

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Larkin Foster W7306

Polly Foster

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 21 Feb 2014.

[The handwriting in the following is difficult.]

Virginia Amelia County S.S.

On this twenty seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of said County, now sitting being a Court of record Larkin Foster a resident of said County and state aged seventy one 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he marched in the militia from Amelia County in the year — with Capt Wm. C. Craddock [William Crass Craddock] and served in the regiment with the following named officers Colo [Holt] Richardson commanded the Regt, that Col [John] Glenn was also along that he was in Gates's defeat in Carolina [deafeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] that he then served six months, that he was honourably discharged but has lost it. That he afterwards marched from Amelia Court House under Capt Anderson [probably Paulin Anderson] of the militia and went in the neighborhood of City Point [now Hopewell in Prince George County], Colo [Beverley] Randolph was along, that he served then seven weeks and was honourably discharged. That he marched afterwards from Amelia under Capt Wm Finney [William Finney] and marched to Williamsburg and remained in service there seven weeks, that he does not recollect the year, he was honourably discharged every time but have lost them – that he was born in Amelia, that he lived in Amelia when called into the service, have lived there ever since, to this time. That he served the several tours for himself [rather than as a substitute]. Genl Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] was along with the troops in North Carolina. Maj Williams also. The two other tours Genl Fayette [Lafayette] commanded. Refers for his good character to Majr Rodophil Jeter Colo Thomas W. Webster Edward Green Esqrs all his neighbors and magistrates of this County, also to Capt Edward Eggleston & Austin Leay also magistrates. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Larkin hisXmark Foster

State of Virginia to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the county of Amelia in the state aforesaid Larkin Foster who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise time of his entering the service of the Revolution or of the time of his leaving the same, but according to the best of his recollection he served the first tour stated in his declaration in the year 1780 and the other two tours within the year 1781 – that he was regularly drafted into the service – and embodied with troops called into the sevice by competent authority. that he was either in the field or on other duty – on the three tours mentioned – he served as a private not less than nine months and fifteen days – for which he claims a pension and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil persute that there is no Clergyman in the neighborhood that can say anything of his services as a soldier of the Revolution

Larkin X Foster

I [Edward Greene J.P.] have asked the Questions prescribed by the war department and the following answers given by Larkin Foster.

Answer to 1st. I was born in the county of Amelia in the Month of August 1761

Answer to the 2nd. My age was recorded in a family Bible that is now in the neighborhood

Answer to the 3rd I lived in the county of Amelia when I entered the service, I returned to the said county when the service ended and have lived in that county ever since

Answer to the 4th I was Drafted in every case.

The answers to the other Questions appear to be embodied in his Declaration

NOTE: On 21 Jan 1850 Polly Foster, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married Larkin Foster on 27 Feb 1791, and he died on 13 March 1845. On an application for bounty land dated 5 Sep 1855 Polley Foster (as she signed), age 83, stated that she was married in Prince Edward County VA in May 1790. A typed summary in the file states that Polly Foster's name before marriage was Polly Cawthorn, but I could not find the source in the file.

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Foster Larkin

VA
(Polly)

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Transcription by FA Weyler

[p2] Virginia certificate 23.955
Larkin Foster of Amelia County
Pvt 9 months under Col. Richardson
Issued 30Apr1834 @ 31.66/annum
Hon Wm A Archer HR

[p3] Virginia certificate 5356
Polly Foster widow of
Larkin Foster, Pvt 9 ½ months
Issued 25Feb1850 @ \$31.66/annum
Hon R. N. Meade House of Rep

[p6]
Virginia, Amelia County S.S.

On this twenty second day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the County Court of said county now sitting being a court of record Larkin Foster a resident of said county and state aged seventy one 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he served in the militia of said Amelia County in the year ____ with Capt. Wm C Craddock and served in the regiment with the following named officers Colonel Richardson commanded the Regt. That That Genl Greene was also along. That he was in Greene's defeat in Carolina. That he then served six months. That he was honorably discharged but lost it. That he afterwards marched from Amelia Court House under Capt. Anderson of the militia and went in the neighborhood of City Point. Col. Randolph was along. That he served then seven weeks and was honorably discharged. That he marched afterwards from Amelia under Capt. Wm Finney and marched to Williamsburg and remained in service there seven weeks. That he does not recollect the years he was honorably discharged every time but have lost them. That he was born in Amelia. That he lived in Amelia when called into the service, have lived there ever since to this time. That he served the several tours for himself. Genl. Stephens was along with the [p7] troops in North Carolina. Major Williamson also. The two other tours Genl. Fayette commanded. Refers for his good character to Major Rodophil Jeter, Colonel Thomas W Webster, Edward Green Esqr & all his neighbors and magistrates of this county, also to Capt Edward Eggleston & Austin Levy also magistrates. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Larkin Foster x his mark

[County certification
Rodophil Jeter
Edward Eggleston

Austin Levy
John T Leigh, clerk]

[p9] State of Virginia to wit:

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Larkin Foster x

[certification

William Greene, neighbor

Burwell Jeter, neighbor

Edward Greene, JP]

[p10] answers to interrogatories

1st Amelia County in August 1761

2nd Age is recorded in a family Bible

3rd Amelia County throughout

4th drafted each time

The other answers appear to be embodied in the declaration.

[certification by Edward Greene, JP and John T Leigh, clerk]

[p13] Amelia County, 21Jan1850, declaration of widow Polly Foster, age seventy nine

Larkin Foster died 30Mar1845

Polly Cawthorn married Larkin Foster 27Feb1791

[p16] Polly Foster bounty land application, 05Sep1855

[p32] 20May1847 letter to JL Edwards requesting forms and procedures for a widow's pension application for Polly Foster by W Richwood of Rodophil, Amelia Cty VA.

[p34] marriage certificate by Branch J Worsham, clerk of Prince Edward County.