

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Turner Fort (Foard, Foart) W7295 Elizabeth Fort f58NC

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State of North Carolina Anson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October 12th 1832

On this the 12th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices now sitting Turner Foard a resident of Anson County & state of North Carolina aged Sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

I Turner Foart [sic] was born in South Hampton County in the State of Virginia in the month of March 1763, as I was informed by my parents about the year 1767 my parents moved in Sampson County North Carolina & about the 1st of June 1780 at the age of Seventeen years I substituted my service for three months in the place of William Turner who belonged to Cavalry commanded by Captain David Dodd the Army was stationed near the Cross roads in Sampson County NC from thence we marched to the White Marsh North Carolina where General Linnington [sic, John Alexander Lillington] formed the Army commanded by Captain William Turner from thence we marched to Brown Marsh where we had an engagement [September, 1781] with the British & Tory Troops where the American forces were defeated that station was in Sampson County NC about the 1st of September 1780 I was Discharged by General Lillington after having served my 3 months Tour in the Cavalry as above stated about the 1st of April 1781 I volunteered my services for 3 months, in the militia of the United States & went under the command of Captain William Whitehead whose Army was stationed at Rutherford's Mills in Duplin County NC on the East side of the North East River we remained at that station until the 15th of June 1781 as well as I now recollect when we marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on the Neuse River under the command of Captain William Whitehead & Colonel James Kenan where we remained until the 1st of July 1781 when Colonel Kenan rose to the grade of General at which time & place I was discharged [by] General James Kenan on the 1st of July 1781 I received no written Discharge from him for that 3 months servitude I then returned home to Sampson County NC & in the month of August 1781 I volunteered my service for 18 months & joined the militia in the County of Duplin & State of North Carolina which Troops was commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes [Joseph Thomas Rhodes] in a short time after that day the Army was ordered to go to Wilmington NC where Colonel Gillespie Joined the Troops where we remained until about the 1st of September 1782 where I was discharged by a commanding officer by the name of Love his title I do not now recollect when I returned home & in a short time I heard of Peace being proclaimed in the whole I served as a substitute & a volunteer about

9 months in the whole I did not receive a written discharge from any of the officers under whom I served & I have no Documentary Evidence of my servitude & I know of no person by whom I can prove my service by only from hearsay & reputation.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in South Hampton [Southampton] County Virginia in the year 1763

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have no Record of my age

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living when called into Service in Sampson County North Carolina I have lived [in] Halifax County North Carolina 10 or 12 years the balance of the time I lived in Sampson County NC in 1807 I moved to Anson County NC where I have lived ever since & where I now live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: For the 3 first months I was a use Substitute and for William Turner -- the balance of my Servitude I was a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: The names of the officers & the regiments where I served & the General Circumstances of my Servitude are contained in my Declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

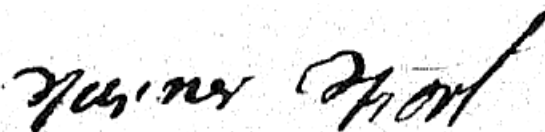
Ans: I never did receive a written discharge for my service in either campaign

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I am acquainted with the Reverend John Culpepper & Alex W. Brandon who can testify as to my good character but not as to my service in the Revolution only from hearsay & reputation Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and date above written

S/ W. Dismukes, Clk

S/ Turner Fort



[John Culpepper, a clergyman, and A. W. Brandon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Anson County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County & state aforesaid Turner Foart a Resident Citizen of the County & State aforesaid who being duly sworn Deposeth and Saith that by reason of old age & infirmity & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise time of his Service but according to the best

of his recollection he served not less than the periods below & in the following grades
First in the year 1780 I served 3 months as a Substitute for William Turner in the Cavalry of
North Carolina

Secondly in the Spring of 1781 I volunteered my service in the militia of North Carolina for a 3
months Tour & was placed under the command of Captain William Whitehead whose Army I
joined the militia Commanded by Colonel James Kenan in that Tour I served 3 months

Thirdly in the year 1781 in the latter part of the same I volunteered my Service for 18 months
tour & was placed under the command of Captain Joseph Rhodes & was stationed at Wilmington
North Carolina in the Army commanded by Colonel Gillespie. In that Tour I served 3 months
the whole I Served 9 months & for which Service I claim a Pension. Sworn to and Subscribed
before me this 12th day of May 1833. S/ Turner Fort

S/ Wm Hammond, JP

[p 13: On July 12, 1853, in Anson County, NC, Elizabeth Fort, 87, filed for a widow's pension as
the widow of Turner Fort stating that 'her first name' was Elizabeth Hopgood; that she married
her husband in Halifax County, NC at her father's house in the first part of June 1788 in 'garden
pea time'; they were married by Squire Clark; her first child, Alston was born in April after the
17th day 1789; Perry Fort 14 Sept. 1791; Henry T Fort 31 Augt. 1793; Elias Fort born 11 April
1795; Fanny Fort born 11 Decr. 1799; Nancy Fort born 31 Jany 1801; Jno T. Fort was born 11
June 1803; that her husband, Turner Fort died March 29, 1850. She signed her application with
her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow died February one, 1855, placed not shown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9
months service as a private in the North Carolina Infantry & Cavalry. His widow was pensioned
in a like amount.]