

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Frederick Foscue S2562

Privateer

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State of North Carolina, Jones County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions March Term 1833

On this 12th day of March personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Jones County, now sitting, Frederick Foscue a resident of said County & state – aged 67 – 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 7th 1832.

This applicant, in the January of 1780, shipped at New Bern on board the Brig *Industry*, attached to Stanley's fleet. The Brig was armed, and belonged to Governor Nash in part. We were bound to St. Eustatins [sic, St. Eustatius] & arrived in the neighborhood of the Island & were attacked by the British corsairs in the night off St. Martin's. We beat them off after a pretty severe fight, & we arrived in the same night at St. Eustatius. We came to anchor in the midst of the British fleet, commanded by Admiral Rodney, supposing them to be Dutch. We were boarded by the ships boats & taken after some fighting. We were made prisoners of war & sent to Antigua, & were kept in prison until the month of July & we then returned home being exchanged. After our return home hearing that the British were coming to New Bern, we were ordered out under the command of General Linnington [sic, Lillington], Colonel Avery [Waightstill Avery] & Captain Fred^k Hougate [?]. I was in Jones County when ordered out & we marched up in the neighborhood of Sander's Bridge where a party of our troops & the enemy had a skirmish. I was not in it. We followed the British towards New Bern, they having passed us, in order to keep down the Tories. We continued under arms until the Spring after the British had evacuated New Bern, to keep down the Tories, as they had done much damage & killed some of our best men. We were on this service upwards of six months. After we were disbanded I went again to New Bern & shipped on board the private armed Brig *Edward* of 18 guns, commanded by Captain Goodhue. We cruised off Charleston & engaged a copper bottomed brig belonging to Glasgow, & captured her. The Brig was well armed & we had a considerable fight. Some short time after this we were pursued by two English frigates & we abandon our prize, there having elapsed but a few hours after the capture to the time of the pursuit, we had not time to remove the prisoners. We had no more fighting & after taking one or two small prizes we went in to port at Ocracoke & came to New Bern.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written. S/ Fredk Foscue

S/ H. Bryan

[F. Duval, a clergyman, R. McDaniel, H. H. Hammond & John L. Koonce gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st When and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Craven County at the time of my birth, now Jones – in the year 1766.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: It is in my own family Bible, in Jones County

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in New Bern when I first went – the second time in Jones – have lived in Jones ever since the Rev. War & now live there.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I first went voluntarily to sea -- & was only about 14 when I joined the Army, & went

voluntarily – was never a substitute

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: When I served there were no regular officers with us, but I knew William Bush, who was in the Continental line, -- he was in Adjutant, Bush was with us when we mustered together, but did not serve in the company where I was. We did not go beyond the age of Jones & Duplin – Becton, Blatcher & Franks, three of our smartest man were killed by the Tories

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I never received a discharge

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Lemuel Simmons, Risdan McDaniel, Owen B. Cox, Emanuel Jarman.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ H. Bryan, C. C.

S/ Fredk Foscue

State of North Carolina, Jones County March 11, 1833

Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace of said County Amos Amyett and being duly sworn on the holy evangelist deposeth & saith that he heard his mother say that Frederick Foscue and his brother Stephen Foscue were in the war of the revolution stayed at a long time and he Frederick Foscue returned and that Stephen never returned and further this [deponent] saith not.

Sworn to before me

S/ Amos Amyett

S/ R. McDaniel, JP