

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Fletcher S5408

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Order Sessions January Term
1833

On this 12th day of January personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now sitting, Reuben Fletcher, a resident of said County and states he is aged 76 years 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 day 1832 To Wit That he was born in Essex County State of Virginia in the year 1757. Has no record of his age -- moved to Caswell County North Carolina and at the age of 18 (he thinks) volunteered for the term of nine months under Captain Robert Moore, W. Archibald Lytle was the Colonel, that he first went to Virginia with a view of going on to the North, that the Army was met at Halifax County Virginia with orders to turn back, which they did to Caswell County State of North Carolina. That after that he marched to Purrysburg 13 miles above Savannah at which place he joined General Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Army, they staid there until the spring, they were then marched to Augusta Georgia by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] that they marched to near Savannah that the British marched to Charleston at this time and they pursued to the Battle of Stono¹ South Carolina at which place the Americans retreated to their Camp and his time was out he received his discharge from Colonel Lytle. He returned home then and volunteered for another three months tour as a substitute for Charles Breedlove, under Captain Douglas [William Douglas] and Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] -- that he was on the scout after the Tories during this three months but was in no engagement except one skirmish at which place the Tory Colonel Piles [Doctor John Pyle]² got defeated, he got no discharge for this service, nor does he know of any documentary evidence or of any person living that he can produce as to his service, that he served in the American Revolution the term of 12 months and for which time he begs a pension. That he has lived in Buncombe County 30 years where he now resides. 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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Reuben Fletcher, X his mark

[Benjamin King, a clergyman and Charles Graden [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

² February 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm>