Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edmond Fears R3474 VA
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State of Illinois }

White County ss } On the 7th day of December 1835 personally appeared before the judges of the County Commissioners Court for the county of White being a court of record now sitting Edmund Fear aged 71 years a resident of the County of White & state of Illinois 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 drafted in the army of the united States in the early part of 1781 by Wm Price and served in the Virginia Regiment of the line [see endnote] under the following named officers The officer in command was Major Rose, Captain Cunningham Lieut. James Parks Ensign John Bell and was discharged in writing but cannot remember who signed it on the 17 of Oct 1781. was in service nine months. That his discharge was burnt up about ten years since. That he resided in Prince Edward Co. Va when he entered the service & march from thence & joined the army under Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at Ninety Six & was there at the Seige [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] & remained there until Col. Tarletons [sic: Col. Francis Lord Rawdon's] forces drove the American forces from it, which was eighteen days [sic]. That from 96 he returned towards Va. to Charlotte towne & was there detailed to attend upon Lieut James Parks at that time sick That previous to the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] he was on his way to Yorktown Liuet Parks having got well That before he arrived there news came of the surrender of cornwallis when he was discharged & returned home.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any state.

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NOTES:

The company officers named by Fears were all in the Militia of Prince Edward County. Militia tours were for three months each. They were often extended, though seldom if ever for nine months. The Pension Commissioner rejected Fears's claim for lack of proof of at least six months service.

On 27 Sep 1852 Nancy Parret, 42, of Bond County IL, assigned power of attorney to obtain a pension as sole heir of Edmond Fears, who died 15 April 1844. She stated that her mother, Sarah, died in 1821.