

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Fodrell W7317 Mary Fodrell VA
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Virginia Patrick County Court – to wit

On this 13th day of January 1825 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record by having unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law & keeping a record of its proceedings) Charles Fodrell aged 80 years next June resident in the County of Patrick, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made in the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & 1st May 1820 – That he the said Charles Fodrell enlisted for the term of three years about the commencement of the Revolutionary War (the precise day & year not recollected) at Leesburg Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Coleman in the 2d Regiment commanded by Col. Feebecher [sic: Christian Febiger] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. that he entered to serve in the said Corps for three years ensuing the time of his enlistment pursuant to the terms of his enlistment, when he was discharged from the said service at Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania and that he received then & there a written discharge which has been since accidentally lost – That he immediately re-enlisted for the remainder of the War (precise date not recollected) at Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey in the company commanded by Capt William Taylor, in the said Regiment then commanded by Col. Saml Cabell [Samuel Jordan Cabell] in the line of of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps for eighteen months, when he hired one Thomas Cane to serve the remainder of the time for which he enlisted in his place, who was regularly received, and this Declarant discharged by Col. Samuel Cabell, which discharge was in writing, and was filed in the War office in the City of Richmond by this Declarant.

That he was in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and that he has no other evidence now in his possess of his said service except the Affidavit of James Miller [pension application S38230] hereto annexed– That the reason the declarant did not apply sooner for a pension was that he lived in a remote part of the Country and did not know that the act of 1818 was passed untill within two or three years – That ever since he was informed of the passage of said law, he has been endeavouring to take the necessary steps for procuring his pension. That he applied frequently in Court, for the purpose of making his Declaration, but from various causes he was put off– that for the last twelve months he has been unable from infirmity to go to Court, or to do any thing else of consequence – That he is extremely poor & entirely unable to support himself by labor so much so, that he is now on the parish– And in pursuance of the of Act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818; and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within provisions of an Act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities or contracts, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

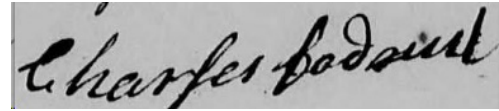
Schedule of property possessed by Charles Fodrell, March 18th 1818 –

One cow value \$10. since killed and eaten

One yearling calve 2. Do. Do.

A broken table, & three or four broken chairs, an iron pot & two or three pewter plates

This Declarant further declares that he has no wife now & has only two sons who reside in North Carolina, and do not contribute in any way to his support. That he has no trade or particular occupation and that his age and infirmity disqualify him for all sorts of labour.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Fodrell".

James Miller an old revolutionary soldier and a man of reputed veracity, came also into Court on the day aforesaid and made oath, that he served three years in the same Regiment with the above Declarant Charles Fodrell [see endnote], and knew him personally – during that time – He knows nothing of his enlistment or discharge, or of his second period of service. James hisXmark Miller

NOTES:

In his own pension declaration, James Miller stated that he served first for two years in the 10th Virginia Regiment and then for three years in the 11th Virginia Regiment.

On 18 Oct 1854 Mary Fodrell, 76, of Surry County NC, applied for a pension stating that she married Charles Fodrell on 5 June 1826, and he died on 10 Sep 1830. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 5 June 1826 in Patrick County by Charles Fodrell and Brett Stovall for the marriage of Fodrell to Mary Nelson of Patrick County. On 5 March 1856 Mary Fodrell, 79, applied for bounty land, referring to a Brother in Salisbury NC. On 30 June 1856 Mary Fodrell was said to be 70, and she named H. H. Helper of Salisbury NC as her attorney to obtain bounty land.