

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Forsee William
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[p2] Kentucky certificate 25334
Willia Forsee of Franklin County
Under Capt. Hughes, Col Randolph of Virginia
6 months as private, 6 months as sergeant
Issued 27Dec1833 @ \$50/annum

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State of Kentucky
County of Franklin sct

On this 22nd day of January 1833, personally appeared before the following justices, to wit, Henry Wingate, James Shannon, Dandridge S Crockett, & John Thompson composing the county court of Franklin now in session, William Foree, a resident of the county of Franklin and state of Kentucky, aged seventy five 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 June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated to wit:

He entered the service of the United States in the month of May 1780 under the command of Cap. Robert Hughs. That he resided in Powhatan

[p4] county in the state of Virginia, when he entered the service. That he entered as a volunteer and marched from Powhatan county to Williamsburg where Gen. Charles Scott assumed the command as brigadier general. That he marched from Williamsburg to Yorktown under the command of General Thomas Nelson. That he remained in the service about three months at this time. _____

That he again entered the service in the month of February 1781 under the command of Captain Robert Hughes, the regiment being commanded by Col. Edmond Randolph. That he marched from Powhatan County to Williamsburg and from thence to Yorktown and was in the service upwards of three moths at this time which was his second tour.

That he again entered the service in the summer of 1781 under Captain Isaac Porter the [p5]

Regiment being commanded by Col Robert Goode, That they marched was [sic] Petersburg. That from Petersburg the company to which this affiant was attached was ordered to take charge of all the boats from the Point of Fork to Westham on James River. That he was in the service at Petersburg and guarding the boats about six months during which time he acted as second sergeant in Captain Isaac Porter's company.

He has no documentary evidence in his possession of his service nor does he know of any person living who can prove his services except John Bryant of Garrard County who served with him in the second tour.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension toll of any agency in the United States.

William Forsee

[p6-8 answers to interrogatories]

-I was born in Virginia in Cumberland, afterwards Powhatan County on the 25th of June 1758.

-I have a memorandum which I took from the records of the Protestant Church where my age was recorded, which makes the day of my birth the day and year aforesaid.

-I lived when called into service in Cumberland, now Powhatan County Virginia, where he remained until 1807 when he removed to Kentucky and settled in Franklin County where he has resided ever since and still resides.

-I went several times as volunteer and was several times drafted.

-There were regulars at Williamsburg and they had a sham fight with the militia and shot some bullets and a ram rod and wounded one of the militia with the ram rod which put a stop to the sham fight. But I do not recollect the names of the regular officers. I knew General Charles Scott & Colonel Randolph. I do not recollect the names of others.

-I never received a discharge.

-I states as names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood, the following persons, to wit: Lewis Sanders Jr, John Huff, Henry Wingate Esqr, Reverend William Hickman, and Joseph Belt.

[routine supporting statements and certification

William Hickman, clergy

Henry Wingate, neighbor

Lewis Sanders Jr, neighbor

John Huff, neighbor

Joseph Belt, neighbor

Alexander H Rennick, clerk]

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State of Kentucky

Garrard County sct

This day John Bryant, a resident citizen of Garrard County in the state of Kentucky, aged 74, personally came before me Isaac M Myers, a justice of the peace for said county and as such one of the judges of the Garrard County Court, and made oath that he is well acquainted with William Forsee, a resident of Franklin County Kentucky who has signed the foregoing declaration for a pension.

That he was acquainted with sd William Forsee whilst he resided in Cumberland County in the state of Virginia and knows that said William Forsee was a soldier of the revolution.

He states that he served in the same company with sd Forsee in the tour mentioned in his declaration in 1780 under command of Capt. Robert Hughes. That he also served with him in the company commanded by Capt. Isaac Porter in the year 1781. This affiant further states that he has read the declaration of sd Forsee and knows that the services therein mentioned were rendered by sd Forsee and that in each of those expeditions, he demeaned & conducted himself as a good soldier. He also states that he has a perfect recollection that sd Forsee acted as sergeant as he has stated.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14th day of February 1833.

John Bryant

Isaac M Myers, JP

Simeon H Anderson, witness

James H Letcher, clerk of Garrard County

Lewis Sanders, Secretary of State of Kentucky

[p17-18 14Dec1833 supplemental declaration by William Forsee that he served as much or more time in each tour that stated in his original declaration.