

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Fox S41540

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Pennsylvania, Washington County

On this 25th day of Sept. 1821 personally appeared in Open court a court of record for the said County, John Fox aged sixty years, resident in Followfield Township [Fallowfield Township] in said county, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, he enlisted in the year 1777 on Muddy Creek, Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Biggs¹ of the 13th Virginia Regiment in the service of the United States, that being enlisted for three years or during the war, he served under Capt. Biggs about two years when he was taken prisoner by the Shawnee Indians at Fort Lawrens [sic, Laurens] on the Tuscarawas River, then commanded by Genl. Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead] and that he remained a prisoner with the Indians about seven years and was liberated at the treaty held by Generals Butler and Clarke at the mouth of the Miami River:² That at the time he was taken by the Indians he was wounded in the left hand, and on his arrival at the Indian Towns was made to Run the Gauntlet and so beaten over the head that he has ever since been unable to do any hard work. That he has a wife and five children, two of whom are married and the other two quite young, the eldest about 13 years of age, -- And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz, One kettle, one dutch oven, one wheel, one axe, one bed and bedding, one table; the whole valued and appraised at fourteen dollars.--

Sworn to and declared on the 25th day of September 1821, before me.

S/ Thomas Morgan, Prothonotary

S/ John Fox, X his mark

Ohio County, Virginia

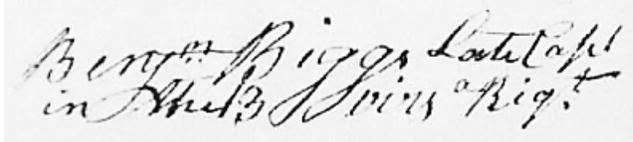
Personally appeared before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, Benjamin Biggs, late captain in the 13th Virginia Regiment, who being first sworn deposeth and saith that John Fox, in the spring of 1777 enlisted in his company to serve as a regular soldier for three years or during the war, that he served as such about two years during which time he was attached to the 13th Virginia Regiment then in the Continental service commanded by Col. John Gibson that in February

¹ [Benjamin Biggs W1366](#)

² C. Leon Harris notes: "the treaty held by Generals Butler and Clarke at the mouth of the Miami River" appears to refer to the Treaty of Fort McIntosh (at the mouth of Beaver River in PA) negotiated by Richard Butler and George Rogers Clark and signed on 21 Jan 1785. It was renegotiated by Butler and Samuel Holden Parsons at Cincinnati (mouth of Little Miami River) on 1 Feb 1786 – Treaty of Fort Finney.

1779 he was taken prisoner at Fort Laurens by the Indians & was held by them until the war was over, that he has frequently heard the said John say that the beating the Indians gave the said John on his head always injured him.

S/ Benjamin Biggs Late Capt.
in the 13th Vir. Regt.

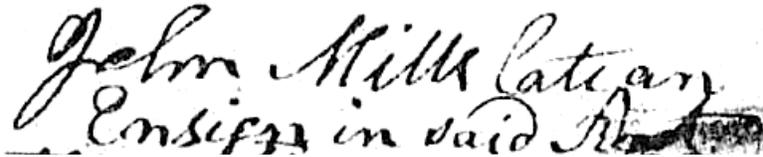


Sworn to before me the 6th day of July 1821.
S/ Rich'd Simms

Ohio County, Virginia

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county John Mills, late Ensign in the company commanded by the aforementioned Capt. Biggs, then attached to the 13th Virginia Regiment in the continental service commanded by Col. John Gibson, who said that John Fox did serve with him in the said company commanded by Capt. Biggs, for about two years when he was taken prisoner by the Indians at Fort Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens] in Feb. 1779 and was held by them until the close of the war, that he is fully of the opinion that he is unable to support himself and is much afflicted with a pain in his head.

S/ John Mills³ Late an
Ensign in said Regt.



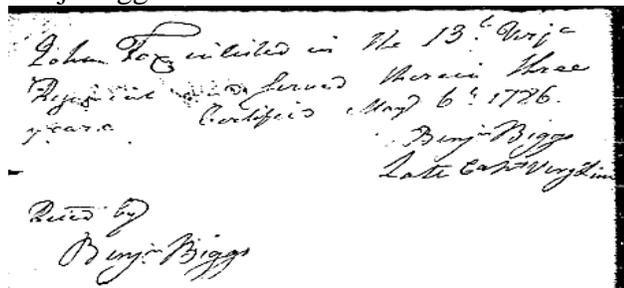
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S/ Richard Simms

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 25, 1821 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

John Fox enlisted in the 13th Virginia Regiment and served therein 3 years. Certified May 6, 1786
S/ Benjⁿ Biggs
Late Capt. Virga Line

Rec'd by
Benjⁿ Biggs



³ [John Mills W5378](#)