

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Foster W7303

Barbara Foster

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[p 45]

Georgia Habersham County

On this 15th day of October 1857 Personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary Barbary Foster a resident of Habersham County and State of Georgia aged 95 years & who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1838, entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows that she is the widow of Samuel Foster, who was a private in the Militia in Col. Anderson's Regiment in South Carolina in the Revolutionary War, and served as private 2 years and upwards.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Foster 10th day of October in the years 1786 and that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Foster died on the 16th day of September 1829.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, at the time above stated.

S/ Barbary Foster, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before this Court of ordinary  
S/ Cicero H. Sutton, Clerk

[On November 22, 1858, Barbara Foster executed a power of attorney naming H. C. Spaulding of Washington City, D. C., as her attorney to pursue her claim for a pension.]

[Facts in file: Barbara Foster, widow of Samuel Foster, died in White County, Georgia, January 29, 1865, survived by at least one son, Robert Foster, (aged 70 in 1867 when he applied for the restoration of her pension benefits last paid to her on September 4, 1859) of White County, Georgia. Robert Forster signed his application with his mark. Other documents in the file indicate that Barbara's maiden name was Barbara Garmon.]

[p 7: Certificate dated November 24, 1857 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office showing payments made to Samuel Foster for services in the militia in 1779 & 1783 pursuant to Pay Bills submitted by Captain Pickens  
scroll down for image of the Comptroller's certificate:

No 419  
Vol. 10

Paid 21<sup>st</sup> April 1785 to Mr. Samuel Foster for  
Forty eight pounds 9/6 $\frac{1}{4}$  Sterling duty done in the  
Militia in 1779 & 1783, and for a horse for Militia  
use, p account audited.

Principal £48. 9. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$   
Interest £ 2. 7. 3  
No 28

O. 419 No 28 21<sup>st</sup> April 85

Mr Samuel Foster his Acc<sup>t</sup> of Militia  
Duty for Capt Pickens' Pay Bills from 1779,  
to 1783 inclusive, and for a Horse for Militia  
use in 1779, also for duty for Col. Anderson's  
Return. - Ambly to Wist<sup>n</sup>, 82 days on  
Horse £82. - - -

Duty beside for  
Col. Anderson's Ret<sup>n</sup> 181. - - -

A Bay Mare 76. 6. 8  
Curry £339. 6. 8  
At 48. 9/6 $\frac{1}{4}$

State of S<sup>c</sup> Carolina. To Mr. Samuel Foster  
For duty of the Militia for Pay Bills from 1779 to  
1783 done alternately 48 days  
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Days 82 on Horse as private 20-£82.

Duty beside for Col. Anderson's Return 181.  
A Bay Mare for Certificate £1250 p<sup>o</sup> p<sup>o</sup> 76. 6. 8  
Curry £339. 6. 8  
At 48. 9/6 $\frac{1}{4}$

Received the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1785 full satisfaction for the above  
account in Indent No 419. Lib. O. for £48. 9. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  sig  
Samuel Foster

Comptrolers Generals Office

Columbia S. C. Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1637

I hereby certify the

foregoing to be a true copy from the Records of this office. -  
Given under my hand

Wm. R. Hunt  
Wife. Comp. Genl

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[p 12: On January 18, 1858 in Rabun County Georgia, Isaac Shelton gave testimony that he had been intimately acquainted with Samuel Foster from the affiant's earliest youth; that Foster enjoyed the reputation as a hero of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 76 for service in the revolution; the affiant recalls the veteran speaking of the exploits and hardships occurring during his service but gives no details; the affiant further states that Samuel Foster is the identical man who was the husband of Barbara Foster who is now an applicant for a widow's pension and who now lives in Habersham County Georgia; that the veteran and his wife had 10 children (none named).]

[p 26: On March 19, 1858 in Rabun County Georgia, Hiram Dillingham, 80, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Samuel Foster and his wife Barbara for 2 years prior to the death of Samuel in the fall of 1829 in Clayton County Georgia; that Samuel and Barbara had 10 children (none named); and that Samuel enjoyed the reputation as a Revolutionary soldier.]

[p 42: On October 20, 1857 in Habersham County Georgia, George Garmon gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Samuel Foster and Barbary Garmon in the fall of 1786 near Lawrence in Lawrence District [Laurens District] State of South Carolina by Thomas Farrow, Esqr.; the record of the marriage was recorded in a Bible by Samuel Foster but the Bible has been destroyed by a fire when his house was consumed a few years after the marriage. He signed his affidavit with his mark. On p 29: On January 5, 1859 in White County (formally Habersham) Georgia, George Garmon, 88, supplemented an earlier affidavit in which he states he was able to date the marriage of Samuel and Barbara Foster by the birth of the affiant's brother Michael Garmon.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$36.10 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 for her husband service as a soldier in the revolutionary war.]