

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Fenner W789 ¹

Ann Fenner

f39NC

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State of Tennessee Madison County: In the Circuit Court of said County at the December Term

On this Thirty first day of December 1839 personally appeared before the Honorable John Read Judge of said Court in open Court, Ann Fenner a resident of said County of Madison State aforesaid aged Seventy-two 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 Richard Fenner deceased who was a Lieutenant in the Second Regiment of the Continental Line of the State of North Carolina in the Revolutionary War, that he entered the service in the year 1777 (the month not known) that he was an Ensign on the 10th of January 1780 and Lieutenant on the 12th day of May 1781, that he was engaged in the Siege of Charleston South Carolina [the Siege of Charleston ended with its surrender on May 12, 1780], and was there taken prisoner & remained until exchanged and that he continued in the Service until the expiration of the War. She further declares that she was married to the said Richard Fenner on the Twenty-third day of January in the year 1788 that her husband the aforesaid Richard Fenner died on the __ day of May 1828 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, in the County of Halifax State of North Carolina

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written

S/ Ann Fenner



Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 31st of December 1839

S/ A. Guthrie, Clk

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Raleigh 6th March 1840

James L. Edwards Esqr.

Sir

Enclosed I send you the deposition of Miss E. Geddy to be used in the case of Mrs. Ann Fenner, widow of Richard Fenner deceased. I believe you knew Dr. Richard Fenner and Mrs. Fenner, they lived in Franklin County not far from Lewisburg when you resided

¹ BLWt772-200 – Lieut. Issued May 17, 1796 No papers. The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the War Department was destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed.

in Halifax. My first wife was sister to Mrs. Fenner at their house we were married. I knew them many years and know that they lived together as man & Wife and had nine or ten children. I don't know that stating these facts will aid the widow in getting a pension, but thought it possible it in might do so.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient servant

S/ W. Hill [then the NC Secretary of State]

P. S. Miss E. Geddy presents her respects to you. When you have decided on the case of Mrs. Fenner please write me & let me know how it is disposed of. S/ WH

[On March 6, 1840 in Wake County North Carolina Elizabeth Geddy, 68, made oath that she was present at the marriage of Richard Fenner and Ann or Nancy Geddy which took place in Halifax in North Carolina in the year 1784 1785 to the best of her recollection; and that Ann Geddy Fenner is her sister.

E. Geddy]

[p 7: On December 31, 1839, in Madison County Tennessee, John M. Fenner, 34, made oath that he is the executor of Richard Fenner whose widow Ann Fenner is making application for a pension; that he is the son of said Richard Fenner and has custody of all of his father's papers since his death including a certificate of appointment of Richard Fenner as a Lieutenant in the Second Regiment of North Carolina taking that rank on May 12, 1781 (said certificate bearing the date October 6, 1784)

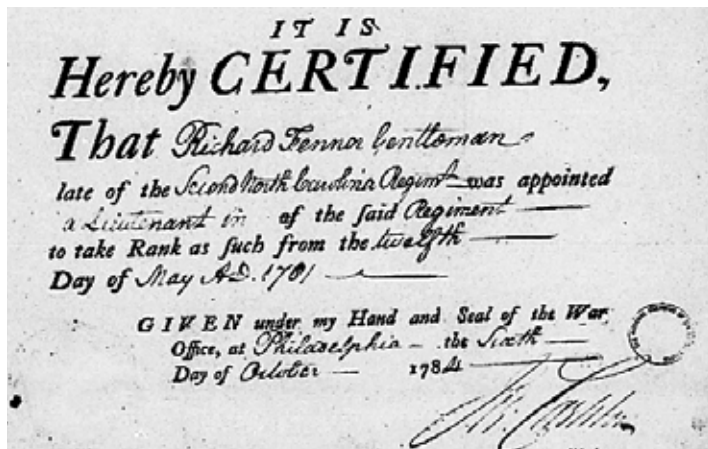
John M. Fenner]

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It is Hereby Certified, That Richard Fenner Gentleman late of the Second North Carolina Regiment was appointed a Lieutenant in the said Regiment to take Rank as such from the twelfth Day of May A.D. 1781 –

Given under my Hand and Seal of the War Office, at Philadelphia, this 6th Day of October 1784—

S/ Jno. Cashton [?]



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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that Richard Fenner a Pay Master in the 2nd Regiment was commissioned or entered the service in the year 1777 (the month not mentioned), that he was an Ensign on the 10th of January 1780, and Lieutenant on the 12th day of May 1781.

Given under my hand this 12th day of May 1834

S/ Wm Hill [NC Secretary of State]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$560 per annum (increased from an initial amount of \$320 per annum) commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a Lieut. and Pay Master in the North Carolina Continental line.]