

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Ferguson John
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West Tennessee certificate 7171
To John Ferguson of Franklin,
Private under Captain Brooks, Colonel Nicholls
Of Virginia for 6 months
Issued 08Mar1833 @ \$20/annum

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State of Tennessee

Franklin County This 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting John Ferguson aged 74 years who after being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June the 7th 1832. I was born in the year 1758 in the state of Virginia & county of Hanover. While I was a child my father moved to Henrico County in the same state. I entered the service at about 18 years of age as a militiaman under Captain Brooks. This applicant does not recollect the given name of said Brooks but believes it was John nor does he recollect the number or name of the regiment more than that Col. Yasbach [?] Nichols & Major Richard Stubblefield & his captain was all in the regiment & that General Henry Lawson the general. We marched first from the neighborhood of Richmond to Williamsburg. We marched from there to Sandy Point where we remained until our three months was out where I got my discharge from Captain Brooks. I then returned home to Henrico County. I remained at home a few weeks & was called out again under Captain Richardson who was of the same regiment of Capt. Brooks. I was marched from home to Williamsburg. We stayed there a few days & marched back to Richmond & remained there until my second three months was out where I received another discharge which was given

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By Capt Richardson. I was not immediately present at the receiving discharges & Lieutenant Benjamin Good received it for me who afterwards gave it to me. Then returned home which was about the last of April the year this applicant does not recollect. I remained at home probably one month. Sergeant Carter who was under the command of Colonel John Pleasant was ordered out with 8 men among whom I one to collect cattle & carry to Little York. The cattle was in pastures this side of Williamsburg from where we took them to Little York. I was continued there until I got my discharge which was given in Williamsburg on the twenty fifth day of Oct after the capture of Lord Cornwallis. From there I returned home to Henrico County. This was the last time I was in the service. I remained in Henrico County 3 or 4 months after I returned home & then moved into Buckingham a distance of about seventy miles where I lived three years & then moved to Prince Edward County where I also lived about three years when I moved to Cumberland County where I lived about 8 years when I moved back into Buckingham County & lived there about six years. From there I moved to the state of Tennessee, Anderson County where I lived about 15 years about 4 years after which my house was burned & my discharges consumed in it. I moved from there to Franklin County Tennessee where I have lived ever since

which has been fifteen or _____ years I still expect to live. I have no record of my age but from the accounts I received from my father & mother I am in about 74 years of age. I was known to most of the officers whom I have mentioned in my declaration & some

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Other officers & soldiers. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state in the United States. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

E Russell, clerk

John Ferguson, x his mark

G. W. B. Wagner, DC

[routine county certification by

Henry Hunt, clergy

Robert Blackburn, neighbor

Edmond Russell, clerk signed and sealed

G W B Wagner D.C.

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Brief of case

[Ed. Note: the DC clerk, Chas L Jones, marked that the length of the third term was not stated and ignored the May to October term stated. That cost the old soldier a few shillings, about 5/6 of \$20/annum. I suggest that the Ferguson heirs sue the Jones heir personally for recovery of damages since the treasury already owes about \$17T. Jones also noted the lack of clerk's seal on the documents which might explain the delay from August to March and the later note that Franklin County had no embossing device. No damages were incurred from that delay, as the certificate show arrearages paid.]

[p15] At the end of the John Ferguson folder is bounty land warrant 13074 of Joseph Ferguson, private in Hagen's regiment issued 10Jul1789 to Ann O'Brian (late Ann Ferguson) the widow and legal representative.