

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Fox W9443

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State of Illinois Pope County

On this third day of June in the year while Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for the County of Pope in the State of Illinois, now sitting, Daniel Fox a resident of the County of Pope and State of Illinois aged on the first day of January last Sixty-seven years who being 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 the Seventh 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; I volunteered in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina in the year of our Lord 1780 as well as I at this distant date can recollect and in the fall season of that year but the precise month and day from the great lapse of time I cannot positively state; under the command of Captain Joel Lewis at Wilkes courthouse in said County & State, and marched from thence to Guilford court house in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina, where I joined the 7th Regiment of said State then styled and known as the Twelve months men, under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]; from thence I was marched under the command of General Greene to High Rock Ford of Haw River in the State of North Carolina, where we remained a few days, and from thence was marched back again to Guilford court house; where I was Engaged in the Battle¹ against the British Army under the command of Lord Cornwallis, where the American Army fled, and retreated into the Edge of Surry County in the State of North Carolina; and thence marched back to the Battleground to bury our dead Slain in the Battle, after this was accomplished, I was attached to Captain John Beaverly [sic, John Beverly's] Company and marched to Salisbury in Roane [Rowan] County in the State of North Carolina and was Stationed at that place to guard the prisoners there; where I remained in that service something like Eleven weeks; from thence I was marched to Randolph County in the State of North Carolina in pursuit of the Tories, where I remained about Two months; I was then placed under the command of Captain Samuel Johnson, who was commanded by Major Hartgrove and marched from thence to the Borders of South Carolina in pursuit of the Tories, where we had a small engagement with the Tories; which soon fled; and from thence we were marched into Chatham County in the State of North Carolina where we remained about seven weeks, in pursuit of another band of Tories; whom we soon came up with and took about sixty of them and conveyed them to the Barracks at Salisbury; where I remained about two weeks, and was placed under the command of Captain John

¹ The Battle of Guilford Court House occurred on March 15, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/guilfordcourthouse.htm> & http://www.carolina.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

Beaverly again, who was commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleaveland [sic, Benjamin Cleveland], and was thence marched in pursuit of the noted Tory Colonel Bryant with his Band, then we soon came up with and took about twenty-five of his band prisoners, whom we conveyed also to the Barracks at Salisbury where I remained about two months on guard duty; and generally remained on this duty at said Barracks, until I was finally discharged from the Service of the United States having served something over twelve months in all -- ~~Hereby relinquish every claim~~ that I have no Documentary Evidence of my service, but can prove the same by Barnabus Sisk & William Davis²

The following interrogatories were put by the court to Daniel Fox

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Virginia, and Shenandoah County on the first day of January in the year 1766

Interrogatory 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer; I have the Record of my age at my house in Pope County in the State of Illinois; as recorded by my father in his family Bible

Interrogatory 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer, When called into service I was living in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina, I have lived in the State of Tennessee Overton County -- in the State of Kentucky, Hopkins County and at this time I am living in Pope County in the State of Illinois

Interrogatory 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer, I volunteered into service

Interrogatory 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer, General Nathaniel Greene, Colonel Cleveland, General Pickens, Captain Joel Lewis; Captain John Beaverly and Captain Samuel Johnson -- the 7th Regiment commanded by General Nathaniel Greene -- the general circumstances of my Services are as near as I can at this time recollect as above in this Declaration Stated

Interrogatory 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer, I did Receive discharge from the service, given and signed by Captain Samuel Johnson -- which discharge was burned together with my house and all that was contained in it in the State of Kentucky.

[Omitted: Interrogatory 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.]

I hereby Relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity -- Except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of North Carolina

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Fox, X his mark

[John Hamilton, a clergyman, and Jason B. Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Kentucky Hopkins County

² [William Davis W8657](#)

William Davis of the County aforesaid aged seventy-one years states that he knows of his own knowledge that Daniel Fox of Pope County in the State of Illinois was a Soldier in the Revolution -- he (the said Fox) & this affiant volunteered in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina under Captain Joel Lewis & Colonel Cleveland and served a tour of about two months in pursuit of the Tory Colonel Bryant.

This affiant further saith that he does verily believe that Fox rendered other & further services to the United States as a soldier in the War of the Revolution but he cannot at this distant day give a distinct detail of them. He further saith that at the time the above described tour was performed resided in Wilkes County aforesaid in the State of North Carolina.

S/ Wm Davis



[October 9, 1832]

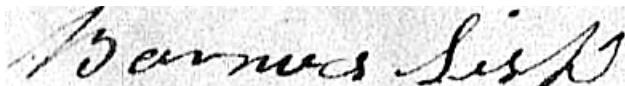
[p 61 is an application dated December 1, 1837, filed in Livingston County, Ky, by Daniel Fox for a transfer of his pension benefits to that State saying he intended to live in Livingston County. In this application, he identifies himself as the same man who filed for pension claiming service under Capt. Joel Lewis, Capt. Samuel Johnson in the Regiment commanded by Major Hargrove or Hardgrov[e]. He gave as his reason for moving that he wished to live with his youngest son Pleasant Fox who now lives in Livingston County Kentucky. He signed this document with his mark.]

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Kentucky Hopkins County

Barnabus Sisk of the County aforesaid aged sixty-three years states that during the Revolutionary War Daniel Fox, now of the County of Pope in the State of Illinois & this affiant were near neighbors in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina. This affiant further saith that he knows of his own personal knowledge that said Fox did render service as a Soldier in the United States in said war but how long he served or under what officers this affiant cannot state but he distinctly remembers seeing him marched from home with other American soldiers and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Barnabus Sisk



[Oct. 9, 1832]

[p 29: On July 31, 1851 in Graves County Kentucky, Elizabeth Cox executed a power of attorney. She signed the document with her mark.]

[p 9, On February 16, 1852, in Graves County, Kentucky, William Reeves was appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Fox, deceased.]

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State of Kentucky Graves County Sct.

Before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid duly authorized to administer oaths personally appeared Nancy Reeves and after being duly

sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following statement, first that she was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Fox, that she was born the 16th day of June 1793, according to the information received from her parents whose family record was destroyed by fire. That the annexed leaf purporting to be the record of her own age together with her husband Reuben Reeves (who is now dead) and also that of her children is true and genuine, that she has not a distinct recollection when it was made only that it was made according to the time and dates of the births of the children and that it was made by her husband or by his direction, and that the above mentioned leaf or record has been in her and her husband's possession all the time ever since it was made, She further states that the above named Daniel Fox was a United States pensioner and that he died on the 22nd day of April 1845 in Marshall County Kentucky and that Elizabeth Fox his widow died on the 27th day of September 1851 and Graves County Kentucky and that she remained his widow until the day of her death.

Subscribed and sworn to this 14th day of February, 1852

S/ Nancy Reeves, X her mark

[pp 14-15 family record:

Reuben Reeves was born August 13, 1795

Nancy Reeves was born June the 16, 1793

John G Reeves was born January the 24,
1814

Maryan Reeves was born March the first
1817

Elijah & Willson Reeves were born the
April 18, 1819

Manurroy Reeves was born August the 8,
1821

Reuben Reeves was born
August 13 - 1795

Nancy Reeves was born
June the 16 - 1793

John G. Reeves was born
January the 24 - 1814

Maryann Reeves
Was born in March 1817

Elijah & Wilson
Reeves was born the
April 18 - 1819

Manury Reeves was born
August the 8 - 1821

William Reeves was born August the 17,
1823
Absalom Reeves was born August 14th,
1825
[name obliterated by an ink blot,
December the 14, 1827
Marthy Reeves was born November 27,
1829
Melinda Elizabeth Reeves was born
January the 10th, 1834
William Nichols was born January the
18th, 1815

William Reeves
Born August the 17-1823
Absalom Reeves born
August 14-1825

December the 14-1827
Marthy Reeves was
born November 27-1829
Melinda Elizabeth
Reeves was born
January the 10 1834
William Nichols was
born January the
1815

[p 11, On February 16, 1852, in Graves County, Ky., William Reeves filed a claim on behalf of the heirs and children of Daniel and Elizabeth Fox for the sums due Elizabeth and/or Daniel under the various pension acts; he alleges that Daniel was a pensioner of the US at the rate of \$40/ annum; that he died April 22, 1845 at age 82 in Marshall County Kentucky; that he left a widow, Elizabeth who died in Graves County, Ky., September 27, 1851 at age 84 leaving the following named children and heirs: Pleasant Fox and Nancy Reeves; that he believes Daniel and Elizabeth were married in Burke County, NC in 1787; that he knows of no record of their marriage.

William, Reeves]

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[On February 14, 1852, Nancy Reeves filed an affidavit in Graves County, Ky, stating that she is the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Fox; that she was born June 16, 1793; that her husband, Reuben Reeves, is now dead; she also restates the dates of death of her parents.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]