

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Forsyth W7315

Nancy Forsyth

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1853

On this 27th day of October A.D. 1853 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court John Forsythe a resident of said County 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 benefit of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832, July 4th 1836 – July 7th 1838 and all previous & subsequent Acts of Congress applicable to his case -

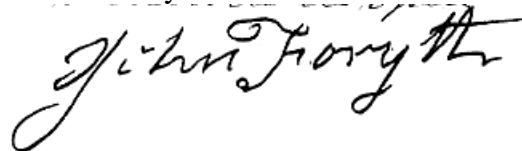
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That he is the son of Hugh Forsyth who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and served his country faithfully for several years but under what officers he served, or what battles he was in, this deponent does not know, he cannot say further than that his said Father has often talked to him about his services, and suffering in said war, but deponent can give no intelligible account of it, he being a very illiterate man and rather weak in mind; but that his Father did serve he has no doubt and relies for proof of his services upon the Revolutionary muster rolls of North and South Carolina; and of his identity, upon traditionary history and the affidavits herewith presented, deponent has no documentary or record evidence in support of his Claim, and therefore relies for proof upon the public records of the Country, and upon the affidavits of identity from persons of credibility -- which deponent prays may be liberally constructed.

He further declares that his Father the said Hugh Forsyth died in or about the year 1828, leaving a widow who died the 14th of June 1838 -- leaving surviving her Hugh, Jane, Margaret, & John Forsyth, all of whom are now dead as this deponent believes that himself who is the only surviving heir -- deponent further states that his Father was married during the Revolution to Nancy Lawson, by which said marriage he had the above named children. That deponent's Father left no record of his marriage. That deponent's Father and mother lived together as man and wife until the death of his Father, that his said mother remained a widow until her death all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto appended.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court before.

S/ John Forsyth



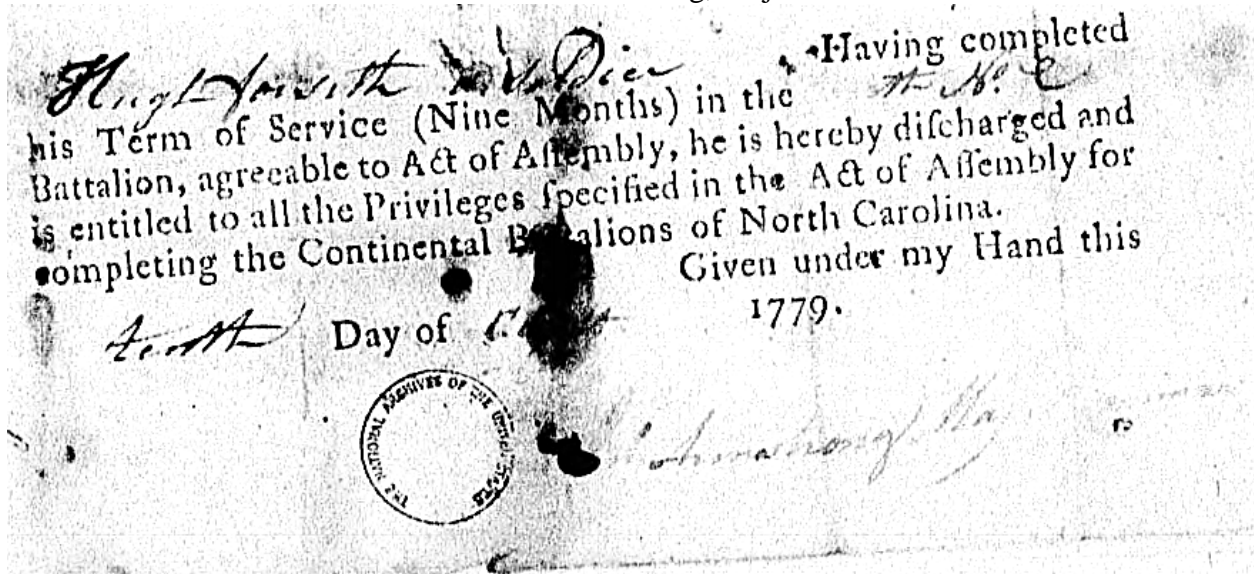
S/ W. R. Maxwell, Clerk

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"Hugh Forsyth a Soldier Having completed his Term of Service (Nine Months) in the No. C. Battalion, agreeable to Act of Assembly, is hereby discharged and is entitled to all the Privileges specified in the Act of Assembly for completing the Continental Battalions of North Carolina.

Given under my hand this 4th day of [month obliterated by ink blot], 1779.

S/ Jas Armstrong, Maj."

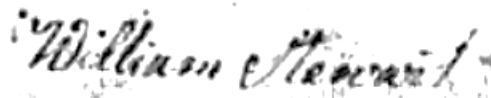


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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Then came William Stewart¹ before me Adam Alexander a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that Hough Forsyth [sic] was a Soldier in the late Continental line of this State for nine months and that he actually served the tower [tour] of nine months under Major John Armstrong, then Major [indecipherably faint name] in said line, to the Southward and that he did not desert. Given under my hand and seal this the blank day of July A.D. 1792

S/ William Stewart



State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County:

Then came Joseph Stewart before us John McCorkel & William Mathews two of the Justices of the peace for said County and made oath that Hough Forsyth [sic] was a Soldier in the Continental line of this State for nine months, and that he actually served the term of nine months under Colonel Arch'l Lightle [Archibald Lytle] (Colonel of the Continental line of this State) in the aforesaid line and that he did not desert. Given under our hands and seals on this 10th day of July 1792

S/ John McCorkel

¹ This MIGHT be the same man as [William Stewart S14580](#)

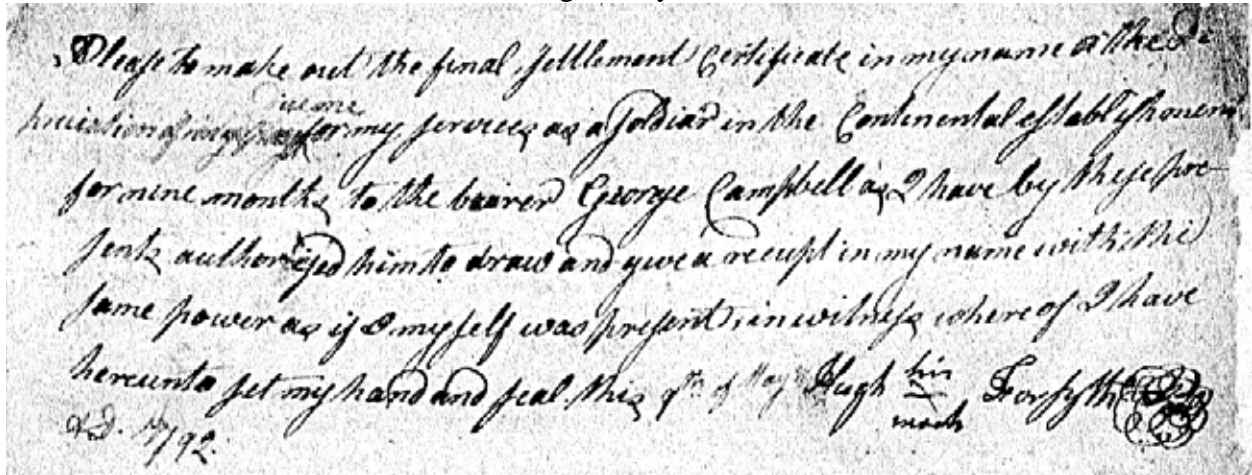
William Mathews

S/ Joseph Stewart, X his mark

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"Please to make out the final Settlement Certificate in my name all the Depreciation of my income for my services as a Soldier in the Continental establishment for nine months to the bearer George Campbell as I have by these Presents authorized him to draw and give a receipt in my name with the same power as if I myself was present, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th of May A. D. 1792

S/ Hugh Forsyth, X his mark"



The image shows a snippet of a handwritten document in cursive script. The text is a settlement certificate from Hugh Forsyth to George Campbell. It reads: "Please to make out the final Settlement Certificate in my name all the Depreciation of my ^{income} for my services as a Soldier in the Continental establishment for nine months to the bearer George Campbell as I have by these presents authorized him to draw and give a receipt in my name with the same power as if I myself was present, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th of May Hugh ^{his} Forsyth ^{mark} A.D. 1792." The signature "Hugh Forsyth" is written in a large, flowing cursive, with "his" written above it and "mark" written below it. There is a circular seal or stamp to the right of the signature.

North Carolina Mecklenburg County

This day Hugh Forsyth personally appeared before us Adam Alexander & John Foard two of the Justices for said County and made oath that he Served as a Soldier in the Continental service for 9 months and was lawfully Discharged and that he never Received any Part of the final Certificate or the Depreciation of the pay due him for the said services nor any other Ways Otherwise and Person or persons to Draw the same Except the above named George Camble Sworn to before us this 9th Day of May 1792.

S/ Hugh Forsyth, X his mark

S/ Adam Alexander, JP

S/ John Foard, JP

[p 22, supporting affidavit dated March 26, 1852, given by Elizabeth McCall of Mecklenburg County, NC as to the service by Hugh Forsyth in the Revolution for some 3 or 4 years; the marriage of Hugh Forsyth to Nancy Lawson; and of their having the following children: John, Hugh, Margaret, Jane & Catherina, none of whom she thinks are still living but John Forsyth. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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[Marriage bond dated February 10, 1807, given in Mecklenburg County, NC by John Forsyth and Robert Duffy for the marriage of John Forsyth to Nancy Doulin.]

[p 40 Certificate of the North Carolina Comptroller as to payments made to Hugh Forsyth for military services in the revolutionary war as follows:

State of North Carolina
Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of public Accounts, in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments, made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Hugh Forsyth

Bundle endorsed "Army claims settled at Hillsboro' in 1792". Hugh Forsyth, private soldier, exhibited his account against the United States, to the Commissioners of Army Accounts as follows:

1778 To 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ months pay at 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ dollars	\$ 11. 11
1779 To 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ months pay at 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ dollars	118. 85

The rest of the account contains charges of Interest and credits of payments made to said Hugh Forsyth and the balance due on final settlement was paid to George Campbell, Attorney for said Forsyth who duly receipted for the same.

The papers, discharge &c. hereunto annexed were taken by me from the file and marked with my initials (W. J. C.) in red ink.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 22d. day of March
1854

Wm. J. Clarke, Compt.

[Veteran's widow's heirs were awarded the pension due her at the rate of \$30 per annum based on her husband's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]