

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Feimster ¹ W1745 Jerusha Feimster f57NC
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State of North Carolina Iredell County: August Session A.D. 1832

On this 25th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting William Feimster a resident of Iredell County State of North Carolina aged 74 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered as a volunteer in the service of the United States in Rowan now Iredell County under Captain David Caldwell for a five months tour and after he entered the service Captain Nichols [Jacob Nichols] was appointed to command the Company Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], marched to Charlotte and lay there, thence to Camden and down the Santee, where he lay some time and from thence to the ten mile Spring where he lay some time, General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] at that time having the command, had an engagement with the Tories and was routed, during this tour, and was dismissed having served as he believes about three months. He next entered the Service in the Cavalry under Captain Hall [James Hall] and marched to South Carolina sometimes serving under General Pulaski -- this was a three months tour, He was discharged at Ashley Ferry July 1st, 1779, and returned home. His next tour was for two months under Captain Morrison [James Morrison] -- Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] in the horse, this tour was spent mostly in scouring the Counties of Mecklenburg and Lincoln and was at the battle at Ramsour's Mill in the year 1780 [June 20, 1780]. His next Service was in the Infantry: He volunteered for three months under Captain Purviance [James Purviance] in Scouting parties after Tories in the Counties of Rowan and Guilford, that he performed several short tours of duty at different times, that he verily believes that his services in the whole amount to eleven months or more, That he has part of a discharge given to him at Ashley, and has none others, & has no further documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his Services except what is hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

¹ BLWt19774-160-55

He was born in York district in South Carolina about the year 1758 & has a record thereof in a Bible in his possession. He was living in Rowan County now Iredell near where he now lives at the time he entered the Service, that he called into service in the manner stated above, & Served under the officers therein named. He lost all his discharges except a piece of one herewith sent. He refers to William Woodsides² and Joseph Sharpe.³

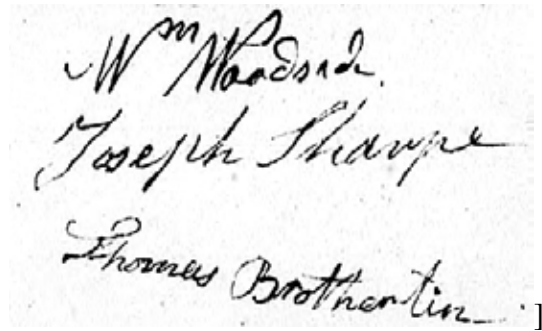
Sworn & subscribed August 25, 1832 in open Court.

S Wm. Feimster



S/ A. Simonton, Clerk

[William Woodside, Joseph Sharpe & Thomas Brotherton,⁴ all residents of Iredell County, gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition: "William Woodsides [sic] says the [sic, that] he saw William Feimster in the service of the Country at the time of the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] & before that tour, Thomas Brotherton says he saw him frequently during the tour when the battle of Stono was fought, and Joseph Sharp says that he saw William Feimster, at the battle at Ramsour's Mill."



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State of North Carolina Iredell County

This day appeared William Feimster before me the Subscribing Justice of the peace and being duly Sworn deposed and saith that by Reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he is not able to Swear positively as to the length of his Service having in his declaration of which this his amendatory forgotten to charge important and lengthy service that he performed that to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

His first tour (omitted because forgotten at the time) in his original declaration he entered as a volunteer under Captain Polk in a Company of horse in the year 1777, and was performed in South Carolina -- had a skirmish with the Tories at Fairforest, this Service was for 6 months
His 2nd tour likewise a volunteer under Captains Falls, Caldwell & Nichols in General Sumter's division, he served in 1778 in the horse for 5 months
1779 His 3rd tour was under Captain Hall, a volunteer in the horse as described in his original declaration 3 months

² Sic, [William Woodside S7960](#)

³ [Joseph Sharpe S7482](#)

⁴ [Thomas Brothertin \(Brotherton\) S6696](#)

1780 He again entered as a volunteer in the horse under Captain Caldwell, Captain Purviance, he served this tour 3 [illegible] he was at the Battle at Ramsour's Mill

1781 He was again in the Service of his Country and near the place at the Battle at Guilford and was also at the time engaged occasionally in skirmishes with the Tories. He says that after the battle at Camden in 1780 until his final discharge in 1781 he served 8 months 5

And for this Service I claim a pension 22:00

He further states that he was always a volunteer and a private & always served in the horse and that by the events of the War he was deprived of his paternal estate, and that he claims the pension from his government as a matter of right as well as a matter of gratitude.

Sworn, Subscribed before me the 27th May 1833

S/ J. Campbell JP

S/ Wm Feimster

[p 13, On April 18, 1853, in Iredell County, NC, Jerusha Feimster, 70, filed for a pension stating that she is the widow of William Feimster who served in Captain Falls' company in the militia; that her husband was a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services at the rate of \$40.83 per annum; that she married him on November 28, 1816; and that he died August 28, 1842.

Jerusha Feimster]

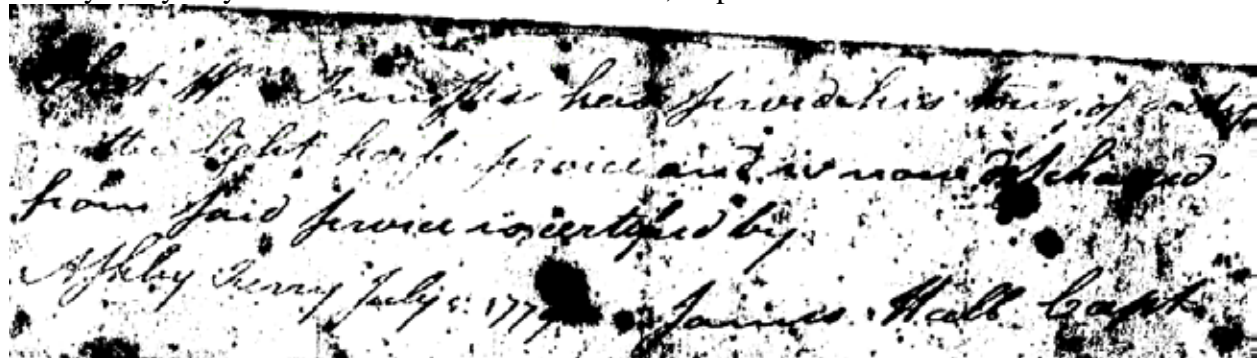
[p 17; copy of a marriage license issued in Iredell County, November 17, 1816 for the marriage of Wm Feimster to Jerusha King. They were married by Rev. Richard King.]

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Ashley Ferry July 1779

S/ James Hall, Capt.”



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40.83 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Infantry & Cavalry of the State of North Carolina for 11 months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]