

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Forgason (Ferguson) R3664

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State of Alabama, Coosa County: SS

On this twentieth day of November 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace James Forgason a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty three 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He declares that he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain John Beverly and Col. Isaacs [probably Elijah Isaacks or Isaacs, but could be Elijah's brother, Elisha] in Wilkes County North Carolina, about the commencement of the Revolutionary and marched from there to Randolph County and divers other places during the first tour of three months – and he further declares that some time after he returned, he was drafted for three months and still served under Col Isaacs. He further states that he volunteered his services the third tour under Captain Thomas Forgason [Thomas Ferguson] and marched from Wilkes Court House to Randolph County and served only one month until they returned home and soon after volunteered again under Captain Gist [sic, Moses Guest] and then marched to Wilkes Court House where they were stationed for some time and then pursued their march under the command of Col. Campbell [William Campbell] on to Kings Mountain, where they engaged in a battle [October 7, 1780] with the British and Tories, several of whom they took prisoners and guarded them on their march to Salem where they remained stationary for sometime and then returned home after serving five months, and in a short time after that he volunteered under Captain Gist again and marched to Ramsour's Mill serving only one month & returned home, making in all thirteen months during the whole time of which he furnished his own horse and served as a mounted volunteer and he further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob J Richards

S/ James Forgason, X his mark

Justice of the Peace

[Asa Baucom and Hiram L. Stewart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]