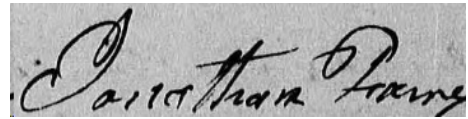


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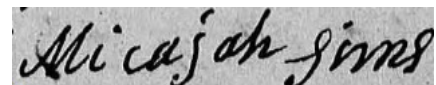
Pension Application of Jonathan Faire (Fare) S38691 VA
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State of Tennessee } August Quarterly Session 1818
Smith County }

On this tenth day of august eighteen hundred & eighteen appeared Jonathan and declared on oath, that he enlisted in the continental service in the revolutionary war, in the state of Virginia Pittsylvania county, with Capt Thomas Hutchins [sic: Thomas Hutchings] by Ensign Hardin Perkins, of the Sixth Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col Mordecai Buckner, & that he continued in service nearly six years, that he was in the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Brandy-Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], the Seige of fort Mifflin [sic: Fort Mifflin, 15 Oct - 10 Nov 1777], & the battle of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] & the Seige of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] & continued in the service untill the peace, was wounded three several times, and at Brandy-wine his right leg was broken by a musket ball, & that disabled as he was he has raised a large family by his honest industry; that he is now infirm & about sixty five years old, & has no land nor negroes, has an old infirm wife three single daughters, & a single son, & stands really in need of public support, and is ashamed to go on the parish of Smith county, or to be supported by his married children. The amount of his personal property is very trifling consisting of a set of Blacksmith tools; some household stuff and a small stock of hogs, a cow & a horse

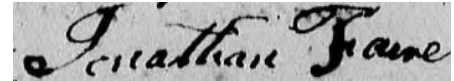


Appeared also same day in open court Micajah Symm [sic: Micajah Sims W6055] and made oath that the above named Jonathan Faire was a regular soldier in the Virginia line in the war of the Revolution, that he was some time a Seargeant under Capt Peter Dunn who commanded the company after Capt Thomas Hutchins that he was in service with me two years, & I left him in the service when I was discharged that I was with him at the battle of Germantown, & Brandywine & the Seige of fort mifflin.



To the Hon'ble J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War. [22 Mar 1819]
The Declaration of Jonathan Faire sheweth that he enlisted as a soldier about the beginning of March in the year 1776 he does not exactly recollect the day in Pittsylvania County in Virginia in the Virginia line of the Army of the United States during the revolutionary war in Captain Thomas Hutchins company in the sixth regiment commanded by Col. Mordecai Buckner, for the term of two years, and served the United States continually during said term of two years, part of the time as a soldier and part of the time as a serjeant, and at the end of two years, at Valley Forge he recieved a discharge in writing from Gen'l. [George] Weedon, which was soon lost. That very shortly after he was discharged, some of his old acquaintes came into the army & he staid with them and Gen'l. Weedon requested him to remain with his company and he should act as orderly serjeant on which he continued in his company as orderly serjeant without any new enlistment that when Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan started to go to the Cowpens [in South Carolina, scene of the battle on 17 Jan 1781] he got Volunteers from the continental army and this declarant volunteered to go with him and did go, and remained in the army until the peace and the general discharge of the American Army, that he never recieved any other discharge than the one above named which is lost. That he was in the battle of BrandyWyne, the battle of Germantown, in the siege of Fort Mifflin and in a battle at the Red banks [Red Bank NJ, 22 Oct 1777], in the battle of Trenton, he was in

the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and was at the siege of York, that he was wounded in the leg in the battle of Brandywine, he was wounded in the thigh by a musket ball at the battle of Somerset courthouse [20 Jan 1777], he was wounded in the finger in a scouting party in North Carolina he was slightly wounded in the head in the battle of Germantown that he is upwards of sixty years of age, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for his support. he has a sett of Blacksmiths tools, a cow & calf, a mare, has bought fifty acres of hilly rocky land, which he purchased for fifty dollars but the same is still unpaid, and he now is able to work very little, his youngest child is thirteen years of age & his wife very sickly & infirm he never has recieved any pension & releases all claim to any except that under the act of congress of 1818 which he now claims.



State of Tennessee } May Term 1821

Smith County Court } This day, to wit the 21st day of May 1821 came the guardian of Jonathan Fare here into open court, it being a court of record for the county aforesaid, and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the following is a true schedule of the property of said Jonathan Fare, to wit 140 acres of land, one mare & colt, ten head of hogs, two cows and calves, and two yearlings, two plows, one pot, one kettle, one anvil, and one old pair Bellows, and that he has thirty gallons of whiskey, and six dollars and fifty cents in cash owing to him, only, and that said Fare owes one hundred and twenty dollars 54 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents; as he knows of, and he expects more, and that said Fare, as he belives has not, nor any other person for him, any other property or debts due to him other than what is contained in this schedule and that he believes said Fare, has not conveyed away his property or contracted any debts in order to bring himself within the provisions of the act of congress of 1820 and that said Fare is now living, and that he believes him to be mentally deranged, and in a state of insanity, and has been ever since December last past. he also knows said Fare made a declaration at August term of this court 1818 and was admitted on the pension Roll, and received pay up to the 4th of March 1820 under a certificate a copy of which is here annexed. "War Department. Revolutionary claim. I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States, of the 18th of March 1818 Jonathan Fare, late a private in the army of the revolution is inscribed on the pension list roll, of the West Tennessee agency at the rate of eight dollars per months, to commence on the 10th day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. Given at the War office of the United States this 21st day of July One thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

(Signed) J. C. Calhoun/ Secretary of War

and also that the said Jonathan Fare has six in family besides himself, four girls, the youngest about ten years old, and one son about twelve years old, and an old infirm wife, not able to Labour, and himself entirely incapable of any business, that he believes it will take all the property he owns, to pay his debts, and is not able to live without public or private charity; and that said Fare now resides in Smith County

Edmund D Tarver/ Guardian for J. Fare

Declaration in order to be reinstated on the pension list under the act of first March 1823.

State of Tennessee } SS.

Smith County }

On this 28th day of February 1825 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the court aforesaid, Jonathan Fare, a resident Citizen in said County afs'd sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and the 1 May 1820. That he the said Jonathan Fare enlisted under Capt. Thomas Hutchison for the term of two years on the — day of March 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company Comanded by Capt Thomas Hutchison, and afterwards Capt Dunn, in the sixth Regiment Comanded by Colonal Mordeca Buckner, in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps until 1778 when he was discharged from the service at the Valley forge in the State of — That his name has been placed on

the pension list and dropped therefrom on account of his property, and in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. And that the following is the whole of the property which I own (necessary clothing & bedding excepted) to wit – one old mare, saddle, one cow and five shoats, and about seven Dollars due to him. That his occupation is that of a Blacksmith, and is from the wounds other infirmities with which he has been afflicted for a number of years, he is unable to obtain a living by manual labour. that himself and Wife who is about 64 years of age are the only family which he has, and that she is also very infirm. and that they both live with their Children who are married.
Jonathan Fare

[An account of transferred property follows.]

State of Tennessee, Smith County, Circuit Court, October Term 1827

On this day being the 12th day of October 1827 Jonathan Fare personally appeared in open court (being a court of record for Smith County) resident in said county aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the 1st May 1820; that he the said Jonathan Fare enlisted for two years in March in the year 1776, in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Thomas Hutchison afterwards by Capt. Dunn in the 6th Regiment commanded by Colo. Buckner in the line of the state Virginia on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps until March 1778, when he was discharged from said service in the state of Pennsylvania at Valey forge; that he was in the battle of Brandywine and there wounded; that his name has been placed on Pension list and dropped therefrom on account of his property or rather because having at that time property, he never made any Schedule in compliance with the act of the 1 May 1820; but which property since that time is all exhausted and gone in consequence of a train of misfortunes & calamities over which he had no controul. And in pursuance of the act of the 1 May 1820, And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever; nor have I any thing to put in a schedule or any changes to name in one because whilst I had property I never presented one or asked to be continued on the pension rolls – Schedule no property

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 12 October 1827 Jonathan Fare

Said Jonathan Fare at the same time filed the following affidavit of Doctor William B. Elgin vizt. “William B. Elgin being duly sworn says that he has been acquainted with Jonathan Fare for eight or ten years; that in consequence of mental derangement with which he was afflicted about the year 1820 or 21 the county court appointed him a guardian (E. D. Tarver) who took into possession his property and the management of his affairs; that the said guardian in order to pay the debts of said Fare sold all his property at auction on a credit of six months; that deponent understood from said guardian, that the proceeds of the sale was not sufficient to satisfy all the debts of said Fare. Since that time I know of no property that he has acquired; that he continues infirm, tho’ so far restored to his right mind, as to be competent to attend to his business; that his wife in very old & infirm entirely unable to labour; and that he his wife are in a state of entire dependence, supported as he believes almost entirely by the labor of two (single) single daughters. Sworn to and subscribed in open court 12th October 1827 Wm B. Elgin

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Tennessee }
Smith County } I Jonathan Faire aged eighty four years do upon oath testify and declare That I entered the service of the United States on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1779 for the term of During the War and that I served in the Company commanded by Captain Howard until his death and then under the first Lieutenant Captain James Barnet in the regiment No [blank] Commanded by [blank] and was honorably discharged on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1781 after the Seige of Little York Virginia from the regiment commonly called Morgan's Regiment I further declare that I served as first Sergeant. I further declare that I never received a Warrant for the Bounty Land promised me on the part of the United States nor have I ever assigned or transfered my claim in any manner whatsoever and further I do make oath and declare that this Service is not the Service for which I drew my Pension and was placed on the Pension list that Service being for three years and no longer in the Sixth Virginia regiment therefore [power of attorney follows] the 26th July 1837
J L Fare JP
Justice of the peace for Smith County

Handwritten signature of Jonathan Faire in black ink, with the date '1837' written above it.

I James Porter [W1478] aged ninety two years do upon oath declare that I have been long acquainted with Jonathan Faire who has Subscribed the above declaration in my presence and recolect of seeing him in the Service he has described in his Declaration and also that he was an enlisted Soldier for the Period he mentions that is during the War. and well know that he is the identical person he theirin represents himself to be and further I do believe that he did perform the military service therin stated I am also a Pension at this time
J L Fare (JP)
Justice of the peace for Smith County

Handwritten signature of James Porter in black ink.

Rejected Msrch 13 1840. DC [Gov. David Campbell]

NOTES:

Note that Faire claimed to have served at the Battle of Germantown three weeks after having his leg broken.

The federal file contains other documents relating to Jonathan Faire's affairs. One dated 14 Dec 1829 states that control of his land was transferred to his son, Jonathan L. Faire, for the support of his family. On 30 May 1831 Jonathan Faire was able to sign his own name to a request for a new pension certificate.

The officer under whom Faire claimed to have served in his application for bounty land from Virginia may have been James Barnett W391.

A letter from Faire's attorney, dated 21 Sep 1838, states that the claim to land bounty from the United States had been denied because his name was not found on the list of those entitled to it from Virginia. The same may be the reason his claim to land bounty from Virginia was rejected.