

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Forbes William

VA
(Furbush, Furbush, ~~Barbara~~)

W7300

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Virginia, Augusta County, to wit:

This 18th day of April 1818 William Forbes or Forbush, made oath before me, John Brown, judge of the superior court of Chancery sitting [?] in Staunton in the county of Augusta. That on the 11th day of Jany in the year 1776, he enlisted as a private soldier in Captain John Hay's company of rifle men in the 9th Virginia Regiment of Continental establishment for the term of two years. That after his time of service had expired (during the whole of which he served faithfully) he enlisted at the Valley Forge in Capt. Spotswood Dandridge's company of light dragoons, first regiment commanded at that time by Colonel Bland and afterwards by Colonel Anthony W White for the term of three years during the ~~whole of which~~ greater part of which time he acted as sergeant & quarter master sergeant. At the expiration thereof was discharged by the aforesd Col White at Staunton, as will appear by said discharge dated Staunton, March 7th 1781. He refers to the certificates of Genl. Andrew Moore, formerly a Lieut in Capt Hay's company and of Capt Layton Yancey, Lieut of Dragoons in the first regiment in corroboration of this statement. The said William Forbes or Forbush further saith that he never had any pension _____ him under the laws of the United States. That he never applied for one & would not now apply but from necessity. That about 15 years ago he had a take a paralytic stroke which has entirely disabled him from using any exertions to support himself, his wife and family. He is now fifty two years of age and from the unfortunate circumstance before stated, his circumstances in life are very much reduced. He is now in fact poor with a family & without the means of supporting them or himself and stands in need of the assistance of his country. He further says that since the year 1781 he has always resided and now resides in the aforesaid county of Augusta.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of office of said court to be affixed the day & year first before written.

JW Brown

[certified testimony of Doctor William Boys that Forbes is confined to bed before Staunton JP Erasmus Stribling]

[p5] Virginia certificate 4139
William Forbes alias Furbush
Sergeant of Virginia Line
Issued 04Nov1818 @ \$8/month

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State of Pennsylvania
Huntingdon County

On this 26th day of September 1838 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the judges of the court of common pleas in and for said county Barbara Forbes, a resident in said

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Pennsylvania certificate 3141

Barbara Forbes

Widow of William Forbes or Furbush

Died 04Jul1826

Of Huntingdon County Pa

Sgt under Capt Dandridge, Col White of Va 2 years

Issued 08Jun1839 @ \$180/annum

[p19] Pennsylvania certificate transfer to the Philadelphia office

22Mar1844

Addenda to William Forbes (Furbush, Furbush) W7300
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[The following is from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Auditors Office November 25 1783.

I do hereby Certify that William Furbush Serg't. in the 1st regiment of Dragoons Inlisted 28th December
1777 and was discharged the 7th March 1781. Jno. Belfield [John Belfield] Maj'r
A copy/ J. Pendleton Jr Dragoons

NOTES:

Spotswood Dandridge = Alexander Spotswood Dandridge
Col Bland = Theodorick Bland
Anthony W White = Anthony Walton White
Capt Hay = John Hays, pension application S36824
Genl. Andrew Moore, pension application W1454; VAS617
Capt Layton Yancey, pension application W7380