

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Meshach Fuller W4958

Bethany Fuller

GA SC NC

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Richland District }

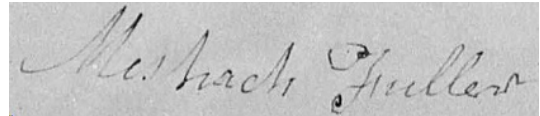
Personally appeared Meshach Fuller and makes oath that he was a private soldier in the war of the revolution and as such served for the space of twelve months against the common enemy. That he entered the service in March 1776, and received his discharge on 19th March 1777. That he served during the period above stated in the Continental line. Francis Harris was his first Captain, but John Habersham then 1st lieutenant commanded the company before he left it, and at the time of his leaving it Captain Henley commanded. The regiment to which he belonged was the first in the Georgia line. Gen'l. [Lachlan] McIntosh was the Col. when this deponent first enlisted, but Joseph Habersham then Major was afterwards made Colonel.

this Deponent has never been allowed a pension by the laws of the United States.

This Deponent at present is a resident in the District of Richland & State of South Carolina, resided ab't. five years ago in the district of Marlborough in the same State. While living there his house was consumed by fire, & burned to the ground, and with it everything he possessed. This deponent cannot say positively that his discharge was consumed in his house. He believes so, but cannot say so with absolute certainty; many years have elapsed since he last saw it – but it is probable that it was consumed among the few papers he owned and which were burnt in his house.

This deponent is aged, infirm, a cripple, and has a family to support; from his reduced circumstances he indeed needs the assistance of his country for his support.

Sworn to and subscribed this 26th day of May 1818.



South Carolina }

Richland Dis't. }

On this twenty sixth day of June 1821, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said District Meshach Fuller aged sixty six years resident in the said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz: in the first Regiment of the Georgia Line commanded by Colonels Joseph Habersham in Captain Francis Harris' company – afterwards in the regiment of South Carolina [militia] troops under the command of Colonel George Hicks in Captain Thomas Cochran's company and was taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston in South Carolina [12 May 1780] – that he also served a short time in Colonel Horry's [militia] regiment in South Carolina: that he also and afterwards served in the North Carolina regiments of Militia under the command of Colonels Joseph Taylor, Benjamin Sewel [sic; Benjamin Seawell], and William Brickerl [sic: William Brickell]. That he was at the battle of Savannah [probably Siege of Savannah, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779], at the battle of Stono [Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779], and at the siege of Charleston where he was taken prisoner as before mentioned. That he has applied for, and obtained a pension certificate of eight dollars per month up to the [blank] which certificate is registered in the office of the Secretary of War in Book [blank] volume [blank] page [blank] and 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:

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| viz: 5 small hogs valued at | \$5.— |
| 1 Cow & calf | 18.— |
| Household furniture | <u>10.—</u> |
| | 33.— |
| 3 Pigs omitted | <u>1.50</u> |
| | 34.50 |

And this declarant further states that he is a farmer by occupation but unable to undergo much labour: that he has six children living with him viz: a daughter aged nineteen, a son aged sixteen years, a son aged fourteen years, a son aged twelve years, a girl aged ten years, a boy aged five years, who being all young are unable to contribute much to the support of this declarant. Meshack Fuller

State of South Carolina }
Richland District }

Be it known that before me Joseph McClintock Justice of the Quorum, in & for the district aforesaid personally appeared Meshack Fuller and made oath that he is the identical Meshack Fuller named in the original Certificate in his possession of which the following is a copy.

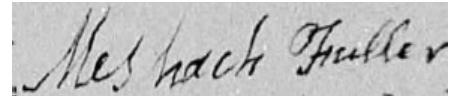
War Department

Revolutionary Claim

I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States of the 18th March 1818 Meshack Fuller late a private in the Army of the Revolution is inscribed on the Pension list Roll of the South Carolina Agency at the rate of Eight dollars pr Month, to commence on the 26th day of May, one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen. Given at the war office of the United States the seventeenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty one. J. C. Calhoun/ Sec'y of War

That he is intitled to eight dollars pr Month, on account of wounds and disabilities received or incurred in the service of the United States, during the revolutionary war. That he served in Capt. Harris's Company of Infantry in the first Regiment at the time he was disabled; that he now resides in So Carolina in Richland district, and has resided in said State for the space of twenty seven years past, & that previous thereto, he resided in North Carolina.

Sworn & Subscribed this 6th day of September
one thousand eight hundred & 28



NOTE: On 20 March 1854 Bethany Fuller, about 82, of Warren County GA, stated that she was married to Meshach Fuller in Marlborough District SC at the house of George McDaniel by William Bennett, a Baptist clergyman on 9 Aug 1798, and her husband died 16 May 1829. On 17 Feb 1854 William McDaniel stated that he was present at the marriage of Meshach Fuller and Fanny or Bethany Lucas.

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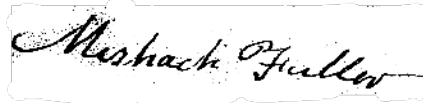
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To the Honorable the President & Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina now met and sitting in General Assembly

The humble petition of Mishack Fuller [sic] Sheweth, that he is a soldier of the Revolution, That he served in the capacity of a sergeant in Colonel George Hicks' Regiment of the South Carolina militia during the Revolutionary War. That the company in which he served was commanded for some time by Captain Edward Irby, who was succeeded in the command by Captain Cochran [Thomas Cochran] – That your Petitioner served in the said Company during the Siege of Charleston, and defended the lines – That after the capture of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]² the company was paroled, and dispersed. That the arrears of pay due to your petitioner for the three months preceding that event have never been discharged.

Your petitioner did not engage in that contest as a mere mercenary soldier; he fought for principal, though he expected pay, and his Country would never have heard of this claim, if the hand of misfortune had not pressed heavily upon him in his old age. Your petitioner prays that his humble claim may be satisfied, and he will ever pray



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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of Mishach Fuller [sic] praying payment for Revolutionary services
Report

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend that Comptroller General inquiry into the facts set forth in the petition, and generally investigate and report at the next meeting of the Legislature

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

² Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

S/ John Geddes, Chairman

December 9th, 1817

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To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina –

The humble petition of Meshac Fuller [sic] Sheweth that he served as a militia man in the South Carolina State troops during a considerable part of the Revolutionary war. That he served in the regiment of Colonel Hicks and in a company of that regiment which Captain Cochran commanded. That he was at the Siege of Charleston & assisted in defending the lines. That for about three months before the taking of Charleston and before Captain Cochran's company was paroled, he received no pay, and has not since received any pay for the said last three months or more – Your Petitioner during the siege of Charleston served in the capacity & with the rank of first Sergeant in Captain Cochran's company. He is old, poor and infirm, and would not now harassed his country for this stale claim, if the hand of misfortune did not press heavily on him – He needs the assistance of his country for his support, and prays that your Honorable Body will make him some compensation for services for which he did not even receive the legal pay, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

S/Meshach Fuller

[p 10: Identical petition as above except addressed to the South Carolina Senate]

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South Carolina
Richland District }

Personally appeared Meshac Fuller [sic] and makes oath that he served in the South Carolina State troops, Hicks's Regiment & Cochran's Company – That he left home about the 1 of Feby ¹⁷⁸⁰ to go down to Charleston which the British were menacing – That about the 20 May 1780 this deponent was paroled & left the service – to the best of this deponent's recollection & belief he was 108 days in the service, allowing eight for his return home after having been paroled in Charleston – That this deponent served in the capacity of first Sergeant –

That the pay of a common soldier was 10 shillings [old South Carolina] Currency and the pay of a sergeant 12s 6d currency to the best of deponent's recollection – and this deponent further saith he never received any pay for the said service

Sworn to before me

this 30th November 1818

S/ D. J. McCord, Q. U.

S/ Meshach Fuller

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Columbia December 22, 1817

Captain Cochran will do a great favor to an old & poor man, if he will make an affidavit to the following facts, or such of them as he knows to be true. That Meshac Fuller served as a militia man in the South Carolina State troops during great part of the Revolutionary war – that he served in the regiment of Colonel Hicks and in a company of that regiment which Captain Cochran commanded – That he was at the siege of Charleston and assisted in defending the lines – that about three months before the taking of the City, and before Captain Cochran's company

was paroled, they received no pay – and did not afterwards receive any pay for the said last three months or more –

That Meshac Fuller was a good, faithful Revolutionary soldier and true patriot – and after the siege & taking of Charleston he again took up arms against the British – and finally that during the siege of Charleston the said Meshac Fuller served in the capacity and with the rank of first Sergeant in the company

S/ Meshach Fuller

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State of South Carolina Marlborough District} Personally appeared Mr. Thomas Cochran before me James Forniss one of the Justices of the peace for the District aforesaid who after being duly Sworn Saith that Meshack Fuller [sic] was in the Service of the ^{Militia} State Troops during the Siege of Charleston and that he served in the regiment Commanded by Colonel Hicks and in the ^{Company} commanded by this deponent – and he this deponent Saith that he gave Certificates to


Numbers and that he Fuller never any

Sworn to and Signed before

me this 1st day of January 1818

S/ Jas. Forniss, JP

S/ Thomas Cochran



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The Committee on Claims to whom was Referred the Petition of Meshack Fuller praying Compensation for services rendered during the Revolutionary War

Beg leave to Report

That they have had the same under Consideration and for the want of proper Vouchers as to the specific value of property lost and for the want of data upon which to estimate the amount of the Petitioner's Claim – recommend that they be discharged from further consideration thereof

They also recommend the adoption of the following Resolution;

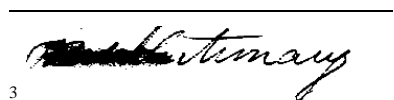
Resolved that Meshack Fuller – an aged & indigent Revolutionary Soldier, be placed upon the Pension list

S/ Thomas Carr, Chairman

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To the Honorable the President & other members of the Senate of the Legislature of South Carolina

The humble petition of Bethany Fuller widow & relic of Meshach Fuller late a pensioner of the U. S. on the revolutionary pension list Represents to your Honorable body, that her said Husband was inscribed on the U. S. itimary [sic ?]³ Pension Roll & for many years before his death received the pension allowed him by the General Government, that in May last, the said Meshach Fuller died in very indigent circumstances leaving your petitioner his widow with three daughters to support; that the pension of the General Government being now discontinued, your petitioner is unable to obtain a comfortable support unless aided by either public or private



charity. That said Meshach Fuller was for a long time before his death much afflicted & your petitioner was obliged to exhaust what little she could collect in his support. She is now old & infirm & prays your Honorable body to grant her some relief by which she may be able to support for the remainder of her days – either by placing her on the pension roll of this State or allowing her an annuity – And she as in duty bound will ever pray
Columbia 23 November 182?⁴

S/ Bethany Fuller, X her mark

[p 27: The widow's petition was rejected December 14, 1829]

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