

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Fisher S20364

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[Note: there is no application in this file. The information contained in the file this summarized in the following letter.]

July 31, 1929

Mrs. Mary Fisher Robinson
Friar Point Mississippi

Dear Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.20364, it appears that Frederick Fisher served as a private in the Virginia militia and received several wounds at the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780]. The dates of his service, names of his officers and nature of wounds on not of record.

He was pensioned by the State of Virginia from December 24, 1781, until he was placed on the pension roll of the United States on January 29, 1846, at which time he was a resident of Marshall County Tennessee.

He died before September 21, 1846, exact date not stated.

He left a widow but her name is not given, nor are there any further data on file as to the family.

Very truly yours

Earl D. Church
Commissioner

[This veteran gave an affidavit in support of the pension claim of [John Dysart S3315](#) in which he stated:

State of Tennessee Maury County: I Frederick Fisher 72 years old age Citizen of the aforesaid County doth hereby certify That in the time of the revolutionary War I lived in Washington County Virginia on Holston [River]. I volunteered & went over the mountain, after the British & we overtook Ferguson at King's Mountain in which Battle I was shot through the knee and was afterward stabbed with the bayonet & am now a pensioner on the Government, I was not been acquainted with Mr. John Dysart until we met in this neighborhood some years ago and in conversation with him & the circumstances which he named to me, I must believe that he was at war in the Battle against

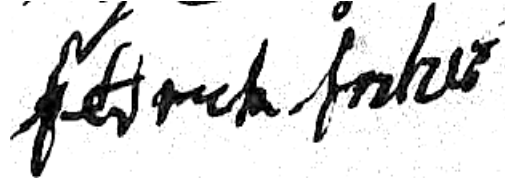
Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] at Kings Mountain and that he also must have also seen made their from the Circumstances which in our conversation has related to me.

Given under my hand this seventh of August 1832.

Witness present

S/ Jas. Ewing

S/ Frederick Fisher



[Note: The Virginia State Library catalogue indicates there is a pension file relating to the veteran, but unfortunately the Library elected not to post images of the contents of this file online under that name: There are however, documents relating to Fisher's pension misfiled under the name "James Figg" beginning at page 138 and continuing to page 224 of that file: [From [pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)] Transcriptions of a few of the relevant documents from that file follow with page numbers given for the Figg file. The large number of pages in this file reflect the annual authorization, disbursement and receipt from 1794 when the pension was authorized through 1845 when the payments were being received by James K. Polk as attorney for Fisher. Since the veteran lived until September 1846, it is not known where the papers relating to the payments between 1845 and 1846 might be located, if they still exist.]

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I do hereby empower Mr. Antho. Singleton to receive for me allowance that the Assembly may make as pensioner – also received 1 pound 16 shillings from said Singleton for so much paid me from the Amicable Society

S/ Frederick Fisher

Witness

Edmund B. Lacy

N.B. the said Fisher lives in Mecklenburg in North Carolina

19th January 1792 Received a warrant for eighty-four pounds

S/ A. Singleton

I do hereby empower Mr. Antho. Singleton to receive for me any allowance that the Assembly may make as a pensioner — also received the pound fifteen shillings from said Singleton for so much paid me from the Amicable Society —

*Witness
Edmund B. Lacy*

Frederick Fisher

N.B. The said Fisher lives in Mecklenburg in North Carolina

*19th January 1792 Received a Warrant for eighty four pounds
A. Singleton*

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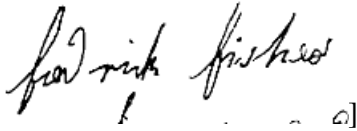
If anything is obtained from the Assembly it is to be transmitted to Frederick Fisher the son of Charles Fisher of Mecklenburg County in North Carolina to the care of Lewis Beard Inspector of the wounded Soldiers living in Salisbury North Carolina.

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I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that Frederick Fisher, who was placed on the List of Pensioners by a law passed the 30th November 1791 is continued thereon with the allowance of \$40 per annum to commence from the 30th of November 1794.

Given under my hand as Governor in the Council Chamber the 2nd day of October 1798
S/ James Wood

[p 146: power of attorney dated November 2, 1798 which appears to have been actually signed by the veteran as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick Fisher". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Notes from file: p. 159: paper dated April 3, 1809 and filed by Fisher indicating that he has moved from Mecklenburg County North Carolina to Rowan County North Carolina.]

[p 168]

I hereby certify that I have examined Frederick Fisher, a Soldier in the Revolutionary War who received a severe wound in the right leg at the battle of Kings Mountain, & that he still continues incapable of attending to his occupation as a farmer.

October 11th day a D 1814

S/ M. Chambers, M. D.

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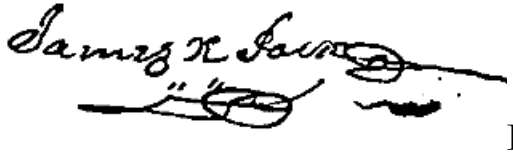
State of North Carolina Rowan County: This day Frederick Fisher appeared before me one of the practicing physicians of the said County – and after examining his wounds I do not hesitate to pronounce him incapable of performing the ordinary services of a laborer. Given under my hand & seal at Salisbury 10th of October 1817

S/ Stephen L. Terrance, M. D.

[p 177: the papers indicating that the veteran has moved from Rowan County North Carolina to Bedford County Tennessee.]

[p 184: power of attorney dated September 24, 1828 by which the veteran appointed James K Polk as his attorney to receive his pension.]

[p. 199-200: 2-page hand written letter dated February 21, 1835 and sent from Washington City, signed by James K Polk addressed to James E Heath, Auditor of Public Accounts for the state of Virginia requesting that the pension be sent to Polk by check drawn on the US bank.



Samuel R. Jones

[Veteran was pensioned at one third disability at the rate of \$3.33 1/3 per month commencing December 1st, 1845; note in the file indicates that the veteran was also a pensioner under the act of April 25, 1808 but at what rate, it is not stated.]

Fred Weyler offers the following supplement to the above

[p3] Tennessee certificate 2898
Frederick Fisher, Private of the Virginia militia
One third disability
Issued 29Jan1846
Hon G. W. Jones member of congress

[p4-ff] Oct1846 letter from the pension office indicating that Fisher received some payments from State of Virginia due to wounds received while in their militia at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

May1846 letter from congressman G.W.Jones stating that Virginia had terminated Fisher's disability pension from 1781 on 01Dec1845 and arranging federal payments to his residence in Marshall County Tennessee.

Death of Fisher before 21Sep1846, after 01Dec1845.

FPA W4453 As an aside in the [Conrad Hise W4453](#) matter mentioned that Frederick Fisher was wounded at Kings Mountain.

FPA S8713 In the Leonard Hise matter, a doctor Frederick Fisher in Salisbury is mentioned. Apparently this was not the soldier Frederick Fisher.

Washington County Virginia Court journal 15Apr1783
Arthur Campbell, James Dysart, James Montgomery, Robert Craig, Aaron Lewis, Alexander Outlaw, Samuel Newell, magistrates

29 months after the battle, Arthur Campbell was not at BKM (doing home guard duty) but the other magistrates were. Five BKM pensions by the county were still in force and continued. Perhaps treasury records show that some ended on that date.

William Moor, Frederick Fisher, Bennoni Benning, John Skeggs wounded at BKM, county pensions extended.

1982 Washington County Tax list:
Charles and John Fisher in the precinct of Aaron Lewis
No entry for Frederick Fisher, but parts of the document are missing and damaged

Washington County Survey Book I has no land record for any Fisher. Aaron Lewis' precinct shows some pre-emption warrants. It was not unusual for a German enclave to settle without Royal Grants or purchases. Further investigation of later land record could divulge that Frederick Fisher did in fact homestead a tract.

Added by Will Graves 3/24/15

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] from Washington County Legislative papers

To the Hon. the Speaker and Gentleman of the House of Delegates, the petition of Frederick Fisher

Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner was a militia soldier under the command of General Campbell in the Memorable Action of the Kings Mountain in the late War that he there received several bad Wounds, which still disabled him from procuring a livelihood. That this Commonwealth placed him on the pension list shortly after the conclusion of the War and he received his pension for three years to the beginning of the year 1785. That his remote situation put it out of his power to continue regularly his applications for his pension, in consequence whereof his name hath been left out of the list of pensioners and that he is now in great distress for the want of this bounty of his Country. Your petitioner humbly prays to be reinstated on the list of pensioners and that he may receive such other relief as to the Hon. House may seem fit and proper – and will pray &c

S/ Frederick Fisher



The petitioner was allowed 12 pounds 4 present relief by Resolution of Assembly of 24 December 1781 and the like some per annum for 3 years which expired 24 December 1784

S/ J. Pendleton

Auditor's Office
21 October 1791

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Frederick Fisher's petition to be continued as a pensioner

October 22, 1791

Referred to Claims

Col. Lee

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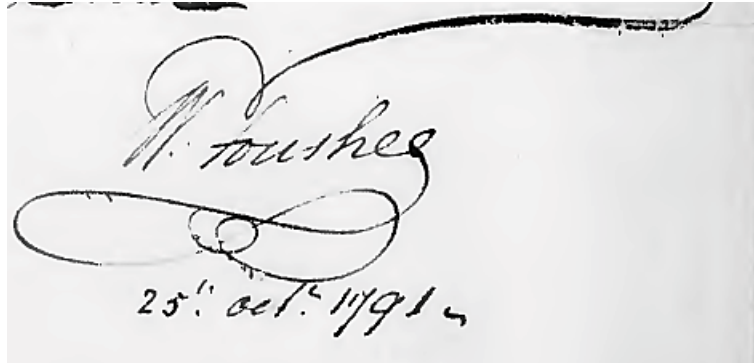
Reported 26 October 91

Being requested by Capt. Singleton to view & examine a man of the name of Frederick Fisher who states that he was a militia soldier & received certain wounds in the service of his Country at Kings Mountain – find this man has had great Injury done to the large Bone of the leg which has occasioned very Considerable loss of substance & weakened the leg, as well as injured the knee, in such manner as to produce unnatural bending from weakness – also that he has a scar

which he says was made by a Bayonet passing through his Body after he received the wound aforesaid & which does him, at times, great Injury in Breathing – all of which account I think very Probable as his sufferings have been truly great & if produced in serving his Country, have no doubt but that he merits every Compensation made to Persons in a similar State, & thereby aid him in that support which he cannot possibly obtain by hard labor.

S/ W. Foushee

25 October 1791

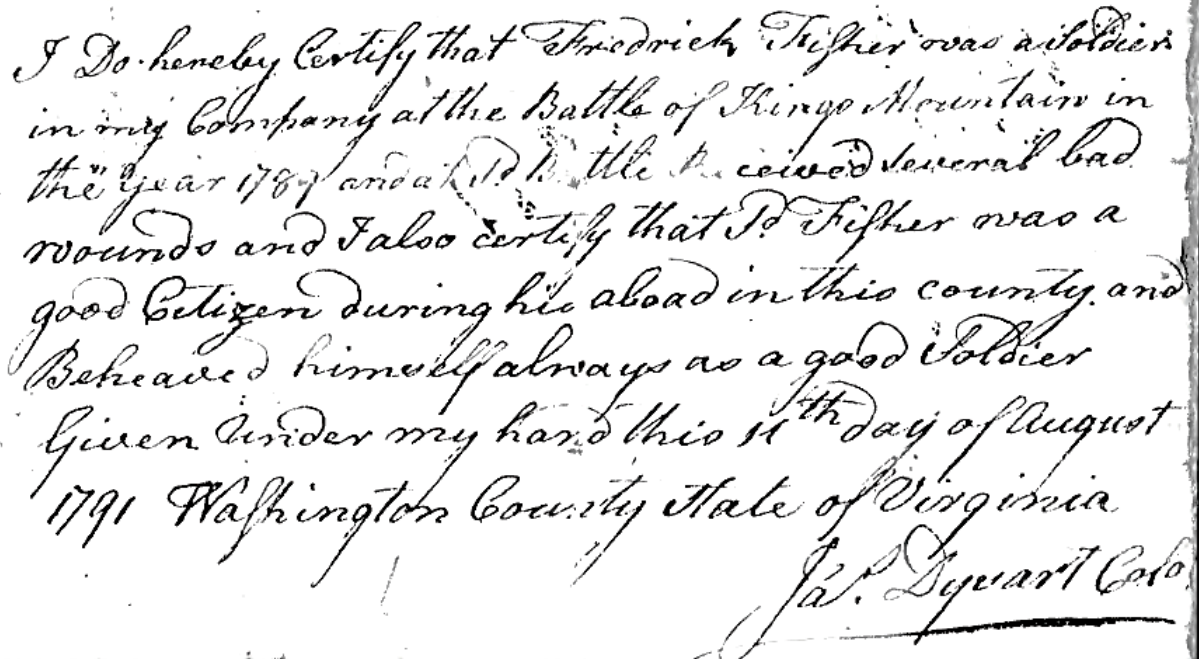


W. Foushee
25th Oct. 1791

I do hereby Certify that Frederick Fisher was a Soldier in my Company at the Battle of Kings Mountain in the year 1780 and at said Battle received several bad wounds & I also certify that said Fisher was a good Citizen during his abode [abode] in this County, and Behaved himself always as a good Soldier

Given under my hand this 11th day of August 1791 Washington County state of Virginia

S/ Jas. Dysart, Colo. [James Dysart]



I Do hereby Certify that Frederick Fisher was a Soldier in my Company at the Battle of Kings Mountain in the year 1780 and at said Battle received several bad wounds and I also certify that F. Fisher was a good Citizen during his abode in this county and Behaved himself always as a good Soldier
Given under my hand this 11th day of August 1791 Washington County State of Virginia
Jas. Dysart Colo.