Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Pension Claim of James Figg VAS1362 Sarah Figg Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[From Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia.]

I do hereby certify that at a Court held for York County the 21st day of April 1788 pursuant to the Act of Assembly entituled An Act to amend the Act concerning Pensioners Sarah Figg Widow of James Figg a private who died in the Service of the United States produced a Warrant signed by his Excellency Edmund Randolph Esq. allowing her the sum of [illegible] pounds annually the said allowance to commence from the first day of January 1787 whereupon the Court having examined the said Certificate and compared it with the List of Pensioners transmitted from the Auditor, ordered it to be recorded and That the Sherif of this County pay the said Sum of Six pounds out of any monies by him collected for public [illegible word] according to Law

[illegible signature]

Ro. H Waller C

Rec'd. 7 May 1788 of Thomas Newman D'y. Sh York County Six pounds in full for my allowance as a Pensioner for the year 1787 Sarah herXmark Figg

I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that Sarah Figg widow of James Figg who was a soldier in the Army of the United States and died in the service thereof, is continued on the list of Pensioners with an Allowance of Six pounds yearly commencing the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 22^d day of November 1792.

Sam. Coleman/Ent'd. 22nd Nov'r. 1792

[signed] Henry Lee

The file contains other documents similar to the above, the last dated 17 June 1893.]

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

I Certify that I was well acquainted with James Figg who enlisted under Capt. Thomas Nelson of the first Virginia Regiment of the Continental line in the Revolutionary war in the Capacity of a private and that he either died a natural death or was killed while in actual service

As witness my hand and seal this 19th day of June 1832 William hisXmark James

I Certify that I was well acquainted with James Figg who inlisted under Capt Thomas Nelson of the first Virginia Regiment of the Continental line in the early part of the Revolutionary War, in the Capacity of a private and that he never Returned. As witness my hand and seal this 26th day of June 1832 [York County] Henry Buchanan [pension application S37807]

To his Excellency John Floyd Governor of the state of Virginia. The petition of Elizabeth Burcher the only surviving heir of Jas Figg Dec'd respectfully represents That her father the late James Figg was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war. That he inlisted under Captain Thos. Nelson of the first Virginia Regiment of the Continental line and that He died while in actual service. She refers to the Certificates accompanying this petition as evidence in this matter, your petitioner has every reason to believe that the said James Figg never did receive a land warrant for his bounty land and your petitioner now seeks to obtain that justice in the premises, which by a recent act of Congress has been awarded to all those Similarly Circumstanced with her self. She therefore asks that a warrant may be granted her for the lands due to her father for his military services – and as in duty bound she will ever pray Elizabeth Burcher

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