

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Fulton R3851 and R14317

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State of Tennessee, Wayne County.

On the thirteenth day of September 1834, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County court of Wayne County, now sitting Thomas Fulton, a resident of the said county of Wayne in the State of Tennessee, aged as far as he can recollect seventy seven years the 25th day of August last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth as his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He was drafted in Augusta County, State of Virginia in the year 1775 and marched under the command of Captain James Guy in Colonel Dickinson's Regiment to Fort Detroit for the purpose of repelling the British who were trying to affect a landing at that place. He continued in this service at Detroit five months and then marched back again to Augusta County in Virginia and discharged, having continued in all, in the service at that time six months the term for which he was drafted. About two months after being discharged from the above services, he was again drafted and served a three months tour, under Captain Alexander Dunlap in guarding the frontiers on the Head of Green Brier [Greenbrier] River at the Clover Licks in the following year he volunteered and served a three months tour under Capt. James Guy, Col. Andrew Lewis and General Thomas Lewis against the Shawnee Indians and was in the battle fought with the Shawnee Indians at the mouth of the Big Kenhawa [sic, Kanawha River] which Battle continued from about sunrise till the sun was only about half an hour high in the evening in the year 1777. He was again drafted in Green Brier County, Virginia and marched under the command of Captain Andrew Hamilton and Major Quirk who was a Regular officer to Logan's Station on Dicks River in the State of Kentucky against the Indians and continued in the service at this time three months there and in this service five companies, one under Captain Armstrong, one under Captain John Woods, the other two I do not now recollect the Captains. In the year 1779 he listed to guard the frontiers of Virginia and served nine months in this service under Captain Hugh Caperton and Colonel George Clendenon and General Thomas Lewis during this nine months Tour he was engaged on New River at the mouth of Green Brier and at the mouth of Big Kenhawa Point Pleasant.

Questions

1. Where and in what year were you born?

1st Answer: I was born in Amherst County, State of Virginia at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, as near as I can recollect in the year 1757.

2nd ans. I have no record of my age.

3rd ans. When called into service I lived in Augusta County, Virginia and lived there during the

time of the then first mentioned tour of service at the time of the two last mentioned tours, I lived in Green Brier County, Virginia, from thence I moved to Knox County, Tennessee, from thence to Clark County, Kentucky, from thence to Wayne County, Kentucky, from thence to Lawrence County, Alabama, from thence to Wayne County, Tennessee where I now live and have lived about seven years.

4th ans. I have stated how I was called into service in the foregoing part of this Declaration  
5<sup>th</sup> ans. and also as many of the names of the officers as I can recollect and the circumstances of my service.

6th I never received but one discharge which was given by Col. Dickenson for the first tour and which I have lost.

7th. The Rev. Cary W. Pope, Thomas G. Harvey, Esq., William Williams, William Kisner, William Nettle, Jacob Meredith, William Murphey, Esq.; and many others are all acquainted with me and can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the Revolution.

He knows of no person by whom he can prove any part of the service except the last tour of three months, which I can prove by Jacob Kisner,<sup>1</sup> who was with me and who lives in the Western part of this State and whose evidence is hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Fulton, X his mark

S/ Tho. M. Erst, Clerk

[Cary W. Pope, a clergyman, and William Williams and Thomas G. Harvey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Declaration Amended

State of Tennessee Wayne County: SS

On the ninth day of September 1835 personally appeared before me, John C. Richardson, an acting Justice of the Peace and for said County, Thomas Fulton, a resident of said County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration to wit:

That he had no Register of his age other than as follows. He was married the day he was twenty two years of age which was the 25th day of August and his first child was born about nine months thereafter, who from information had he believes to have been fifty five years old last May. Consequently, the declarant must have been born on the 25th day of August 1757. That he was enrolled on the Muster list at sixteen in Augusta County, State of Virginia which must have been in the year of 1773. That in the April of the year following (1774) he volunteered and served three months tour against the Shawnee Indians in the State of Virginia under General Andrew Lewis, Col William Lewis, Maj. Donley, & Captain James Gay during this service he was in the Battle fought with the Shawnee Indians near the mouth of the Big Kanhawa in Greenbrier County, Virginia in which Battle Col. Lewis was killed. He was discharged from this service at Col. Dickinson on Calf Pasture River, Augusta County, Virginia February of the following year (1775). He was drafted and served a three months tour at Dunlap's Fort in the head of Green Brier in protecting the Virginia Frontiers form the Indians and he entered this

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<sup>1</sup> [Jacob Kisner \(Kesner\) S45886](#)

service by order of Col. Dickinson of Augusta County and while in service, was under the immediate command of Captain Alexander Dunlap who was the highest officer in command at the Fort. He was discharged from this last service by Col. Dickinson after he served out his time and returned home.

In August of the year following (1776) he was drafted and served a six months tour against the British at Fort Detroit in this service he was under the command of Gen'l Sullivan (the Col & Maj. he does not remember) and Capt. ~~Andrew Hamilton~~ James Guy during the time he remained at Detroit there was an engagement had by a part of our men with the Indians about a half a mile from the Fort in which engagement as well as he can recollect nine or ten Indians were killed. He was discharged from the service by Col. Dickinson after he was marched back again to Augusta County. During all the aforementioned service he lived in Augusta County.

In the fall of the next year (1777) he removed to Green Brier County in the State of Virginia in the year after (1778) he volunteered and served a three months tour under Maj. George Paris against the Tories in Montgomery County, South Carolina. He engaged in this service voluntarily without any orders or requisitions for men by the Gen'l or State Authority.

The year of the taking of Cornwallis, he was drafted about the first of March to join Gen'l Wayne. Arriving at the Falls of Ohio with intention of going to Orleans to repel the British at that place. When we had marched as far as Logan's Station in Kentucky fore received news of the Surrender of Cornwallis and men disbanded and discharged at Logan's Station in this service there were five companies under the command of Maj. John Quirk, a Regular Officer, my Captain was Andrew Hamilton. I was drafted into this service by order of Col. Donley of Green Brier County, Virginia and in the fall of the same year He enlisted for nine months and served under Captain Hugh Caperton in guarding the Virginia Frontier in Green Brier County against the Indians during the whole Nine months. He was only one week at home, the officers in command were Col. Conley, Maj. George Clendennen and Captain Caperton above named. He was discharged from this service at Savannah in Green Brier County. He is unable to prove any of the above state service except one three months tour which he proved by Jacob Kisinger or Kisner, (a pensioner on the roll of West Tennessee) whose testimony was forwarded to the War Department with his former declaration which reference be had.

He states that he has stated his services as fully as his advanced age and loss of memory will permit. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

S/ Thomas Fulton, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ John C. Richardson, JP

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State of Tennessee Gibson County: Personally appeared Jacob Kisner before the undersigned Justice of the Peace for said County and being sworn according to law depose & saith that Thomas Fulton Senior who is about 75 years of age, did serve a tour of duty in the Revolutionary war of 3 months under Captain Andrew Hamilton & Major Quirk.

And all so do believe from the Information given by said Fulton that he did serve other tours That did not come Immediately under my notice &c. And further the deponent saith that he has been acquainted with the aforesaid Fulton upwards of 50 years & do believe him to be a man of truth.

Further the deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed the 27th day of August A.D. 1834.

S/ Jacob Kisner, X his mark