

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Forns (Foins) W9446

Edith Forns

f32SC

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South Carolina Richland County

Personally appeared Edith Forns before me John Taylor Justice of the Quorum and made oath that Edward Forns [sic] was her lawful husband, that the said Edward Forns was a private soldier in the Company of Captain Uriah Goodwyn in Colonel Thomson's Regiment of Regulars raised by the State of South Carolina that the said Edward Forns was taken a prisoner by the British at the Siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779] and died a prisoner soon after. That from the best information she believes he never enlisted or joined with the British but remained true to his country till death. That this deponent hath never been married since his death but now remains a widow and doth not on any lands or Negroes. Sworn to before me the 29 July 1800 (signed) John Taylor, JQ (signed) Edith Forns, X her mark

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I certify that from the written affidavit as well as from the Certificates of Mister John Hopkins & Captain John Malone & Simon Taylor Esquire that I believe the within named Edith Forns is still a widow as within stated and that she doth not own any lands or Negroes. July 29th 1800

(signed) John Taylor, JQ

State of South Carolina Richland District

This is to certify Edith Forns widow of Edith Forns [sic, Edward/Edmun Forns] who fell in the late war still remains a widow & has neither land or Negroes. Given under my hand the 13th day of July 1800

(signed)

Sim Taylor, JP

John Malone, JP

Treasury Office, Columbia South Carolina: May 8th 1849

I do hereby certify that the foregoing all correct copies taken from the Original Archives of this Office

S R/ C/ Griffin

Treasurer

P Thomas Freen, D. T.

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State of South Carolina Richland District: SS

On this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned a Magistrate in and for the said District and State Edith Forns a resident of Richland District in the State of South Carolina aged about one hundred 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 4th, 1836, and of the subsequent Acts: That she is the widow of Edmund Forns or Foins deceased who was a private in Capt. Uriah Goodwyn's Company in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Continental Establishment commanded by Col. William Thompson [William Thomson]: that her said husband Edmund Forns deceased enlisted in said company of said Regiment in the year 1777 or 1778 but probably in the latter, that the enlisting or recruiting Officer was named as well as she recollects Lieut. John Gaskins that her husband the aforesaid Edmund Forns was in the regular service from the time of his enlistment till the siege of Savannah in the year 1779 where he was killed in battle in the engagement which then and there took place. She further declares that she was married to the said Edmund Forns on the ___ day of ___ in the year Seventeen hundred and ___ at the house of the Rev. Luke Gibson a Baptist minister near Little River now in Fairfield District, then called Craven County: that the clergyman who pronounced the marriage ceremony was Rev. W. Gibson. That said Edmund Forns was in service about ___ when he was killed; that her husband and herself lived together as husband and wife on Bear Creek in said District of Fairfield, & that he enlisted at the house of Mr. John Wilson who lived near them and whose son Mr. Theophilus Wilson she recollects perfectly well, that Robert Doolie [sic, Robert Dooley?] her said husband's brother-in-law and James Nipper who also enlisted were his comrades, that she had one child before he entered service: that she was married to the said Edmund Forns about 3 years before he entered the said service and that he died at the time & place aforesaid as she learned from his survivors who were his comrades and that she has remained a widow ever since: That she has no Family Record showing either the date of her marriage as aforesaid or the births of her children; that neither she or her husband could write: She further swears that ever since the enlisting of her said husband she has resided in the Districts of Fairfield & Richland and more recently in the latter being now under the care of the Commissioners of the Poor for said District. That a short while after the War of the Revolution in which she lost her husband the State of South Carolina granted her an annuity or pension as the widow of the aforesaid Edmund Forns, even as early the year of our Lord 1790 which she continued to receive many years all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed, to which she most respectfully craves attention.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year first above written Before me

S/ D. B. Miller, Magistrate

S/ Edith Forns, X her mark

[Thomas Parker, Johnson Elkins and James S. Guignard gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: Theophilus Wilson, 85, of Richland District, SC, gave a supporting affidavit in which he largely recites the same facts as alleged by Edith Forns. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 18: On June 21, 1849, Edith Forns filed another application substantially identical to the above application except she adds that she was pregnant with her second child when her husband was killed at Savannah; and that she married him in 1774, 1775 or 1776, "but in all events before he enlisted a good while having one child and being pregnant with another."]

[p 27 sets forth the SC law allowing pensions to disabled veterans and the families of veterans killed in action.]

[p 31: Pension payments made by the State of South Carolina to Edith Forns, widow of Edmund Forns]

"Annuities &c. to sundries, May 15th 1792."
 To Edith Forns widow of Edm^d & children
 4 years annuities due her and 2 children
 to March 1790 £36
 1 year due her £5 & 1 yr due one child
 " to do 1791 7 £ 43. 00
 Day Book of 1792

"September 1793
 Edith Forns paid 7"
 Day Book of 1793
 Rec^d 28 Sept 1793 of B Waring for seven pounds
 for bal. of annuit. due to Edith Forns up to March
 1791 as p certifi sent to Congress (signed) Robert Craig
 £ 7. (Vide Lovers Receipt letter F.)
 November 1795
 Edith Forns 3 yrs (1794) £ 15
 June 1796
 Edith Forns paid her to March 1795 £ 21
 July 1800
 Edith Forns 29th 1 year annuity \$85-71. 4
 (Day Book of 1800)

1792 Edith Forns
 May To Cash p^d in part to R. Craig £ 36
 Sept
 1795 To do p^d R Craig in balance to 1791 = 7
 £ 43

1795 Edith Forns
 Nov To Cash £ 15
 1796 To ditto 21
 June
 1800 Edith Forns
 July To Cash \$85-71- 4
 (See Ledgers 1792, 1793, 1795, 1796 & 1800)

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$43.08 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]