

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Foster Cosby

VA
Susan

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[p2] Kentucky certificate 3166
Susan Foster, widow of Cosby Foster
Private of Cavalry, Virginia Line
Issued 19Jan18__ @ \$100/annum
Sent to J.H.Spaldkan
Paint Lick, Garrard County

[p7] Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions [sic, respelled by transcriber hereafter] to certain widows
County of Madison
State of Kentucky

On this 4th day of December 1839 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Susan Foster, a resident of the County of Madison, State of Kentucky aged seventy six years, who cannot from bodily infirmity attend court. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Cosby Foster who was a pensioner in Louisa County Virginia (where he resided for several years after the close of the Revolutionary War & drew his pension after which sd residence he removed to the state of Tennessee & resided for three years & continued to draw his pension & from thence he removed to Madison County Kentucky & where he annually [sic] drew his pension until his death) under the act of Congress for wounded & disabled soldier of the revolution and to which she refers for evidence to his papers on file for evidence of his service.

She further declares that she was married to the said Cosby Foster in the month of September seventeen hundred & ninety one in Louisa County State of Virginia. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the first day of January seventeen hundred & ninety four viz. at the time above stated. And that her husband the aforesaid Cosby Foster died on the 17th day of January eighteen hundred & thirteen. And that she remained a widow ever since his death which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed & she prays that the best evidence

[p8] that can be produced of her marriage may be received.

That she has no Family Record showing the date of her marriage nor the ages of his children, but refer to the record of Louisa County & State of Virginia for evidence of her marriage. Given from under my hand this day and date above written. Susan Foster
[routine county certification and corroborating statements
Henry Duke, neighbor
S Susan Duke, neighbor
Alex^r Miller, JP
William Hieatt, JP

David Irvine, clerk]

[p9] Richmond Sept 16th 1806

I do certify that the written named Cosby Foster is the same person who is entitled to a pension as a disabled soldier in the third regiment commanded by Col Wm Washington of Light Dragoons & bears the marks of his wound agreeable to the certificate. The sd Foster acknowledges the within bargain & sale to be his hand & seal.

John Page

Commissioner of Land for Virginia

Power of attorney to Robert Means

Cosby Foster x his mark

[p11] Bill of sale by Cosby Foster of Hawkins County TN for 100 acres to Robert Means of Henrico County VA.

[p14-16] 01Aug1855 declaration by 84 year old Susan Foster in Madison County KY, widow of Cosby Foster for whatever bounty land she may be entitled to as a result of his service.

[p17] Kentucky certificate 6181

Susan Cosby, widow of invalid pensioner Cosby Foster

Issued 25Nov1842 @ \$100/annum

[p18] Kentucky certificate 286

Susan Foster widow of

Cosby Foster

Issued 12Jun1843 @ \$100/annum

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This is to certify that it appears from a list in this office of such officers and soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line during the Revolutionary War, as settled accounts, and received certificates for the balance of their full pay according to the act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a certificate issued on the 26th day of March 1783, in the name of Cosby Foster as a soldier of cavalry for £65.0.0, which certificate appears to have been delivered to John Conner and was given for service prior to 1st January 1782.

Auditor's Office, Richmond

22Nov1839

Jas E Heath, auditor

[Ed note: Whereas the disability pension of Cosby Foster was paid by the state of Virginia, there is no deposition on file detailing his military service. The 66 page file contains repeat depositions and papers of process for the widow. Among these are a Sep1852 dispute with James H Spillman, a Garrard County merchant who had been holding her certificate, collecting her pension, and applying it to her commercial account for goods. He refused to return her certificate.]

The following is supplemented and transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed

question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 17-page file

[p 2]

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that Cosby Foster, aged about 26 years, late a private in the 3rd Regiment of Light Dragoons whose annual pay was Thirty-~~six~~ pounds, was disabled in the service of the United States by Musket ball which passed through his right thigh and shattered the bone thereof; and that the said Cosby Foster is allowed the sum of fifteen pounds yearly to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 3rd day of April 1787

T. Meriwether

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Louisa 3rd April 1787

This is to certify that the bearer hereof Jesse Hogard is authorized and empowered by Cosby Foster to receive for him his pension allowed him as a wounded Soldier.

S/ James Dabney

[p 5-6—split image]

Louisa County January Court 1789

This Certifies that it appears to the satisfaction of Court from the report of Doctor Andrew Todd who was appointed by the Court to examine the State of the wounds of Several Pensioners in this County) that Cosby Foster, Joseph Sandridge & Thomas Davis Pensioners as appeared are unable to Attend at the Seat of Government in order to undergo a re-examination Given under my hand this 15th day of January 1789

S/ Poindexter, DC

[Note: there are a number of the pages of this file which are illegible as posted]

[p 14]

This May Certify that Captain Nath'l Fox [Nathaniel Fox]¹ has served in the Virginia line on Continental establishment from February 1776 that he got wounded in the Action at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] which Wounds rendered him unfit for Service so long a time that he wish [wished] to resign his Commission but was Refused an Acceptance by his Excellency General Washington who gave him permission to retire until called for. Given under my hand May 20th, 1783

May 25th, 1783

S/ Weedon [presumably Colonel George Weedon]

The above is a true Copy of a Certificate lodged in the Auditors Office

¹ FPA S39535

S/ J Shackelford, C. B. A.

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In the House of Delegates Tuesday June 24th, 178? [last digit illegible]

Resolved that the Petition of Nathaniel Fox sitting 4th that he entered early in the Army of the United States & was promoted to the rank of Captain; That at the action of Brandywine, he received several wounds which rendered him unfit for service; he obtained permission from his Excellency General Washington to retire from the Army until called for that upon a reduction of the Virginia line in the month of August 1778 he was left out of the line, whereby he will lose all emoluments & [paper damaged and text compromised] Relief is [paper damaged and text illegible] & that the Petitioner all to be considered as a Captain of the Virginia line in Continental Service and the like advantage & emoluments allowed to him as our allowed 2 other Officers of the Virginia line in service to be paid by this state & charged to the Continent.
1783 June 24th

Agreed to by the Senate

Test

S/ John Bickley, C. H. D.

S/ Will Lane, Clk.

[Note: the illegible documents in this file did not explain why documents relating solely to the claims of Nathaniel Fox appear in the same file with the claim of Cosby Foster.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 1p file

I do Certify that Cosby Foster enlisted himself July 1776 to Serve during the War and has continued to Serve until he was Disabled by a wound.

S/ Wm Barret Capt. [William Barrett]

Baylor's L. Dragoons

July 15th, 1783

Copy

J Pendleton, Jr.