

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Fisher W8813

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On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the County Court of Orange now sitting William Fisher a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he was too young to serve in the beginning of the revolutionary war on his own account but that he substituted himself for one Edmund Daniel who had been drafted in the militia for an eighteen months tour and served out said tour. He marched to Richmond and was stationed there sometime under one Col. Davis in the year as he believes of 1780. from Richmond he marched under Col. Richard Campbell & Gen. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at the south and was at the battle at Guilford Court House [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781]. soon after the battle of Camden his term of service expired & he was discharged. After that he returned home & being old enough now was called out upon his own account in the militia for three months and served out his said tour during which he was at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] & witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis. He was born in Essex County and is about seventy five years of age he was a resident of Orange when he substituted himself & also when he was drafted & has resided in Orange ever since the war. While in the Southern Campaign he recollects distinctly Gen. Green & Col. Rich'd. Campbell & Col. Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes]. The Maryland & Delaware troops were with him but he does not recollect their officers names. He has no documentary evidence in his possession to prove his services as aforesaid. He does not know the year in which he was born the record of his age being lost but believes he is about 75 years of age [see note below]

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[Certified by Thomas Jones, pension application W7905.]

NOTES:

A man became eligible for militia service at age 16, so Fisher was probably born between late 1764 and Sep 1765. He would have been 67 at the time of this application.

On 10 Nov 1853 Sarah Fisher, 58, applied for a pension stating that she married William Fisher on 2 Jan 1826, and he died 24 Nov 1843. The file contains a copy of a bond signed 28 Dec 1825 by William Fisher and George Cox for the marriage of Fisher to Sally Cox. Another document states that the marriage occurred at the home of the bride's father in Orange County. On 12 Mar 1855 she applied for bounty land. On 15 Nov 1865 at age 69, and again on 29 Aug 1867, she applied for restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, stating that she had lived during that time in Spotsylvania and Orange counties with her widowed daughter, Lucy Ann Sullivan, who was poor and had four children of her own. In 1868 Sarah Fisher's address was Rapidan Station in Culpeper County VA.