

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Findley (Findlay) <sup>1</sup> W7273 Nancy Findley f40NC  
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State of Tennessee Lawrence County Circuit Court August Term 1832

On this 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable William E. Kennedy Judge of the eighth Judicial Circuit now sitting George Findlay [sic] a resident of the County of Lawrence and State of Tennessee aged seventy-one years on the twelfth day of last April 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 June 7th, 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named persons officers and served as herein stated that he turned out volunteer for three months in McLenburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County State of North Carolina in the latter part of the summer 1780 shortly after Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] under Captain James Rees [James Reese] in Colonel Francis Locks [Francis Locke's] Regiment commanded by General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and that he was discharged in the same County of Mecklenburg at Six Mile Creek at the end of said term that he again volunteered for three months under Captain Stephen Alexander in the said County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina in February 1781 Colonel Joseph Williamson was the Colonel and Davidson was the General until he was killed at Cowan's Ford [February 1, 1781] on the Catawba River and that he was discharged at Alamance Creek North Carolina at the end of said term that he again turned out as a substitute for three months in said County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina in the place of Archy Woodside under Colonels Malbury [perhaps Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] & Locke General Green [Nathanael Greene] commander in chief that he took the place of said Woodside in the month of August 1781 and that Woodside's Captain was Joseph Dickson but that he was employed in riding expresses that he was discharged at the end of said term Rowan County North Carolina that he was in the battle of Ramsour's [Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780] and the one at Walford Creek [?]<sup>2</sup> that his campaigns were served in North and South Carolina the only regular officers he recollects serving with is General Greene, General Smallwood [William Smallwood] and Colonel Washington [William Washington] & that he received a discharge at the end of each of said terms of three months the first <sup>1</sup> was signed by Captain Rees the second by Captain Stephen Alexander in the last by Colonel Locke that he gave them to David Wilson to get his indents and never saw them or his indents either since that he has no paper evidence of

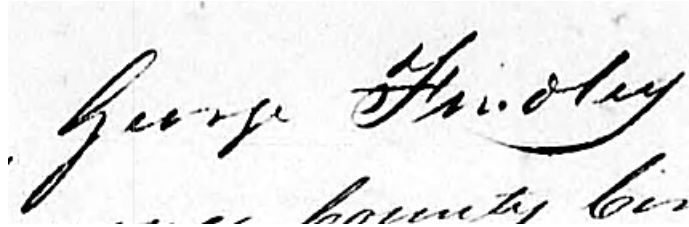
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<sup>1</sup> BLWt34280-160-55

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his said service and that he knows of no person except Robert Patteson<sup>3</sup> whose testimony he can procure to prove his service he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present for nine months service and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or territory sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ George Findley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Findley". Below the name, there is some faint, illegible handwriting that appears to be "Lawrence County Tenn".

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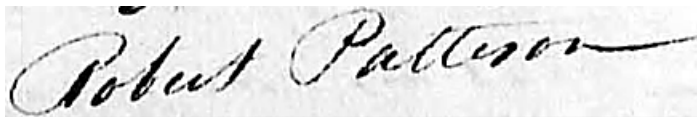
On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before William E. Kennedy Judge thereof Robert Patteson of the County of Giles and State of Tennessee and being first sworn according to law doth make the following certificate to wit

I do certify that I am acquainted with George Findley [sic] of Lawrence County Tennessee, who has sworn to and subscribed the annexed application for a pension I believe him to be about seventy-one years of age that he knows he served in the revolutionary war but does not know how long he recollects well to have seen him under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] at Cane Creek Waxhaw Settlements South Carolina I have known him ever since and he has always been reputed as a soldier of the revolution and I know him to be such and that we served together under General Sumter sworn to and subscribed in open court on the day and year aforesaid

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 29th August 1832

S/ William McKnight, Clerk

S/ Robert Patteson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Patteson".

[p 12: William P. Curtis gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 35: John Forbes, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On August 5, 1850, in Giles County, Tennessee, Nancy Findley, aged about 75, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of George Findley, a Revolutionary War pensioner; that she married him October 1, 1795 in Madison County, Kentucky; that he died June 25, 1849. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On August 18, 1855, Nancy Findley, 80, filed in Decatur County, Tennessee, for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of George Findley, a pensioner of the US for his services in the Revolution; she states that she married him in Madison County Kentucky in 1795; that her name before her marriage was Nancy Hagens; that her husband died June 25, 1849 in Decatur

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<sup>3</sup> [Robert Patteson S3654](#)

County, Tennessee; and that she is a pensioner of the US under the 1848 act. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]