Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Fitzgarrel Thomas VA R3586 f26VA
(Fitzgerald?)

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[p2] Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress passed t=for granting pensions to soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War:

On the fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty eight, personally appeared in open court before the county court of St Louis County, Thomas Fitzgerrel [sic], a resident of of [sic] the County of St Louis, in the State of Missouri, aged seventy four years on the first day of March in the year eighteen hundred & thirty eight who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the Acts of Congress passed for granting pensions to soldiers of the Revolution: That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein states; That is to say, he was drafted in the year seventeen hundred & eighty one, to serve on a tour of duty with the Virginia Militia. That he served in the company commanded by Captain William Grigsby, who belonged to the Virginia Militia in which he served three months & joined the regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Col. Eliah Edmunds, at Morbin Hills & served the three months of July, August, and September in the year 1781. During which time he was in no battle or engagement & received his discharge at Williamsburg, from Captain Grigsby verbally when he returned home.

Since the Revolutionary War he was again drafted in the year 1790 to go against the Indians, from Fayette County Kentucky & left Fayette County Kentucky about the first of August in that year under Captain George Taylor, for Cincinnati, where the company joined the main force which had been Raised to go against the Indians. Then under command there of Genl Harmon the army left Cincinnati about the last of August & marched against the Indians, on the Maumu River,

[p3] and came to an Indian Village called Maumu Town a few miles from St Joseph & St Mary's River where they found that the Indians had burnt & destroyed their village & fled from the same; having obtained intelligence that the Americans were marching against them. Genl. Harmon sent a detachment of troops out to look for the Indians & marched himself ____ for the Pickaway Indian Towns which were only a short distance from there. He served on this tour sixty two days from the time he left home until he returned again. He was engaged in no skirmish or fight, but several detachments which had been sent out by Genl. Harmon were cut up & nearly all killed by the Indians.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this fifteenth day of August 1838.

Henry Chouteau, clerk
St Louis County Court
[routine supporting statements and certification
Richard Hanson Brammell, neighbor
Samuel Cahill, neighbor,
Nelson Pepper, neighbor

Henry Chouleau, clerk]

[p4 answers to interrogatories]

1 I was born in Fauquier County Virginia in the year 1764

- 2 Yes, my father had a small book which he made out of some sheets of paper, & in this book he set down all the ages of his children. On my father's death, my younger brother, Peter Fitzgerald, took the records & brought it to this state, where he died some eighteen years ago in this county & on the death of my brother, his son Jesse Fitzgerald took the family record spoken of & has it now in the state of Illinois, where he has removed to.
- 3 When I was first called into service I lived in Fauquier County Virginia. I lived in Virginia from the time I was born up to the month of May 1785 when I removed to Kentucky & settled in Mason County. I next removed to Fayette County & lived about three years, & afterwards removed again back to Mason County within ten miles of Maysville where I resided until the fall of 1823 when I removed from Kentucky & settled in Franklin County Missouri where I resided three years & then removed into St Louis County about fifteen miles west of the city of St Louis where I have resided ever since & where I do now reside.
- 4 I was drafted as stated in the foregoing declaration.

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- 5 Captain William Grigsby was my captain, John O'Bannon was our Major, Elias Edmunds was our Colonel & General Stephens; all militia officers from Virginia were our officers & the whole was under the command of General Lafayette when we joined his command at Morbin Hill Virginia.
- 6 I did receive a verbal discharge from Capt Grigsby who was very sick & unable to travel at the time.

7 David Hutchins, Allen Tindell, Frederick L. Billon, Captain William Hibler, & all the rest of my neighbors to whom I am known.

Subscribed & sworn to before

s/ Thomas Fitzgarrel

Me in open court this fifteenth day

Of August 1838

Henry Chouteau, clerk Saint Louis County Court

[p6] Missouri certificate 39.342

Thomas Fitzgerald rejected:

Service less than six months

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John P Darby, attorney, in 1880 St. Louis Republican:

David Musick, Thomas Fitzwater, and Thomas Fitzgerald were in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

State Historical Society, Madison Wisconsin, Calendar of Tennessee and Kings Mountain Papers mention Thomas Fitzgerald who served at Kings Mountain.

25Jan1937 inquiry to Veterans Administration from Anne Fitzgerald of Jamaica Plain, Mass

[p20] note mentions Thomas Fitzgerald of Morgan's Rifle Company