

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mason Foley W7314

Caty Foley

f42SC

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[p 18]

State of Tennessee Williamson County

The declaration of Caty Foley October 16th day A.D. 1839

I Caty Foley after being duly sworn depose and say as follows -- viz.: I was married to Mason Foley as well as I remember in March 1772 in Caswell County North Carolina, by whom I had 7 children the names and ages of which will be shown attached to this by a copy from the family record, my husband Mason Foley removed from North to South Carolina about the year 1779 he was appointed Captain of the tenth company in the Spartan Regiment as will more fully appear from the enclosed commutation—my husband Capt. Mason Foley was in the battle at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. I have no certain recollection of any other particular battles he was in but he was out for several years on scouts in various directions, we were robbed and plundered by the Tories of nearly all we possessed.

We returned to North Carolina Caswell County and lived there a term of years and then removed back to South Carolina and lived there until the death of my husband, which took place in the year 1802 on his journey to the North and I was informed by my son Washington G. L. Foley, who was with him at the time.

I have remained his widow from the time to the present never again been married. From the best information I can get 6 of my children are yet living -- further this deponent saith not --

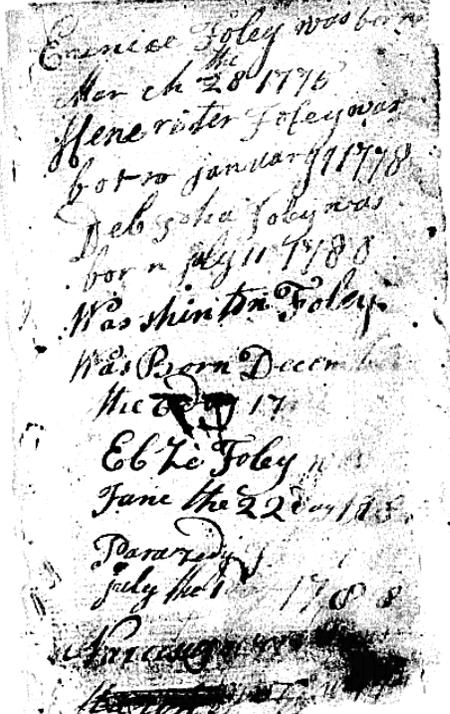
S/ Caty Foley



Eunice Foley was born March 28th, 1775 -- Henrietta Foley was born January 9th, 1778 --Delpha Foley was born July 11th 1780, Washington G. L. Foley was born December 6th 1782 --Elzea Foley was born June 22nd, 1785 --Parazedey was born July 1st, 1784 -- Narcysus Foley was born March 23rd 1795 -- the above is a true copy of the family record

[p 18: James Smith, Sr., 72, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he knew Caty and Mason Foley in Caswell County, NC and he knew 3 of their children, namely Nicey, Henrietta and Washington. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 4: original Family Record:

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[p 19: John Foy, 55, likewise gives a supporting affidavit stating that he knew you Caty and Mason Foley when they lived in North Carolina, he was at that time a boy living in Halifax County Virginia & that he was acquainted when in Virginia with Henrietta, Delpha & Washington, children of Caty and Mason; and afterwards came to know Nicey, Parazedy and Narcisus. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 19: Henry Gray, 67, likewise gave a supporting affidavit saying he knew Caty and Mason Foley in Caswell County North Carolina and several of their children. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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State of Tennessee Williamson County

On this 8th day of September 1840 -- Personally appeared in open Court Caty Foley of the County and State aforesaid, aged Eighty Five years and one month, who first being 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 the 4th July A.D. 1836 That she is the widow of Mason Foley who was a Captain in the militia of South Carolina in the Spartan Regiment and rendered services during the years Eighty & Eighty-one [1780 & 1781] and further services in scouts, but how long she cannot tell and he was in the Battle at the Cowpens she knows of him being in no other battles. She further declares that she was married to the said Mason Foley on the 26th day of March 1772, and that her husband the aforesaid Mason Foley died in the month of March 1802 [could be 1812] in Pittsylvania County Virginia as I was informed by my son Washington G L Foley, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear from the references to the proof.

S/ Caty Foley

[Attested by Samuel B. McConnico, clerk]

[p 10: Alexander Moore gave testimony in Williamson County Tennessee on September 8, 1840 that he took the original family record of the Mason Foley family consisting of one leaf and marked A from a Book of Common Prayer.]

[p 20: On November 10, 1851 in Davidson County Tennessee, Stephen Foley, 37, a resident of Williamson County, Tennessee, filed a claim stating he was the administrator of the estate of Caty Foley stating that Caty Foley was a pensioner up to the date of her death which occurred on November 9 1840, that she died leaving the following surviving children and heirs at law Delpha Foley, Narcissa Butrey, Nicy Warren, Elza Moss and Pargada Broughton.

Stephen Foley 
administrator

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[p 26; Certified true copies of the following documents certified Oct. 22, 1798 by Simeon Shaw [?], SC State Treasurer:

I certify that an account was passed and an indent issued to Mason Foley in the Spartan Regiment for £125.7.1 and an indent N. No.8 issued therefore bearing Interest the 1st April 1783. Received 22nd February 1788 the amount of the within in an indent No. 8 Book N. signed John Thomas Gent.

Pleased to deliver on to Col. John Thomas Junior all the indents in your office do you me and for so doing this shall be your sufficient discharge from

S/ Mason Foley
10 January 1788

The Commissioner of the Treasury will please to deliver the indents mentioned in the above order to Col. John Thomas Senior & they'll much oblige their very humble Servant

S/ J. Thomas, Junr.]

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The State of South Carolina to Mason Foley Dr.

To service done as Capt. at different times in the Spartan Regiment sometimes on foot and some time on horseback under the command of Gen. Williamson, and after the fall of Charleston under Capt Hon. General Sumter, from 13 day of February until 14th day April 1780 on foot 30 days at 60/

£90.0.0

And from 19th day of August 1780 until the 1st day of April 1781 225 days on horseback at 70/ pr day

£787.10

Currency

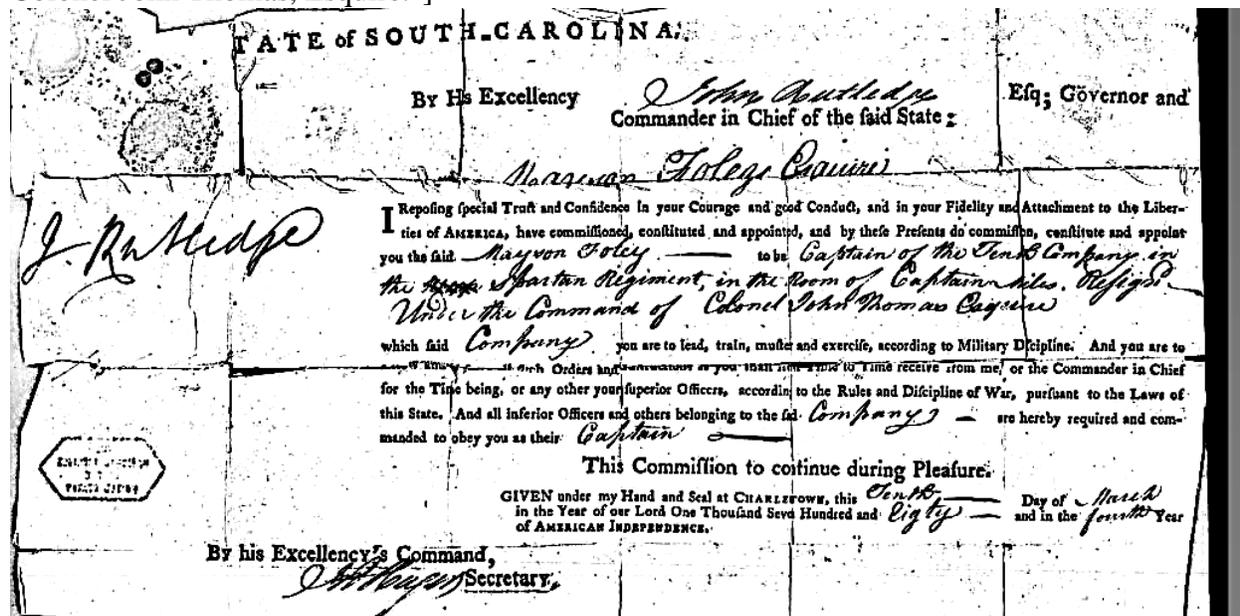
£877.10

Sterling

£125.7.1 ½

[the above certified as a true copy by the Comptroller General Office in Columbia South Carolina October 27, 1840]

[p 38 is the original of the captaincy commission granted to Mason Foley signed by John Rutledge Governor and dated March 10, 1780. It designates him "Captain of the Tenth Company in the Spartan Regiment in the Room of Captain Miles, Resigned, Under the Command of Colonel John Thomas, Esquire."]



[p 42, Stephen Foley states that he is guardian and son of Delpha Foley, one of the surviving children of Caty and Mason Foley.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$188 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service for 9 months & 12 days as a Capt. in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Mason Foley pp 10
 Audited Account No. 2449
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[p 2]
 [No.] 8 [Book] N
 Mr. Mason Foley his Account of Militia duty in 1780 & 1781
 Charged [old SC Currency] £877.10. [illegible]
 Sterling £125.7.1 ½

Received 27 February 1788, the Amount of the Within in an Indent, No. 8 Book N
 S/ John Thomas

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. All The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.



[p 4 (retake of page 3): Original of these certificate transcribed from page 30 of the Pension application]

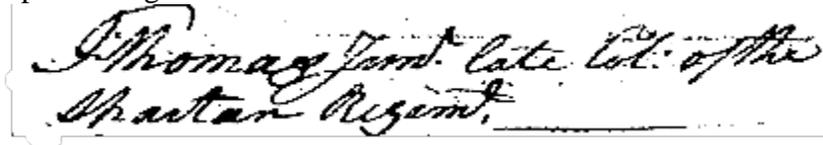
Ninety Six District} Personally came and appeared Captain Mason Foley, before me; & made oath that the above accounts of his services as the [they] stand stated are Just & true, for which he hath not Received any satisfaction

Sworn to before me the 21st day of November 1783

S/ J. Thomas, Junior, JP

I do hereby Certify that the above Captain Foley did the duty above mentioned under my Command, while Major & Colonel of the said Above Regiment

S/ J Thomas Junior late Colonel of the Spartan Regiment



and that Captain Foley was not in the State when the Accounts was returning to Colonel Anderson [Colonel Robert Anderson's]

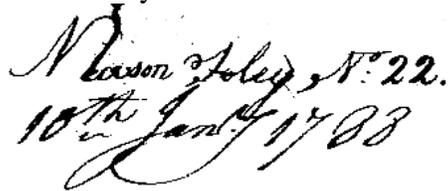
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Gentlemen/

Please to deliver unto Colonel John Thomas Junior all the Indents in your office due to me and for so doing this shall be your Sufficient discharge from

S/ Mason Foley, No. 22

10th January 1788



To the Commissioners of the Treasury

The Commissioners of the Treasury will please to deliver the Indents mentioned in the above order to Colonel John Thomas Senior and they'll much oblige their very Humble Servant

S/ J Thomas Junior