

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Moses Fontaine (Fountain) W5076
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia } SS
County of Pittsylvania }

On this the 19th day of September 1844 personally appeared before me Randolph V Barksdale a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Elizabeth Fontaine a resident of Virginia in the County of Pittsylvania aged eighty eight 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 provisions made by the act of Congress past July the 4th 1836 That she is the widow of Moses Fontaine who was a Captain in the Army of the Revolution that he was drafted or volunteered in the County of Halifax Virginia in the latter part of the spring or the first of the summer of 1780 (as well as she now recollects) and was marched to the South and was in the engagement of Gates's defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] that he was attached to the Regiment Commanded by Col Coles as well as she now recollects, She further state that he was out in the service for six months and was honourably discharged she further states that she has frequently seen his discharge which is now lost or mislaid She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Fontaine on the 10th of July 1773 That her husband the aforesaid Moses Fontaine died on the 3rd day of December 1801 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.
Elizabeth herXmark Fontaine

State of Virginia } S.S
County of Halifax }

I William Whitt a Revolutionary Pensioner [S7870] of the United States under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 certify I was in the army of the Revolution with Capt Mosses Fontain (the deceased husband of Elizabeth Fontain who is now applying for a Pension) he was drafted for six months in 1780, I think, My Father was drafted for the same service and I substituted for my father and was placed under the command of Capt Mosses Fontain (who was from this county Halifax) we was then marched to Hillsborough [NC] where we joined the mane army and was marched to the south and was in an engangement at Gatess defeat after the expiration of the six months service Capt Fontain was discharged and returned home I certify he afterwards removed to Pittsylvania county where I have been informed he died

Sworn under my hand this the 4th day of October 1844 William hisXmark Whitt

Virginia, Halifax County; towit:

I, William Holt, Clerk of the County Court of said County in the state aforesaid certify that at a Court held for the said County the 21st day of August 1777, I find among others, the following orders made for the recommendation of Militia Officers in order to be commissioned, Towit:

“Joseph Gill as Second Lieutenant to Captain Moses Fontaine’s Company”
“Jacob Faulkner as ensign to said Company”

I further certify that, I have carefully examined the records of my Office prior to the year 1781 and find no evidence that “Captain Moses Fontaine” resigned his commission as an Officer of the Militia, up to that time. In testimony of all which, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the said County at my Office this the 28th day of November AD 1844. Wm Holt

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Fontaine Moses

VA
(Elizabeth)

W5076

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[p2] Virginia certificate 4160
Elizabeth Fontaine, widow of
Moses Fontaine
Died 03Dec1801
Of Pittsylvania County
Was Captain for 6 months
Issued 05Fev1845 @ \$120/mo
Sent to JB Stovall, house of delegates

[p5] **Declaration**

In order to obtain the benefit of the 3rd section the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836.
State of Virginia
County of Pittsylvania

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By reference to the proof hereto attached. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me: Elizabeth Fontaine x her mark

Randolph V Barksdale JP

[county certification and supporting statements

Tabitha M Thompson

William H Tunstall, clerk

JB Stovall, a state official, provided record of Captain's commission for Moses Fontaine

[p20] pension office letter requesting the mailing address to return the bible sent to Washington as evidence.

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State of Virginia

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Given under my hand this the 4th day of October 1844. William Whitt x his mark

[county certification

Lewis Garner JP

William S Holt, deputy clerk

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Halifax County nominations for militia officers, 21Aug1777

Joseph Gill, 2nd Lt to Captain

Moses Fontaine, Company

Jacob Faulkner, ensign of said company

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A misfiled letter re/ A.S. Buford request of congressman Thos H Averett 21Dec1850

<http://revwarapps.org/s7870.pdf>