

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Forehand John

VA
(Forean, Rebecca)

W7316

Transcribed by Fred Weyler

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[p2] Virginia certificate 19244
John Forehand of Rockbridge County
Private under Captain Bell, Col Gist
Three years from 1777
Issued 29Mar1824 @ \$8/month

[p3] Virginia certificate 1967
Rebecca Forehand, widow of
John Forehand 3 years in Maryland line
Issued 14Sep1843 @ \$80/annum

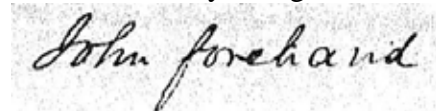
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Virginia

Rockbridge County

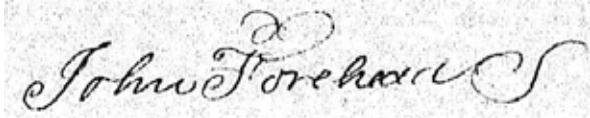
On this first day of April in the year 1823 personally appeared in open court being a court of record fro said county having a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment, John Forehand, aged sixty eight years, resident in the county aforesaid. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follow. That he enlisted in Staunton in Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Bell about the year 1777. That he was afterwards attached to the sixteenth Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Gist [Nathaniel Gist] in the brigade of General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. That the period for which he enlisted was three years. That he was in the battles of Monmouth and Stony Point and at the siege of Charleston where he was wounded through the right breast & shoulder and taken prisoner. That he was afterwards taken round from Charleston to Williamsburg by the British for the purpose of being exchanged, where he and others made their escape from the vessel in which they were confined and that he was afterwards discharged at Williamsburg having served the period for which he was enlisted. And further that he was born in the state of Pennsylvania and is now and was on the 18th day of March 1818 a resident citizen of the United States. And that he has not by gift or in any other manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with a view to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons employed in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary

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War. And that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property security or contract nor has he any debts due to him nor has he any income of any kind or description. And further that he has no family living with him upon whom he can depend for support.



Schedule, Real Property, none. Personal none. Debts none. Contracts none.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Forehand". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[routine certification:
Andrew Reid, clerk

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At Rockbridge County Court, May 6th 1839

State of Virginia to wit:

On this sixth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine (1839) personally appeared before the county court of the county of Rockbridge, Rebecca Forehand, a resident of the said county of Rockbridge and state aforesaid aged eighty three years who being first 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 July 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Forehand deceased who was a private soldier of the Virginia Continental line during the Revolutionary war and who was at the time of his death, a pensioner of the United States. She further declares that she was married to the same John Forehand on the 29 day of September (1785) in the year seventeen hundred & eighty five. That her husband the aforesaid John Forehand died on the twenty seventh day of February in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz at the time above stated. And that she has not intermarried with any other person.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court before a court held for the said county of Rockbridge on the day and year above written, to wit on the sixth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine. Rebecca Forehand x her mark

[certification

Thomas Hatton

Francis Hatton, son in law of the Forehands

Samuel D Reid, clerk

David Hutcheson, deputy clerk

Hugh Barclay JP

[p14-17] 03Apr1848, son in law Francis Hatton in Rockbridge County Court filed a claim in behalf of the heirs of John and Rebecca Forehand for any pension yet due.

[p34] 22Oct1823 Rockbridge County affidavits of Abel Armstrong and Smith Thompson that they served in the same regiment with John Forehand.

[p38] Affidavit of Britton Robinson, age 80, 03Nov1823 that he was in the Rockbridge militia, but knew John Forehand to have been a wounded veteran of the Continental line.

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Addendum to John Forehand W7316

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 6 Feb 2020.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certify that John Forehand a Soaldier of Colo. Gists [Nathaniel Gist BLWt1874-500] Detachment of the Virginia Line has Serv'd the full time for which he was Inlisted and is hereby Dischardy from the Service, That he has Rec'd in Cotineltal Currency up to the last of Novembr one thousand seven Hundred and seventy nine since whih he has Only Rec'd Two Dollars specie from the D Comsy Gen'l [Deputy Commissary General] prisoner at Charles Town [Charleston] Given under my hand at WmBurg [Williamsburg] the twenty fifth day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty One

John Gillison Capt [W7530]

Com'd 3rd Batt'l

D. Stephison [David Stephenson BLWt2057-400]

Major Gen'l [undeciphered word]

Virg Line

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Enlisted by Capt. Thomas Bell [VAS2473] the 25th July 1777/ Thos. Bell Cap.

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