Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Fitzjarrell R3585 VA
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State of Indiana }

Gibson County } In the Gibson Probate Court –

On this 10th Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record James Fitzgerauld a citizen of Gibson County aged Between eighty five and ninety years 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 7th June 1832. That at Stanton [sic: Staunton] Augusta County Virginia in the month of June or July in the year 1779 or 1780 he enlisted or volunteered in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War under Capt. James Findley of the continental army as he believes for the term of one year. that immediately after he enlisted he was employed in driving a team and waggons belonging to the U. States at which duty he was kept untill he was discharged at the end of the year – from Stanton he went with Capt. Findley's company to Alexandria from thence to Baltimore from thence by the Brandywine Battle ground to Philadelphia staying at each of the above mentioned places but a very short time from Philadelphia he went with said Company to New Brunswick where he arrived in the fall at which place and its vicinity he was actively employed with a Team and Waggon untill the weather became cold when many of the troops at that place together with Capt. Findley's Company were sent on to Lancaster in Pennsylvania to winter quarters. That most of the Government waggons were left at New Brunswick, but many of the horses were moved with the troops to Lancaster and that the declarant in company with other waggoners assisted in taking the horses there. At the breaking up of Winter he thinks the Latter part of February his company with some other troops went to Philadelphia whither the declarant went with a team of horses and where he was employed with a team and waggon untill the end of the year for which he entered the Army when he was discharged in Market Street by Capt. Findley who gave him a written discharge but which discharge is lost or destroyed most probable the Latter. from the very day of his enlistment he was employed as a Waggoner that he at no time performed the duty of a soldier, had but very little intercourse with his company and knew very little if anything about its organization. He reccollects none of its officers except Capt. Findley who enlisted him nor does know to what Regiment the company was attached as he never mustered with them. At Philadelphia he knew one William Lush who was called General and who had much to do in directing the Waggoners Some where on the tour from New Brunswick to Lancaster he saw Gen'l. Washington. He recollects that Col. Armstrong was active in starting the troops and Horses from New Brunswick to Lancaster. While Capt. Findley was recruiting at Stanton he reccollects seeing Col. Smith Col. Geo. Matthews [sic: George Mathews] and Col. Sampson Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] who he supposed was of the Army but of this he is not certain.

He was born in Orange County Virginia but in what year he cannot say as he has no record of his age nor does he know that any is in existence nor can now tell how old he is but believes that he is between 85 and 90 years old. A few years after the war of the revolution he moved to Kentucky from whence in the Spring of 1811 he moved to Gibson County Indiana where he has lived ever since and where he now lives. He has no written or documentary evidence by which he can prove his service nor do he know of any person now living by whom he can prove the same. Accompanying this declaration is the deposition of Brother Daniel Fitzgerauld [sic: Daniel Fitzjarrell, pension application S31028] now deceased which was taken at the time and place it specified and this application has been delayed in order to procure its proper authentication. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of any Pension Agency in any State or Territory.

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State of Kentucky Franklin county (Sct)

Be it known that on the 27th day of July AD 1832 Daniel Fitzgerald personally appear'd me the undersign'd a justice of the peace in and for said county, who made oath agreeably to law that he is acquainted with James Fitzgerald of Gibson County Indianna and that the said James Fitzgerald enlisted in the army of the united states service in the time of the revolutionary war in Stantown Augusta county Virginia in June or July 1779 said Fitzgerald enlisted under captain Jas Finly for the term of one year and he verily believes that he did serve his time out and at the time he enlisted the captain promised him a suit of cloths and some land which he believes said Fitzgerald never did get and further this affiant saith not

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Subscribed and sworne to before me the day and date first above written A. Wilson JPFC

NOTE: On 30 June 1853 Johnson Fitz Jarrall (as he signed) assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits for the service of his father, James Fitzjarrell.