

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Fawn W7237 Elizabeth Fawn NC
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State of North Carolina }
 County of Franklin } On this 31st day of September 1838, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the county above Mrs Elizabeth Fawn of the said county aged Seventy five 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 Captain William Fawn who was an officer holding that rank and served in the North Carolina Line in the War of the Revolution. she is unable to specify the period when her husband entered the Army but from what she has heard him say she is convinced he served nearly all the war and she refers to the records as evidence of the fact. She further declairs that she was married to the said Captain William Fawn in the month of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninty in the County of Prince George and State of Virginia by the Reverend Wm Harrison and at the time of her marriage she was the widow of George Stainback, as will more fully appear by reference to the annexed record taken from the family register. Captain Fawn died on the 5th day of June 1809. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz on the nineteenth of January seventeen hundred and ninty –
 [signed] Elizabeth Fawn

Copy of a Register shewing the names Alphabetically, rank, dates of Commissions and enlistments, periods of service and occurencies taken from the original muster and pay rolls of the North Carolina Line of the late Army of the United States.

Names & rank	Companies.	dates of Commissions and Enlistments	Periods of service	Occurencies
3 rd Regiment Fawn Wm. Lt.	Turners [Jacob Turner's]	15 th Ap'1 77		pris'r. 12 May 80 Captn. deranged 1 st Jan'y 1783.
Fryer Wm. Pt. [William Fryer]	Emits [James Emmet's]	3 rd May 76	2½ yr	Disch'd. 10 November 78.

[Certified 10 Nov 1838 by William Hill, Secretary of State. See endnote.]

State of North Carolina }
 Franklin County } [17 June 1843]
 I Elizabeth Fawn widow of William Fawn who was a Capt & Major (aide-de-camp to Gen'l Jethro Sumner) during the war of the Revolution, do hereby make oath that I am the widow of the aforesaid William Fawn and that I have as such been allowed and have received a pension for five years; and that I am now advised that under the Law passed on the 7th day of June 1832 I am entitled to the pay which would have been allowed to my husband in virtue of his his staff appointment had he been living; and to obtain it I do hereby relinquish every other claim to any pension or annuity for the government except the one now claimed by me
 Elizabeth herXmark Fawn

NOTES:

The extract from the muster rolls indicates that Fawn was captured at the surrender of Charleston SC on 12 May 1780.

On 21 Sep 1838 William Ransom, 73, stated that after William Fawn left the army he returned to Franklin County "and in the year 1786 or 1787 he lived at the house of this affiant," and after his marriage they continued to live near him.

Elizabeth Fawn submitted the family record from an "old prayer Book," transcribed below. She stated that the record showed her marriage to William Fawn in 1790, but that datum and some others are illegible.

On 17 June 1843 Elizabeth Fawn was said to be 81. On 3 April 1849 she was said to be 82.

George Stainback and Elizabeth [illegible] Was Married June the 30th day 1783

William Stainback was Born the 2^d Day of october 178[?]

James Harrison Stainback was Born the 2[?] Day of October 17[??]

[Several illegible words] And died the 19th of January [several illegible words]

Packy[?] was born the 5th March 1792 And died the 9th of Sep

Nancy Epp[?] Fawn was born the 18th of June 1793

Wilmuth Fawn was born the 15th of December 1795

Virginia[?] Fawn was born the 2^d[?] August 1796

[illegible] Henry Fawn 23 Dec'r 1801