

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Fisher W7271                                  Nancy Fisher    MD  
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Spartanburgh [Spartanburg] Dist }                  }

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1824 Personally came and appeared in open court, to wit the court of Common Pleas, the same being a Court of Record for the District aforesaid, James Fisher, aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said James Fisher enlisted for the term of three years, or during the war on the — day of February 1781 in the State of Maryland, in the company commanded by Captain Richard Cain, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Steward [sic: JOHN Stewart], or [Peter] Adams (I do not recollect which) in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said untill February 1782 when he was discharged from the said service in South Carolina at the house of a Mr. Cary by my officers – that he was at the Seige of Little York at the Capture of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said other than the affidavit of Mr. William Hopkins herewith produced. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. To wit

1 Bed and furniture, worth	\$15.00
1 Do          D’o          “	10.00
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1 Pot                          worth	3.50
1 Do                          “	1.00
1 Oven                          “	2.00
1 Skillett                          “	.75
1 Grid iron                          “	1.00
1 Wheel                          “	2.00
1 Dresser & furniture                          “	5.00
1 Set Spools                          “	1.50
1 2 Inch Auger                          “	1.00
4 Hoe[?]	2.00
1 Shovel plow                          “	1.00
1 axe & 1 Iron wedge                          “	2.00
1 Shovell worth	<u>.50</u>
	\$57.75

James hisXmark Fisher

The Declarent further swears that he is a Farmer and has a wife and four Daughters the eldest Daughter is about fifteen years old and the next younger in regular grade. And that he has now become so infirm as to be unable to work, and his family cannot support him and themselves.

State of North Carolina } Before me personally appeared Lambert Goody and after being  
Buncomb [sic: Buncombe] County } duly sworn on his oath saith that he became acquainted with  
James Fisher who is now about to make application for a pension under the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup>  
of March 1818 and first of May 1820 at Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] some time about the 10<sup>th</sup> of April in  
the year one thousand seven Hundred and eighty one: that he was then attached to the Company  
commanded by Capt. James Winchester in the Regiment commanded by Col. Stewart or Col. Adams, this  
deponant does not now recollect which, in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental  
establishment that he, this deponant and the said James Fisher continued in the service together from that  
time untill the Capture of Lord Cornwallis at Little York in the State of Virginia – that in a short space of  
time after the Battle we went out for Savannah in the State of Georgia and in the course of a few days  
after we had set out for Savannah the said James Fisher was left behind being unable to travel oweing to  
a wound he received in his left thigh during the Battle at Little York which very much inflamed &  
rendered him incapable of traveling. that after the said Fisher had somewhat mended he in company with  
this deponant & several others continued their march for Savannah untill some time in January following  
(1782) when the said James Fisher through the inclemency and extreme coldness of the weather became  
frost bitten and unfit for service, when at Guilford Court House North Carolina But with much difficulty  
continued his march to the House of a Mr. Strange between Orangeburgh South Carolina & Savannah  
when he became entirely unable to travel not having any use of his arms, his feet too being so much  
injured by the frost that he could not walk when I continued my march and he was left behind This  
deponant further swears that he does know that the said James Fisher did serve in the Continental  
establishment nine months and upwards under one enlistment and the reasons above set forth are the only  
ones why the said applicant did not serve out the time for which he enlisted.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1826 Lambert hisLmark Goody

State of South Carolina } Before me personally appeared William Hopkins of s'd District and after being  
Spartanburg District } duly sworn on his oath saith that he became acquainted with Mr. James Fisher  
who is now about to make application for a pension under the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818,  
first of May 1820 & first of March 1823 at Anapolis some time in the month of Ap'l. 1781 that (he  
James Fisher) was then attached to the company commanded by Capt. James Winchester in the Regiment  
commanded by Colo. Stewart or Colo. Adams this deponant does not now recollect which in the line of  
the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment that he, this deponant and the said James Fisher  
continued in the service together from that time until the Capture of Lord Cornwallis at little York in the  
State of Virginia, that in a short time after that Battle we were ordered to march to Savannah in the State  
of Georgia, in course of few days after we had set out for Savannah the said James Fisher was left  
behind, together with myself & several others, he being unable to travel owing to a wound he had  
received in his left thigh in the Battle at little York, which very much inflamed and rendered him unable  
to travel that after the said Fisher had some what mended, he in company with this deponant & several  
others continued their march for Savannah until some time in January following (1782) when the said  
Fisher through the inclemency & extreme cold weather became frost bitten & unfit for service (when at  
Guilford Cort House North Carolina) But with much difficulty continued his march to the House of a  
Mr. Strange between Orange Burg South Carolina & Savannah Georgia when he became unable to travel  
further, not having any use of his arms & his feet being so much injured by the cold & frost that he could  
not walk. This deponant was then left to take care of the said Fisher and they both got their discharge on  
one piece of paper at that time & place, they continued together that winter & the next Summer made a  
crop together in Lincoln County North Carolina This deponant further swears that the said James Fisher  
did serve in the Continental establishment nine months & upwards under one enlistment (to wit) the  
enlistment above mentioned under Capt. James Winchester to whose company he was attached when this  
deponant first became acquainted with him the reasons above stated are the only ones why the said  
applicant did not serve out the Term for which he enlisted.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of Aug. 1827 Wm hisXmark Hopkins

State of South Carolina Spartanburgh district [25 Aug 1827]

Before me personally appeared James Fisher resident in said district, who being first duly sworn in due form of law, on his oath saith that in addition or amendment of his former declaration made in open Court on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of november in the year 1824 which will accompany this to the department of war he, this deponant enlisted for the term of three years or during the war sometime in the month of february 1781, in Caroline County in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain James Winchester in the Regiment commanded by Col. Stewart (or Steward) or by Col. Adams this deponent cannot now say which as both of them were sometimes present & sometimes one and some the other commanded the Regiment in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment (This deponant saith that in his original declaration it is stated that he enlisted in the company commanded by captain Cain this error must have originated from this depant having observed to the gentleman who drew up his declaration that at the time of his Enlistment into the regular service he belonged to Capt. Cain's company and was enlisted out of that company of Militia into the company commanded by Capt. James Winchester who belonged to the Continental establishment) that he continued to serve in said Corps untill the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Little York in the State of Virginia that in a short time after that battle he was commanded to march to Savannah in the State of Georgia in a few days after setting out for that place he was left behind in company with several others being unable to travel owing to a wound he received in the left thigh in the battle at Little York which very much inflamed & rendered him entirely unable to march further at this time. After he had somewhat mended he together with the others which were left with him resumed their march for Savannah & continued the same untill some time in the month of January following (1782) when he through the inclemency & extreme coldness of the weather became frost bitten and entirely unfit for service – this misfortune befel him when at Guilford court house North Carolina But with much pain and difficulty he continued his march to the hase of a Mr. Strange between Orangeburgh South Carolina and & Savannah, Georgia, at which time he was unable to travel further his feet being much injured by the frost & having lost the use of his arms (it is here observable that in the former Declaration of this deponant made in open Court & herewith entended to be enclosed to the department of War it is stated that he this deponant was discharged at the house of Mr. Cary instead of Strange which error must have originated from the fact of Mr. Cary having been left with this deponant at the House of Mr. Strange to take care of him, this deponant) this deponant continued at this place (the house of Mr. Strange) for a considerable length of time he cannot now say precisely how long But untill he received a regular discharge from his officers but from which he cannot say having lost it. The discharge of this deponant & one William Hopkins was on the same piece of paper & kept by this deponant whose house together with the discharge has been burnt he further saith he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except this; and the only reason why he has not made earlier application for one is that about six or seven years ago he did have a declaration made and & left in the hands of the gentleman who drew it up for him to transmit to the Secretary of war and that previous to the papers being sent or after they were sent to the war office & before they returned from that office the Gentleman (George W. Earle Clerk of Greenville Court) died and he has never been able to get his papers; he has therefore never untill the present application been able to get the necessary proff of his services. That no material change has taken place in his property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of march 1818, except some very small changes for the benefit & support of his family which are so very small it is utterly impossible for him to say what they were none of his property has since that time been sold by himself or by any officer, except as above stated, some small article for corn or meat for the subsistance of his family and as to the schedule of his property contained in his original declaration, it is, owing to the necessity of his having to part with some small portions for the maintainance of his family, rather decreased, in value James hisXmark Fisher

NOTE: On 5 July 1853 Nancy Fisher, 81, of Jackson County NC, applied for a pension stating that she married James Fisher on 21 Feb 1804, and he died in Jackson County on 4 March 1832. A Benjamin Farmer stated that he witnessed the marriage of James Fisher to Nancy Evins.