

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Falwell (Fallwell) W7247 Elizabeth Falwell VA
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State of Virginia Buckingham County; to Wit.

On this 29th day of Sept 1841 personally appeared before me James Meredith a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, James Falwell a resident of said county aged 84 years (entirely blind) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That in the month of April 1779 (he thinks) he entered the service as a drafted militiaman in the said county of Buckingham (where he was bourn and has ever since resided) in a company commanded by Capt William Anderson and was marched to the Barracks in the County of Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] Virginia where he remained in the service for three months as guard of the British Prisoners then at that place [British and Hessians captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 through Feb 1781] & was discharged on the day of [blank] and returned home. He again entered the service as a drafted militiaman in the latter part of the month of November in the year (as well as he now recollects) 1780 in the said County of Buckingham in a company of which Charles Patteson [Charles Patterson] was Captain, John Burks lieutenant and William Beckham ensign, he marched from Buckingham County the last week in November 1780 to Blanford [sic: Blandford] in Va. & from thence to Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County] in Va, where his company drew their arms and there placed under the command of Colo Charles Fleming of Genrl. Muhlenburg's [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] regiment He remained at Cabin point till some time in January 1781 & then marched to McKey's or Stone's Mill [sic: Stoner's Mill] in Surry County Va. and from thence after remaining a few days, marched to Suffolk town Va. where and in its vicinity he remained until the 8th or 10 of April 1781 when he was regularly discharged from service. He received a written discharge from his Captain (Charles Patteson) which he kepted 'till the war ended & considering it then of no further use took no care to preserve it & by consequence is lost. He was never in an engagement; He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person who can testify or whose testimony he can procure, except Thos. Christian [Thomas Christian, pension application W25409] and John Doland [W7040] who served with him on the occasions above stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state

James hisXmark Falwell

NOTES:

On 17 March 1842 John Maxey (S8991) also certified Falwell's service at Albemarle Barracks.

On 29 Sep 1841 Miles Gibson, Steward of the Poor House of Buckingham County, stated that James Falwell had resided in that institution for 20 years. On 6 April 1842 the Physician to the Poor House stated that James Falwell "is as most people are, at his age, wandering, but when his attention is drawn to a particular subject, he then appears to be rational."

On 20 March 1854 Elizabeth Falwell applied for a pension stating that she married James Falwell in Aug 1799, and he died 1 Oct 1843. On an application for bounty land dated 9 July 1855, Elizabeth Falwell was said to be 81, and it was stated that as Elizabeth Morgan she was married to James Falwell in Buckingham County on 15 Aug 1799 by Rev. Rane Chastain.