Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Robert Ferguson VAS1357

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[From bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.]

I hereby certify that Robert Ferguson enlisted in the year 1776 in the firt regt. light dragoons from which he was transferred to the partizan Legion where he served during the war. In the course of service he gave many proofs of his courage & fidelity, & received two wounds which disabled him for a long time.

Carydee

Given under my hand this 29th day of June 1790. Henry Lee late Lt. Col. Cont. P. Legion The said Ferguson was born & lives in Virginia in whose quota of continental troops he was included. H.L.

[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Richmond County]

To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the General Assembly

the Petition of Robert Ferguson of the County of Richmond humbly sheweth. That your petitioner was a Dragoon in the Legion commanded by Lieut. Col. Lee that he enlisted early in the War & served to the conclusion thereof that he participated in all the toils & dangers in which that corps was engaged & was constantly in the Field in the severe campaign of 1781 in South Carolina in the close of which he received a wound in his Shoulder, that on the disbandment of the Army he returned home apparently recovered from his wound, for this confidence he betook himself to the carpenters trade to which he had been brought up, expecting to be able to pursue it without interruption & therefore waved the Claim which he might have instituted under the Laws of the Common Wealth for a pension – that lately his wound has broke out in consequence of which he is entirely disabled to procure his livelihood, that he has a Wife & children to support which render his situation truly distrissing – from this statement of facts he humbly prays that he may be now permitted to enjoy the benefit secured to the unfortunate Soldiers by the Law establishing pensions for their relief

2^d December 1790 Ref'd to Claims