver then above Describd you may Rest assured we was Lawfully Married and as other Widows who was Married to Revolution soldier got a Reward from Government and as I Had a Heap of trouble with Him as he said he suffered so much Hunger & sertiage[?] he was so much afflicted with the Reumatism in Laying on the Ground so much & now I am so old and afflicted myself I Begg petition & Desire you Congress to give me some Reward as a widow for my Husbands services in the Revolution war James figgins these things I Can testify and affirm on my quallification
Given under my Hand and seal this 27th Day of January AD 1845 Mary herXmark figgins
Witness present Joseph Williams Joseph Figgins

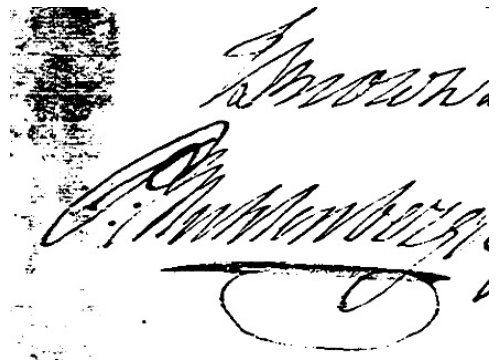
[The following ais e from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Figgins, James.]

Winchester Barracks 1st June 1783

I do Certify that James Figgins inlisted in Virg'a Continental line the 15th Sep'r 1780 for the War, and is now in Actual Service. Given Under my hand the date & place above.

J Brown Lt. 1st V.R

P. Muhlenberg BG [Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850]



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Figgins, James.]

To the Executive of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The memorial of James Figgins of Columbiana County Ohio a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the Continental Line of Virginia until the final close of the War.

Your Memorialist will respectfully represent that he was a soldier in the Continental Line of Virginia in the army of the Revolution, having enlisted as such in the year of 1780 to serve for and during the existence of the war. Did serve in Actual Service until the final Close of the War – on account of which a military Warrant No 2049 for 200 acres of land was granted me by the State of Virginia. Your memorialist has also been granted by the United States because of his enlistment in the Virginia Line “for the term of the war,” or “service until its close” a land warrant for 100 acres and has likewise been granted a Pension under the act of Congress passed the 15 May 1828 on account of his service until the close of the war, at the rate of \$80 per annum.

Your memorialist was promised by his native Commonwealth the quantity of 300 acres of land because of his enlistment & service as afs'd. 200 acres of which only he has received. And to the records

and army register at Richmond Virginia he will refer for the proof of his services & the quantity of land he has received. and now respectfully ask the Executive of Virginia for an allowance of the remaining 100 acres of land Bounty to which he acquired a right and which has never been received on account of my enlistment and service aforesaid. And this he will ever pray.

[25 May 1844]

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Figgins". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a prominent initial 'J' and 'F'.

He has been allowed all he is entitled to
Rejected Aug [?] 1847/ [?] Daniel/ L. Gov.

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse VA after 1 Sep 1780 <http://revwarapps.org/b69.pdf> includes the following: James Figgins/ age 16/ height 4 10¼/ planter/ born in Hanover County VA/ residing in Westmoreland County/ black hair/ hazel eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 15 Sep 1780 for the duration of the war.

A document in the federal file dated 3 Mar 1841 was signed by the pensioner "James Figgins."

The federal file contains a copy of a bond signed in Westmoreland County on 29 Sep 1787 by James S. Fegins (or Feagins) and William Habron for the marriage of Fegins to Molly Self, spinster. A letter dated 2 Feb 1854 inquires about an increase in pension for John Figgins, heir of James Figgins and his widow.