Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, the State of Virginia, County of King & Queen ss:

On this 6th day of August personally appeared before me Reuben M. Garnett, a justice of the peace for the County of King and Queen, James Fogg, a resident of the said county of King & Queen & State of Virginia aged eighty one years. Who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of United States as Sergeant in the early part of the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine under Captain John Pollard of the said county & state and served as hereinafter stated. That by orders received form Dunkirk in said county under command of the said Captain John Pollard some time in the early part of the year 1779, the day and month not now recollected to Williamsburg where they remained in garrison one month. From thence they were ordered to Little York to which place they marched and were continued in service there two months. At this latter place he belonged to the regiment commanded by Col. Ennis. He was discharged here and returned home having served in this tour three months. He was called out again in a very short time and marched to the Hickory Nick Church in New Kent County where he remained ten or twelve days (the precise time not now recollected). From then they were marched to Williamsburg Col. Wm Lyne commanding the regiment. At Williamsburg he remained in garrison ten months under Col. Tom Matthews and was again was discharged (the day and month not now recollected). He received orders again in about a fortnight or three weeks from Col. Lyne to march to New Castle in Hanover County in about a fortnight or three weeks after he was discharged and whilst the enemy were in Richmond to this place he marched under Capt Philip Pendleton who was then the commander of his company. Remained at that said place (New Castle) a short time but does not now recollect how long. From thence he was marched to Holt’s Forge in the county of Gloucester and from thence to Hubbard’s old fields in the county of Gloucester. In this tour he was in service one month and fifteen days at least and this tour was performed at the time of Gates defeat. He was again ordered out some time in July 1781 and marched to Woods Ordinary in the County of Gloucester and was continued in service at that place until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town and was stationed on the Gloucester side of Little York at the time of his surrender. Col Tom Monroe commanding the regiment. After the surrender of Lord
Cornwallis himself and Capt. Samuel Hoskins & some others were appointed as guard to guard a parade of prisoners to Fredericksburg and delivered them to General Weedon. This was in the fall of 1781 (he thinks in November & snowing at the time). He does not recollect how long he was in service in this tour, but thinks it could not have been less than three months. He states that himself and one David Dunham after they were discharged from this tour, received orders from Col. Lyne to go and prep horses for the use of the army in which office he continued one month and a half. He was born in the county of Caroline & state of Virginia in the year 1751 and has a record of his age now in his possession. Was a resident of the said county of King and Queen when called into service and has been a resident of said county ever since. He was drafted into service. He recollects the following regular officers who were with the troops when he served, Viz: Col. Holt Richerson, Col. Tom Matthews, and General William Nelson.

He thinks and the militia regiments already mentioned. He does not recollect of ever having received a written discharge from the service or if he did by whom it was given or what has become of it. He entered the service as orderly sergeant as before stated, was promoted to sergeant major by Capt John Pollard and was appointed Lieutenant by and through the recommendation of Col. William Lyne and received his commission signed by the Governor & Counsel which commission he held until the close of the war when he delivered it up to Capt. Philip Pendleton. He is known in his neighborhood by the following named persons who can testify to his character and their belief of his services, as officer of the revolution Viz: John Loving, Samuel Graham, George Schools, and Reuben M. Garnett. He has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know of any person living who can testify positively to his full time of service, but offers the subjoined certificates and affidavits in support of 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.

James Fogg
Reuben M Garnett JP

King and Queen County S.S.
On this 5th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, James Fogg, who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but was owing to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grades. For three months he served as orderly sergeant, for ten weeks he served as sergeant major, for seven months service as Lieutenant one month and fifteen days served as _____ master and for such service he claims a pension. Given under my hand the day and year above written.

Reuben M. Garnett J.P.

[p6 routine county certification and supporting statements]
Reuben M Garnett, JP
George Schools, clergy
John Cook, neighbor
[p16] John Bates, witness
Alex Chapman, JP
Gray Samuell, soldier
James W Upshaw, JP
Saml Gresham, neighbor
John Loving, neighbor
Goldman Parker, neighbor
Robert Pollard, Clerk
William Todd, deputy clerk
Frederick Fogg, relation not stated
Patty Bates, neighbor
Elizabeth Bates, neighbor
Joseph Pollard, JP
Lee Boulware, JP

Pension commissioner J.L.Edwards rejected the claim. A second round of depositions were prepared adding estimates of length of service in grade. J.L.Edwards rejected again stating that the militia had no tours of seven months.

[P13-15] Feb1834 Congressman William P Taylor, received an appeal from Reuben P Sanders in behalf of James Fogg pointing out that the tours were detailed separately from the summary of time in grade.

The pension was granted for seven months as private and three as sergeant even though no testimony stated that Fogg was ever a private. And several stated that he was lieutenant.
Notes on James Fogg S3367 added by C. Leon Harris. 14 Feb 2014.

To facilitate digital searches, the following are the full and corrected spellings of names and terms mentioned in the above transcription.

Col. Ennis = Col. James Innes
Hickory Nick Church = probably Hickory Neck Church
Col. William Lyne
Col. Tom Matthews = Col. Thomas Mathews
time of Gates defeat = defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780
surrender of Lord Cornwallis: 19 Oct 1781
Col. Thomas Monroe
General George Weedon
“prep horses” = press (impress) horses
Col. Holt Richeson AKA Holt Richardson
General William Nelson = Gen. Thomas Nelson