

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Edmund Forns (Foins) W9446      Edith      fn32SC  
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State of South Carolina Richland District

On this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned a Magistrate in and for the said District and State Edith Forns a resident of Richland District in the State of South Carolina aged about 100 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, and of the subsequent Acts: That she is the widow of Edmund Forns or Foins deceased who was a private in Capt. Uriah Goodwyn's Company in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Continental Establishment commanded by Col. William Thompson [William Thomson]: that her said husband Edmund Forns deceased enlisted in said company of said Regiment in the year 1777 or 1778 but probably in the latter, that the enlisting or recruiting Officer was named as well as she recollects Lieut. John Gaskins that her husband the aforesaid Edmund Forns was in the regular service from the time of his enlistment till the siege of Savannah in the year 1779 when he was killed in battle in the engagement which then and there took place. She further declares that she was married to the said Edmund Forns on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year Seventeen hundred and \_\_ at the house of the Rev. Luke Gibson a Baptist minister near Little River now in Fairfield District, then called Craven County: that the clergyman who pronounced the marriage ceremony was Rev. W. Gibson. That said Edmund Forns was in service about \_\_ when he was killed; that her husband and herself lived together as husband and wife on Bear Creek in said District of Fairfield, & that he enlisted at the house of Mr. John Wilson who lived near them and whose son Mr. Theophilus Wilson she recollects perfectly well, that Robert Doolie [sic, Robert Dooley?] her said husband's brother-in-law and James Nipper who also enlisted were of his comrades, that she had one child before he entered service: that she was married to the said Edmund Forns about 3 years before he entered the said service and that he died at the time & place aforesaid as she learned from his survivors who were his comrades and that she has remained a widow ever since: That she has no Family Record showing either the date of her marriage as aforesaid or the births of her children; that neither she or her husband could write: She further swears that ever since the enlisting of her said husband she has resided in the Districts of Fairfield & Richland and more recently in the latter being now under the care of the Commissioners of the Poor for said District. That a short while after the War of the Revolution in which she lost her husband the State of South Carolina granted her an annuity or pension as the widow of the aforesaid Edmund Forns, even as early the year of our Lord 1790 which she continued to receive many years all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed, to which she most respectfully craves attention.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year first above written Before me  
S/ D. B. Miller, Magistrate      S/ Edith Forns, X her mark  
[Thomas Parker and Johnson Elkins gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Theophilus Wilson, 85, of Richland District, SC, gave a supporting affidavit in which he largely recites the same facts as alleged by Edith Forns.]

[fn p. 18: On June 21, 1849, Edith Forns filed another application substantially identical to the above application except she adds that she was pregnant with her second child when her husband was killed at Savannah; and that she married him in 1774, 1775 or 1776, "but in all events before he enlisted a good while having one child and being pregnant with another."]

[fn p. 27 sets forth the SC law allowing pensions to disabled veterans and the families of veterans killed in action.]