

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Fleming (Flemming) W7283 Martha Fleming f42SC

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Georgia Hall County

On this the third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Ezekiel Buffington, Joseph Dunagan & Thomas S. Tate Judges of the Inferior Court sitting as Judges of the court of ordinary in said County now sitting Robert Flemming [sic] a resident of Hall County & State of Georgia 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 benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832

That the [sic, he] entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.: that in the year 1779 he was drafted into the Service under Capt. Robert Hannah [Robert Hanna] Col. Bratton [William Bratton] and resided in Camden District South Carolina and marched to the Salt Kitchers [sic, Salkehatchee or Salkehatchie River] was in no general engagement, served two months and returned home, the same year was drafted again marched to Charleston under Capt. Black & Col. Watson remained two months, returned home, then volunteered in Rifle mounted Company Served Eleven months under the command of Capt. Hannah Major Moore [perhaps, James Moore] Col. Bratton Col. Hathorn [James Hawthorn] & General Sumpter [bold Thomas Sumter] during which time deponent was in the following engagements to wit at Rocky Mount¹ in Camden district South Carolina where Col. Neal [Andrew Neel] was killed, then marched to a place called the hanging Rock² in South Carolina, thence marched to the Congaree Friday's Fort, had an engagement and retreated to Thompson's Fort had another engagement in which we defeated the British & Tories, then marched down the River to a place called the Bluff had another engagement and retreated, then marched with General Sumter after his family and returned with him to North Carolina then marched out against a party of the enemy commanded Capt. Hook [Christian Huck]³ and defeated them, then marched to Ramsour's⁴ in North Carolina Rutherford County had an engagement and defeated the British & Tories, then returned home, then volunteered again & went down to the Wateree Creek and took Col. Philips and his Army, then marched to a place called Friday's Fort on the Congaree in South Carolina remained there until General Lee [Henry

¹ July 30, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

² August 6, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

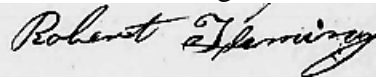
³ July 12, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

⁴ June 20, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

"Light Horse Harry" Lee] marched up from Thompson's Fort and took Fort Friday after firing only one or 2 rounds.⁵ We then marched to Bickum Church [sic, Biggin Church]⁶ and from thence home and was discharged & quit the Service in the year 1782, that he has no documentary evidence and was in actual service between three and four years. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ Joseph Dunagan, JIC

S/ Robert Fleming




[Wiley E. Wood, a clergyman, and William McDonald gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Hall County: Personally appeared before me William Flemming [sic] who being duly sworn saith that he is personally acquainted with Robert Flemming [sic] the applicant in the foregoing Declaration and that he served in the Revolutionary War with him upwards of twelve months in the State of South [Carolina] and was with said applicant at the taking of Friday's Fort and at the defeat of Col. Philips who commanded a parcel of Tories and at Bickum Church. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of September 1832

S/ Wm Fleming⁷



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Georgia Hall County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the said County Robert Flemming who being sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

Some time in the Spring (I cannot say what month) of the year 1779 I was drafted for a two months tour of service as a private militiaman under Capt. Hannah and attached to a Regiment under the command of Col. Bratton and marched to a place called the Salt Kitchers [Salkehatchee] where we collected a drove of beeves and sent home by a company of Cavalry to General Pinkeys [sic, Pinckney's] Army on Cooper River I remained in the neighborhood engaged in the business of collecting beeves until my term of service ended I then returned home;

Sometime in the same year I was again drafted for two months under Capt. Black as a private militia man and attached to Col. Watson's Regiment and marched to Charleston where I remained until my term of Service ended and returned home.

Shortly after getting home I volunteered for three months as a mounted Riflemen under

⁵ May 14, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

⁶ July 16, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_biggin_creek_bridge.html

⁷ [William Fleming S32250](#)

Capt. Hannah [p 13] and was put under the command of Major Moore & Col. Hawthorn [Hawthorn] and joined the Army under the command of General Sumter and marched to a place called Rocky Mount in Camden District South Carolina where we had an engagement with the enemy Col. Neel one of the American officers was killed in this engagement I omitted to mention that Col. Bratton was also with us at this place the enemy were in the Fort which we set fire to but a shower of rain commenced falling in a short time which with the exertions of the enemy within extinguished the fire and we failed to drive them out. We then marched up near the Catawba River and encamped until our term of service expired. General Sumter was unwilling to discharge us owing to the scarcity of men and the immense number of Tories then in the Country upon which Major Moore and Col. Hawthorn agreed that they with as many of us as they could prevail upon to return as volunteers would return as soon as we could go home and get fresh supply of clothing which promise they fulfilled and I returned to with them to where General Sumter lay with his Army on the Catawba River who received us and then marched to a place called the hanging Rock where we had another engagement and defeated the enemy with considerable loss there part and some hours. Capt. William Ritchey who had the command of the company I was in was killed in this engagement. I was then a private in a company of mounted Riflemen. We were then marched to a place called Friday's Fort on the Congaree River [p 14] Where we had another engagement where I shot & killed a Tory and was also shot myself in the cheek the wound was slight but bled considerably however We failed to dislodge the enemy and were in the most imminent danger of being taken ourselves by a parcel of the British who came up in our rear. We however made a safe retreat without any loss though had to march all night and reached Thompson's Fort the next morning and found the enemy in possession & drove in their Picket guard we here were informed of a Company of the British that were on the road from Charleston & near the Fort which company consisted of about 200 our officers placed a part of our men at the Fort to keep the enemy within and with the balance advanced and met the Company of British and defeated them & took Six baggage wagons & all the men except what were killed. We then marched to a place called the Bluff on the Santee River where we met the enemy who being apprised of our coming had formed and concealed themselves on each side of the road but some of them being too anxious commenced firing before we had advanced far between them. We succeeded in making our retreat up with what loss I am not able to say. We then went with General Sumter after his family at his residence. On our return march near Camden we were attacked by a party of the British which we defeated these men were sent out from Camden by Lord Rodden [Francis Rawdon] as I afterwards understood. We went on with General Sumter to North Carolina, and shortly after marched out and attacked a parcel of the enemy under [p 15] Capt. Hook [Huck] and killed the Capt. & his officers and took nearly all his man. We then marched to Ramsour's in North Carolina in Rutherford County where we attacked a parcel of British and Tories and defeated them I do not recollect who had the command of the British at this place I was then discharged by General Sumter having served eight months as a private in a company of mounted Rifle men as a volunteer from the time I joined his company on the Catawba River and for which eight months I relinquish all claim to a pension it being volunteer and I being informed that the department don't recognize such as being entitled to pay (unless the department should think I am entitled to it), the above eight months Service and the three months tour preceding it are put down as eleven months Service in the original declaration not knowing at the time that it was absolutely necessary to designate the several tours so minutely.

Shortly after getting home after being discharged by General Sumter a draft was ordered

for two months I volunteered as a private in a mounted Rifle Company under Capt. Hannah and was attached to Col. Bratton's Regiment Major Moore & Col. Hawthorn were also along with the Army and marched to Friday's Fort where we remained until General Lee marched up from Thompson's Fort when we attacked and took the Fort [p 10] We then marched to Biggin Church and attacked the enemy who were in the Church the enemy set fire to the Church in the night and commenced a retreat but we overtook them in the morning and took & killed several but I do not recollect the exact number. Col. Washington [William Washington] with his Cavalry were with us on this tour or at this place. My term of service having ended I returned home & for which nine months service I claim a pension

Answer 1st I was born in Baltimore County State of Maryland in the year 1759 but cannot say what month

2nd I have no record of my age and can only tell my age by that of my brother

3rd I was living in Camden District State of South Carolina when called into service, and have resided in Franklin County State of Georgia for the last forty years

4th I was drafted in the service twice and volunteered three times

5th I recollect to have seen Col. Washington who commanded a corps Cavalry also Col. Hampton who was aid to General Sumter

6th I don't recollect ever to have received a written discharge

7th William McDonald Esquire, Major John Bush & Col. G W Hudson all persons in my present neighborhood to whom I am [p 11] well known

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 13th day of March 1834.

S/ M. M. McAfee, JIC

S/ Robert Fleming

[p 4: On February 1, 1841, in Franklin County, Ga., Martha Fleming, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating she married Robert Fleming in 1788 in Elbert County, Ga.; that Robert Fleming died November 5, 1840, place not stated. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Later documents contain statements that Martha and Robert were married May 1 or 10, 1788 in that part of Elbert County that later became Madison County, Ga; her maiden name is not given in the file; she died July 13, 1854; no children are referred to in the file documents.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to Robert Fleming
Audited Account No. 2428

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⁸ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[Book] R [No.] 457

Robert Fleming Militia Duty & 2 Horses £40.10.8

R 457 £8.2.10

[Book] Z [No.] 256 £32.7.10

£40.10.8

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These are to Certify that[I] impowered my Brother Elija Flaming [sic] to draw all my indent from the public Treasurer of the State of South Carolina given under my hand this 20 of August 1790

Signed in presents
of S/ W. Bratton, JP

S/ Robert Fleming

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Fleming", enclosed in a rectangular box with a slightly irregular border.

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Z 256 11 April 87 [1787]

Robert Fleming

£32.7.10

Vide R. No. 457

I do hereby assign over my Indent of Thirty two pounds 7/10 to my Brother Elijah Fleming for Value received

S/ Robert Fleming