

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Fuson: S4291

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The State of Ohio} Ss
Champaign County}

On this 16th day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Honorable George B. Halt President James [illegible word] William Runkle & Chas Herr Esquires his associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for Champaign County in the State of Ohio now sitting William Fuson aged seventy years on the 15th day of April last a resident of Harrison Township in the County aforesaid 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 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated- He entered the service as a private soldier under Captain [sic: Major] George Waller in the month of June in the year 1780 he entered the service in said Company as a volunteer for the term of three months. He joined the company in Henry County in the State of Virginia & was attached to the 3d[?] Virginia Regiment for a few days. after he [illegible word] the service as above stated He was marched to within about four miles of Camden in the state of South Carolina where they had a Battle with the British then called Gates Defeat. General Gates was the Commander in Chief of the American forces in the said engagement & he was attached to the Brigade commanded by Brigadier General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] of Virginia. After the defeat of the American forces as above noted the survivors again concentrated in Guilford County I the State of North Carolina where he was discharged & again returned to his residence in Henry County in the State of Virginia. In September in the year 1781 he again volunteered his services for three months in a company commanded by Captain Owen Ruble. the names of the subaltern officers in said company he cannot now recollect. He was immediately marched with said company to York Town in the State of Virginia where the British Army were then besieged by the American forces commanded by General Washington. Himself & the company to which he was attached were attached to a Brigade commanded by Brigadier General Nelson where he continued in the engagement until the British Army surrendered to the Americans. Shortly after the surrender of the British Army he was taken sick & remained so until after the expiration of his said last term of service. He received a written discharge from his last mentioned engagement which he believes is either lost or mislaid. He has no documentary evidence of his aforesaid service and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He was born on the 16th day of April A.D. 1762 in Hanover County in the State of Virginia he has no record of his age. He removed from said County of Hanover when very young to the County of Bedford in the state of VA, for about two years afterwards he removed to Pittsylvania in VA, now Franklin County in said state where he lived until the year of 1816 when he removed to Champaign County in the State of Ohio where he has ever since resided. He was not acquainted with any of the General officers in the Continental Army. He is acquainted with the following named persons in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution To wit Jesse Harbour & John Hall & John Taylor- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension list of the agency of any state.

[signed] W. Fuson