

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Fuqua W7345 Celia Fuqua VA
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State of Virginia, Bedford County S.S.

On this 27th day of January 1840 personally appeared before the County Court of Bedford, of said State at its January term – holden on the said 27th day of January 1840. at the court house of said County Mrs. Celia Fuqua (whose maiden name was Bondurant) a respectable resident of said County, aged 77 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 Joseph Fuqua dec’d of said County – who was a private in the regular service, in the revolutionary war. That he enlisted under Cap. Gross Scruggs on the 22nd day February 1776, and served two years as a regular soldier – as will appear from the letter of the 3rd Auditor – which is no doubt true, as she has frequently heard her dec’d husband Joseph Fuqua speak of, and relate his revolutionary services – that she understood him to say that he was at the battle of B. Wine [Battle of Brandywine PA, 11 Sep 1777] St’d [situated?] to the North. And she the said Celia Fuqua, further declares, that she was married to Joseph Fuqua above named in said county by the Rev’d. Jno W Holt, on the 13th day of November 1782, as will appear by the records in Clerks office of said County. That her husband the aforesaid Joseph Fuqua died on the 4th day of May 1829. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but, the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, Viz: at the time above stated. And further that the said Celia Fuqua whose maiden name was Bondurant, has remained unmarried ever since the death of the said Joseph Fuqua her dec’d. husband to the present time – and now claims a pension at the hands of the Gen’l. Government as the widow of said Fuqua in consideration of said services. Celia herXmark Fuqua

It appears from the Rolls of Cap’n. Gross Scrugg’s Compay of the 5th Regiment of the Virginia line, that Joseph Fuqua, a private, enlisted on the 22nd of February 1776, for the term of two years, and according to the Rolls of said Scrugg’s company, said Joseph Fuqua served until the month of March 1778 when he was discharged. Treasury Department/ 3^d Auditors Office/ 21st May 1840
[signed] Peter Hagner Aud

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On this 25th day of May 1840, before me R. C. Steptoe a Justice of the peace in and for said county personally appeared Col. Armistead Otey a respectable resident of said county, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say – That he is 63 years old that he was well acquainted with Joseph Fuqua dec’d (a Revolutionary soldier of the United States whose widow Celia Fuqua is now living) some thirty years previous to his death – which was about the year 1829 – and he this deponant has always regarded Mr. Joseph Fuqua above named as a man in independent circumstances – that from the year 1818 to 1829 the time of his death he was the owner of a valuable tract of Land near Liberty in said County and also many negroes, and other perishable property – and in fact at no time while deponant knew him could he have applied for a Pension under the law of 1818 – which as deponant understands it – grants pensions only to needy persons – or to persons who owns but little property – and further that he Fuqua left his widow in quite independent circumstances when he died. [signed] A. Otey
[Dr. Henry W. Moseley made a similar statement.]