

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Foster James

VA  
(Nancy McClure, former widow)

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[p2] Virginia certificate 6206

Nancy McClure

Widow of James Foster, Private

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State of Virginia

County of Nelson

On this 31 day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the county and state aforesaid Nancy McClure aged eighty five years. Who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of James Foster who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War enlisted or volunteered in the service of the United States under Captain Samuel J Cabell for five years or during the war in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia about the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, the exact date not recollected, but refers the Commissioner of Pensions to the muster rolls filed by Capt. Cabell or rather Lt. Col. Cabell as he was promoted to the office of Col. Before the close of the war. That her said husband James Foster during his time in service was part of his time Philadelphia and Haverstraw. Was at the battles of Schuylkill, or Red House, Monmouth and various other engagements under Generals Washington, Ganes, Col. Campbell and other officers. My said husband was taken prisoner in company with Capt. Cabell and others at Haddrills Point in the Spring of 1780 and remained in confinement until about the first of March 1781 when they were exchanged as well as I can recollect he belonged to or was attached to the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment. His discharge if he had one was either lost or destroyed or burnt.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Foster on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five. That her husband the aforesaid James Foster died the 15 day of April seventeen hundred and ninety five. 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 she further states that she married Alexander McClure on the 15 day of July in the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine and that her said husband died on the 15 day of October in the year eighteen hundred and fifty and that she is still a widow.

Know all men by these presents, that I Nancy McClure aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint William C Roberts to be my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of the Interior of the United States all moneys that may be found due me and said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes above expressed.

Nancy McClure            x her mark

[routine county certifying and supporting statements]

James B Collins

Sarah J Pugh

Jas. M Harris, Justice of the peace.  
Susan Roberts  
Joseph A Roberts  
Wingfield Norvell  
Joseph J Hopkins  
Robert Allen  
Jno W Dickinson, JP  
Thomas J Massie, clerk

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State of Virginia  
Appomattox County

On this 16 day of May AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty three personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the state and county aforesaid Bartholomew Cyrus, a revolutionary pensioner to me known and entitled to credit, a resident of the county and state aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he served in the Revolutionary War with James Foster who enlisted under Capt. Samuel J Cabell who was afterwards promoted to the office of B. Major. I was with him two or three years part of the time at Philadelphia, Haverstraw, Battle of the Schuylkill or Red House and was with him until he was taken prisoner at Hadrills Point S.C. and did not see him afterwards in company with Major Cabell and others all taken prisoners.

Bartholomew Cyrus x his mark

[certification  
Wm W C Dullock, witness  
Wm Trent, Justice of the peace  
H. F. Boccock, clerk]

[p24 Virginia Executive Department, Richmond, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Letter that James Foster is in the list of soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment and was paid £55.9.6 for settlement of balance of full pay.]  
[p25-26] notes about Captain Jordan Cabell 17Sep1776 letter of 3 deserters from Amherst County Virginia.  
[p29-31 Attorney's brief of the facts of James Foster's widow Nancy's application]

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Wood County  
State of Virginia

On this seventh day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty four personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the county and state aforesaid Zachariah Morris, aged ninety five years to me well known and entitled to credit, a resident of Wood County Va and made oath in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with James Foster before and after the war and lived a neighbor to said Foster at the time he enlisted and went into the revolutionary war under Captain Samuel J. Cabel which was about the commencement of the war 1776. Said James Foster and himself then resided in Amherst County Virginia which county has since been divided and is now called Nelson County. Then went to a place in the neighborhood they then lived in called the Rock Springs to see about joining into the war. Their

Captain Diggs under whom they mustered resigned, and said Foster on that day enlisted under Captain Cabel who was a recruiting for or during the war he thinks.

Whilst said Foster was in the war, he was taken prisoner and kept some time in confinement and after the close of the war and about the year 1785, the said James Foster married Nancy Shepherd who was raised in the neighborhood.

[etc. with routine certification

Joseph Wigal, witness

Ephraim Zinder, witness

William R. Black, JP

Henry H Dils, clerk]

[p42-46 another attorney's brief of the James Foster widow case]