

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Furbish (Ferbush, Forbes) W5180

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State of Virginia

Campbell County S.S.

On this 26th day of Jan'y 1844, before me Thos Rudd a Justice of the peace in and for said county, personally appeared Mrs. Sally Stewart a resident of said county, Aged 85 years - 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 4th 1836, and 23rd of August 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war. that she is the widow of Chas. Stewart dec'd of the County of Bedford - and the former widow of Wm Furbish dec'd. of the then county of Amherst -now Nelson County - under whom she claims - and who served two tours in the malitia, in, and during the Revo'y War after he was married to declarant. To witt, one tour at the Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] Barracks to guard the British prisoners, in the year 1778, under Capt. Thompson, she thinks, and served at least three months on said occasion. The last tour that he served, was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis in Oct'r. [19th] 1781, under Capt. Jno. Christian, or Jno. Stewart, and that Chas. Lavender [pension application W8025], Wm. Lavender [W8080], and Wm. Tyree was along with him at the time. That they left home about the 1st of July - it being harvest time - and died on his way home after the capture of Cornwallis at New Kent Ct. house with the flux, contracted while in the service, having served between three and four months on said last occasion at York Town - making 6 or 7 months service that he the said Wm. Furbish served during the Revo'y. war. She also declares that she was married to the said Wm. Furbish in the Fall of the year 1776; and that her husband the aforesaid Wm. Furbish died in the Fall of 1781 a few days after the surrender of Cornwallis. she further declares, that after the death of the husband aforesaid, she was married to Chas. Stewart of the County of Amherst also - on the [blank] day of December 1786; and that he the said Chas. Stewart her last husband died in the county of Bedford on the 14th day of August 1836: That her maiden name was Statham, and was married to her 1st husband Wm. Furbish in the county of Albermarle And that she is still a widow. All of which will appear by the proof annexed. Declarant has no family register of her marriages. Sally herXmark Stewart

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year above written Before me Thos Rudd J.P.

In presence of William Furbish

NOTE: Thomas Rudd stated that William Furbish, son of William Furbish and Sally Stewart, said he was about 65 years old. On 13 Mar 1855 Sally Stewart, then of Appomattox County VA, made an application for bounty land in which her age was said to be 98.