Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Figgins R3536 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky } SS. Bracken County }

On the 17th day of December 1832 personally appeared in the Court aforesaid, now sitting, as a Court for the County of Bracken, William Figgins a resident of said County aged about seventy years of age, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress, passed 7th June 1832. That he resided in Fauquier County Virginia, and was called out to serve a tour of duty as a Militia man about the 1st of February 1781 under the command of Capt. John O'Bannon and Col. Armstead Churchill [sic: Armistead Churchill]. From Fauquier, he marched to Fredericksburgh & from thence to Williamsburgh [sic: Fredericksburg, Williamsburg] Virginia, his father having died and a sale of his estate being near at hand, he hired a man by the name of George Leach [pension application W27584] as a substitute, who was received & Gen'l Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] gave this affiant leave to return home, this was some time in March, the said Leach performed the balance of the Tour until he was wounded near Williamsburgh in a little skirmish, when he was discharged & returned home

That some time in July 1781 he was again called out as a militia man, for a Tour of three months in Fauquir County Virginia, under Capt William Flurrey[?] as well as he can recollect, the name of the Col he cannot recollect, but Gen'l. Stephens was the Brigadier. From Fauquier Ct House he marched to Morbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] where the Troops were encamped three or four days. At this place he hired William Higgins as a substitute to perform the balance of the Tour & gave him about forty dollars good money Higgins afterwards was taken lame & was discharged

William hisXmark Figgins

On the same day before the same Court came personally William Owens [S16500] a resident of Mason County Kentucky, and being sworn deposeth & saith, that in 1781 he resided in Fauquier County Virginia, and recollects very well that William Figgins was drafted as a Militia man for a Tour of three months about the 1st of February in that year, that the deponent was in the same company with Figgins and marched together as stated by him, that he recollects very well the said Figgins having hired Leach as a substitute, he also recollects the said Leach being wounded near Williamsburgh, when he was discharged as mentioned by said Figgins, he has known said Figgins ever since & now lives about twelve miles from him.

NOTE: Figgins's claim was rejected because he did not personally serve at least six months.

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress of June 7th 1832 State of Kentucky

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[routine county certification

John Payne, clerk

[claim rejected by the pension office]