

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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On this 3rd day of August in the year 1833 personally appeared before me Robert Barton, a justice of the peace of the county of Rockbridge, Martin Fainter, a resident in s^d county of Rockbridge, aged ninety four, who being first 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 7th 1832. – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. –

This applicant declares that from great infirmity of body and mind, he is unable to give a particular statement of his service as a Revolutionary soldier, but will proceed to state them, relying upon the underlying extended by the act of congress and its interpreters, to the advanced age and consequent infirmities, of the actions of the Revolution.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born? – He was born near York Town in the State of Pennsylvania in the ~~year~~ 10th day of February 1739.

Ques. 2ⁿ Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? – He has no record of his age except in his memory.

Quest 3^r- Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolution and where do you now live? He was living in the county of Shenandoah in s^d state of Virginia, when called into service. Continued to live in s^d county of Shenandoah for twenty years [p6] after the revolution. He then removed to the s^d county of Rockbridge where he has since resided and now resides.

Quest 4th How were you called into service, were you drafted? He was drafted.

Ques 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. – He was drafted in the year 1781 about the 1st of April under Capt. All (or Awl) as he thinks for six months and marched to near Richmond (Deep Run Church he thinks) thence marched to Charles City, thence to Pamunkey, thence toward Chickahominy and thence to Williamsburg and was stationed some time about 2 miles from that town. Col Dark, Major Hessler, were his commanding officers. Stephenson was his General. The French for us, under Lafayette, were also stationed there at the same time. General Mecklenburg was also his commander. He was not in any battles. He states that after General Washington arrived at this station before Williamsburg he marched on to York Town, but his time having expired and having been taken sick, he was not again drafted, and returned home after having served his tour of six months. Further particulars he is unable to state.

6th ques- Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? He di receive a discharge from Col Dark. [p7] but has lost it having believed it to be of no service he took no care of it. He served as a private and never received a commission.

7th ques. 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 of your service as a soldier of the revolution. He refers to Daniel Snyder & The Rev^d Andrew B. Davidson.

As evidence in his behalf-

He hereby relinquished all and every claim whatsoever 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.

This applicant for this states that he knows of no living witness of his service, and must depend on traditionary evidence. His poverty and infirmity forbid his going to his native county to seek for such evidence.

s/**Martin Fainter**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martin Fainter".

[routine county certification
Robt R Barton JP
David Snyder, neighbor
Andrew B. Davidson clergy
John Ruff JP
Samuel McD Reid clk]