

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Fitzgerald S17950
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State of Indiana }
Knox county }

I Charles Fitzgerald of said state and county, Do hereby declare in conformity to an Act approved on the 15th day of May 1828, entitled “An Act for the relief of soldiers of the revolution,” that I enlisted in the continental Line of the army of the Revolution for and during the war – that I enlisted under Capt’n Rich’d Andrew [Richard Andrew] in Caroline county, Maryland was marched to Philidelphia and was there mustered in a company commanded by Capt’n Sheppard, from thence I was ordered to Annapolis, and from thence to join the Army commanded by General Green [sic: Southern Department commanded by Nathanael Greene], which with my companions, I did join a few days before the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]; On joining said Army I was attached to the 2^d Reg’t of Maryland, at that time commanded by Col’l. or Lt. Col’l. [John] Stewart, afterwards when Col’l. Stewart was killed by his horse [see endnote], Major Eggleston [sic: John Eccleston], or Col’l. [Otho Holland] Williams commanded the said Reg’t. In the battle of Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] I was severely wounded, and after being on James Island was ordered to Annapolis, where I received my discharge when peace had been proclaimed – that on the day I was wounded I served under Capt’n Smith, and do not distinctly remember whether Capt’n. Smith or Capt’n Price commanded at the time I received a discharge, but believe it was Capt’n. Price: And I also declare, that I served in the army as stated, from the day of my enlistment until the day of my discharge which was three years and three days, and during the said period received only five months pay at eight dollars p. month paid to me at Alexandria, Va. and five months pay when I was discharged at Annapolis, amounting altogether, to eighty dollars – that Major Eggleston after my discharge, offered to procure me a pension but I declined to accept of it as I was then able to earn a living without it; and although I have heretofore applied, I am utterly uneable to make a clear representation of my own case not being able to write, and I have never learned that I was placed on any pension Roll. Witness my hand this 16th day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

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NOTES:

According to F. B. Heitman’s *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution*, Lt. Col. John Stewart died in December 1782, and John Eccleston was promoted to Lt. Col. about the same time. Patrick O’Kelley’s *Nothing But Blood and Slaughter* Vol 4 states that Stewart was at Charleston SC when that city was evacuated by the British on 14 Dec 1782.

A letter dated 6 Dec 1839 states that James Jerrel (alias James Fitzgerald) was the son of Charles Fitzgerald, who died about 2 July 1836.