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Pension application of James Fulford W4352 Rebecca fn48NC
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/10/09

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original.]

North Carolina Carteret County

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting James Fulford Senior a resident of ___ in the County & state aforesaid aged 77 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.

That he was born in the County of Carteret & State of North Carolina in the year 1755 -- that he has no record.

At Beaufort in said County about 3 months before the intelligence of the Declaration of Independence, He enlisted under Captain Enoch Ward in the Independent Company which was ordered to be raised by the Governor & committee. He served about 3 years in the County of Carteret aforesaid & was employed in guarding the coasts & keeping down the Tories. During this period under the command of Lieutenant Bental & Ensign Gibble, 18 of the company including the said James Fulford, left their quarters and proceeded at night about 12 miles in their clinker¹ [or, clencher] pilot-boats of 20 foot keel to the bay of Cape Lookout and captured a Providence Privateer of ten six-pounders & 36 men -- which had belonged to Baker & Below of Virginia & then was called the *General Greene*. At this time in American Privateer called the *Minerva* Captain Chamberlain lay in the Bay -- but the Captain had been deceived by the English man's exhibiting the old papers of which the Independents were advised by a deserter. When Lt. Bental boarded he ordered every boat to be turned adrift and every man to do his duty. The vessel was taken but a few minutes before Captain Chamberlain was about to open a broadside upon her, but Lt. Bental's hailing prevented him & he came on board & partook of the rejoicing.

This prize & cargo was sold for \$25,000 of which no one of the Independents received a cent.

After being discharged from the Independent Company he enlisted under Captain John Tillman & served at Fort Hancock on Cape Lookout Bay 12 months. The Company was raised he thinks by an order from Congress by the influence of Captain Onteno [?] the commander of a French frigate that lay in the Cape Bay -- this frigate brought 37,000 bushels of salt & carried away 1800 Hhas [hogsheads] Tebacco [sic, tobacco] which was brought through the sound from South Key in Virginia. While stationed at Fort Hancock [he] assisted in taking a prize taken from the Spaniards by the British. This prize was sold & paid to Captain Tillman, but the rest of the company got nothing.

During the whole service he performed the duties of a private. He was regularly

¹ **Clinker:** Or *clencher*; Hull planking running fore-and-aft with the lower edge of each strake overlapping outboard the upper edge of the plank below it. Clinker strakes are usually secured to each other by nails with *roved heads* (i.e. the nail ends have a flat washer placed over them and are then mushroomed over with a hammer). Copied from http://www.tca.gov.bc.ca/archaeology/docs/shipwreck_recording_guide/glossary.htm#C. accessed 1/10/09

discharged but has no discharge now in his possession nor does he know where it is, nor has any recollection of it.

He has resided in Carteret County aforesaid during this life, except occasionally on voyages.

Captain Edward Ward was the only US officer; he came among them & he was then on enlisting service or recruiting.

He has no documentary evidence but his service or a part thereof is known to Zephaniah Howland, & James Gabriel.²

He is known to General Thomas Marshall of Carteret aforesaid who can testify to his character for veracity and good behavior.

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

S/ James Fulford

[Bridger Aundell (?) and Henry M. Cooke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Carteret County

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting James Gabriel and Zephaniah Howland both residents in the County & state aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law on their oath respectively depose & say as follows. The said James Gabriel saith that he knows James Fulford Senior -- that he served in the Independent Company under the command of Captain Enoch Ward stationed at Beaufort & that he served 18 months. & further this deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ James Gabriel

The said Zephaniah Howland Senior saith that he is acquainted with James Fulford Senior & knows that he served in the Independent Company under the command of Captain Enoch Ward stationed at Beaufort & that he served some time but does not know how long and further this deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ Zeph Howland, X his mark

[facts in file: veteran died August 13, 1839; he married April 18785, Rebecca Harker; they had 7 children but they are not named in the file other than son William, their eldest child who was born April 2, 1786.; Rebecca was allowed a widow's pension on her application dated November 5, 1842, filed in Carteret County when she was 73 years old.]

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Monday, April 29, 1776

The Congress met according to Adjournment

Resolved that 5 "Independent Companies" be immediately raised in this province, to consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign four sergeants, four Corporals two Drummers, one Fifer and 68 rank and file and that the said Companies be Stationed at the following places to wit, one company Between Currituck and Roanoke Inlet, one Company between Ocracoke and White Oak Inlet one Company between Bogue Inlet and New River Inlet and one Company between New River Inlet and Deep Inlet inclusive. And that the Officers and

² [James Gabriel S2571](#)

Soldiers of said Companies, shall be allowed the same pay as Officers and Soldiers on the Continental Establishment, and subject only to the control of this or any future Congress or to any executive power acting in the recess of the same to remove ordered disband them.

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the above is a true and perfect extract from the Journals of a Congress begun and held at Halifax in this State on the 4th day of April 1776 and continued by adjournment from day-to-day until the 14th day of May 1776.

Given under my hand this 28th day of February 1843.

S/ Wm Hill