

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Fitts W9439

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Virginia Halifax County to wit

On this 26th day of March 1827 personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record for the County of Halifax aforesaid) John Fitts Senior a resident in said County aged 63 years the 10th day of August last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said John Fitts Senior enlisted in the revolutionary war for the term of 12 or 18 months the precise time which he enlisted he does not now recollect on or about the 10th day of September 1780 in the State of North Carolina in a company of Calvary commanded by Captain Fauntleroy (In my former declaration I said it was John Fauntleroy, But on seeing a letter from the Secretary of War and finding there was a Captain Griffin Fauntleroy attached to the Calvary in which I was placed I immediately believed and have not a doubt he was the Captain by whom I was commanded having forgotten his Christian name). That he was afterwards placed under the command of Colonel William Washington in the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] until sometime in the month of December 1781 when he was discharged from the said Service and South Carolina at the high hills of Santee. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on any pension roll of this or any other State whatever and that the following all the reasons he has not made earlier application for a pension which he is, that for four or five years back he has endeavored to be placed on the pension list, but the writings which had been sent to the war department being always wrong he has failed being allowed a pension, which are all the reasons he has and all he can give. That he was in several battles (to wit) The Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse, Camden, the Eutaw Springs and many skirmishes and that he has no other evidence in his power to produce to substantiate his said services except the enclosed affidavits of Hampton White¹ & Robert W. Fitts and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed I have no person but myself to depend on for support and no property whatever that I have neither

¹ [Hampton White S38467](#)

ball in or sold any property since the 18th of March 1818 and that from my old age and infirmities together with extreme poverty and having no occupation I can follow to advantage I need the assistance of my Country for Support -- S/ John Fitts
[Attested] S/ Samuel Williams, Clerk

[On August 27, 1857, in Halifax County Virginia, Mary D. Fitts, 75, declare that she is the widow of John Fitts, a pensioner during his lifetime at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him July 25, 1825; that they were married by John Smith, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary D. Fulks [Fowlkes? Fawlkes]; that her husband died in Halifax County Virginia on June 27, 1843; that she is making this declaration under the 1855 act for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she is entitled.

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[facts in file: Mary D. and John Fitts were married in Granville County, NC]

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Virginia Halifax County to wit -- Hampton White a respectable Citizen, who was an old revolutionary soldier & who is now drawing a pension from the United States, this day came before me William Faulkner a Justice of the peace, and for the said County and made Oath that he was well acquainted with John Fitts Senior, before, & when he was in the revolutionary war That he has several times seen him when in the Army and knows he was in the Cavalry commanded by Colonel William Washington & that he was enlisted, as he was told, by Captain John Fauntleroy But whether it was John or Griffin Fauntleroy war that he possessed any other Christian name he cannot possibly assert, but he positively to the best of his knowledge, swears that he was under the command of Captain Fauntleroy -- But whether Captain Fauntleroy was with John Fitts Senior went under the command of Colonel William Washington he is not certain and well remembers that Colonel Washington was under the command of General Greene in the southern states & further that the said Fitts, was enlisted, (as he was told & has no doubt) for 12 or 18 months, as he knows he was a considerable time in the Army, being often with him. He further swears, that he has seen him in battle, that said Fitts was a valiant & as brave a soldier as any perhaps in the revolutionary war -- Given under my hand this 26th day of February 1827.

S/ William Faulkner

State of North Carolina Person County

December 13th, 1826 This day came John Chatham Senior² (a pensioner) before me William Dickens one of the acting justices of the peace for said County and made oath that there was a man in Colonel Washington's Regiment by the name of John Fautley Roye [sic, John Fauntleroy?] in the old revolutionary war who served as Captain in said Regiment.

Sworn to & acknowledged before me the day & date above written.

S/ Wm Dickins, JP

S/ John Chatham, X his mark

Virginia Halifax County to wit -- This day Hampton White a respectable Citizen came before me William Faulkner a Justice of the peace in and for the said County and made oath that John Fitts

² FPA S41475

Senior sometime in the year 1780 he enlisted in the United States service in the revolutionary war under Captain John Fautleroy in his Company of Dragoons attached to Colonel William Washington's Corps. The said Hampton White further make oath that he has frequently seen the said John Fitts Senior when in the service of the United States he was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs & saw the said Fitts engaged in that Battle & he well remembers that he was more than a year in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war
Given under my hand this 22nd day of May 1826

S/ William Faulkner

NB The said Hampton White further make oath That the dragoons commanded by the said Colonel William Washington, was under the Command of General Greene.

S/ William Faulkner