

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathaniel Foster S32253

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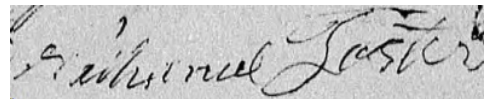
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State of Kentucky            }  
  Montgomery county } SS

On this 2<sup>d</sup> day of octr 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Montgomery County court now sitting Nathaniel Foster aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on this oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 That he entered the service of the U.S. under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states he was born in Newjersy [sic: New Jersey] in the year 1761 on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of June Moved from thence to Virginia to Lauden [sic: Loudoun] County. from thence to Princwilliam [sic: Prince William County]. And in the year 1780 the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct'r he went into the service of the U.S. as a substitute for he thinks James Brown five months from Princwilliam under the command of John Brett as capt. William Farrow Lieutenant & Solomon Uell 2 Lt. Cuthbert Paytun [sic: Cuthbert Peyton] Ensign, and he thinks Williams was Col. rendezvoused at Choppawamsick above Dumfries [probably Chopawamsic Creek or Island south of Dumfries]. from there we marched to Petersburg and on to the Chauraw hills in N Carolina [sic: Cheraw Hills in SC] here we continued for somthing like three months having joined General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army and also joined the regulars and at the end of that time I was ordered to go on Santee with three hundred troops 150 Malitia and the same number of regulars to detect some tories residing in the neighborhood and we succeeded in taking thirty eight Tories as prisoners and brought them to head quarters to General Green army. [see endnote] At this time after having been in service for five months I together with one of my messmates were permitted to go on furlow to Pennsylvania old court house [sic: probably Pittsylvania Old Courthouse in VA] and there we surrendered our arms and there we were discharged by our Capt. (he recollects General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] commanded the Malitia on this Expedition.) But rec'd. no written discharge. The first Tour he served was from the same county in the year 1779 as he thinks in August as he believes as a volunteer under Hugh Brunt [probably Hugh Brent] as capt. and [James] Garrard former Governor of Kentucky col. We marched to Hunters Iron Works [Hunter's Forge on Rappahannock River] in the county of Fairfax county as he believes to guard the Inhabitants from the ravages of the British as they had come up with their fleet in the Bay above the mouth of Falmouth. On this Expedition he was gone six weeks having continued there untill the British drew off their fleet. We then were discharged. he states he has no documentary evidence and knows of but one by whom he can prove any part of his services an he resides in bath county Ky. He states he moved to Kentucky from Princ william Virginia some time in the year 1800 to the county of Mason from thence to Montgomry and have resided eversince and now resides there. he states he has a record of his age and It makes him 71 year of age. He herby relinquishes all and ever claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.  
M. Harrison C.M.C.C.



The deposition of William Jameson [pension application S13527], being old but of sound mind, Taken at the house of Nathaniel Foster in Montgomery County Kentucky on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1832 to be read as evidence for the purpose hereafter specified, who deposeth and sayeth that Nathaniel Foster served a tour of five months against the British Army in the revolutionary war but does not recollect the precise date when he served but thinks that it was in the year 1780 or 1781 and recollects that he started out in the service in the fall season of the year and returned home in the spring following and further states that

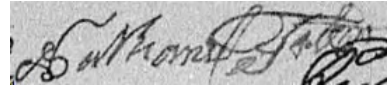
the said Nathaniel Foster was out in the servise on the said tour at the time of the Battle at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and this deponant further states that he had been personally acquainted with the said Nathaniel Foster ever since the time of his tour and knows him to be the same man who now calls upon him for this deposition and further this deponant sayeth not William hisXmark Jameson

State of Kentucky }  
Montgomery County } SS

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said court now sitting Nathaniel Foster aged 71 years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make this supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 He states by way of supplment that as to the certificate of the Justice as to the credibility of the Witness he did not know that it was necessary

He states he cannot be more particular as to his services then he has been in his original declaration And as to the second Interrogatory not answered He would say he has a record of his age at home And also as to the 6<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory he says he Rec'd a discharge from his capt. for the first Tour but has lost It.

And as to the 7. he would say That he is acquainted with Wm Sadler a clergyman and James McCollough both of whome resides in his neighborhood and can state as to his character for veracity and his reputation in his neighborhood as having been a soldier of the revolution



NOTE:

I could find no record of the expedition against Tories on Santee River in SC in January, February or March of 1781, the last period of Foster's first tour. Such an expedition so far south seems unlikely at a time when Greene's weak army was being pursued northward by Cornwallis. Foster may have meant the Pee Dee rather than the Santee River.

On 6 May 1833 William Orear stated, "he has no personal knowledge of [Foster's] services in the revolutionary war. But has frequently heard his Brother Daniel Orear [probably Daniel O'Rear (O'Rear) S7376] say he served with him in the State of Virginia."

On 1 Nov 1834 Foster applied to have his pension transferred to Illinois having moved to Sangamon County because "he preferred a residence in the latter state" (Illinois).

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Foster Nathaniel  
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[p2] Kentucky certificate 25346

Transferred to Illinois

Nathaniel Foster of Montgomery County KY

Private under Capt Britt, Col Williams, 6 months and 14 days

Issued 28Dec1833 @ \$21.55/annum

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State of Kentucky, Montgomery County S.S.

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the Montgomery County court now sitting Nathaniel Foster aged 71 years. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on this oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he entered the service of the U.S. under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states he was born in New Jersey in the year 1761 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June. Moved from thence to Virginia to Loudon County. From thence to Pennsylvania. And in the year 1780 the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> he went into the service of the U.S. as a substitute for five months from Prince William under the command of John Brett as Capt, William Farrow Lieutenant & Solomon Hall 2 Lt, Cuthbert Ray Ensign and he thinks Williams was Col. Rendezvoused at Choppawamsick above Dumfries. From thence we marched to Petersburg and on to the Cheraw Hills in S Carolina. Here we continued for something like three months having joined General Green's army and also joined the regulars

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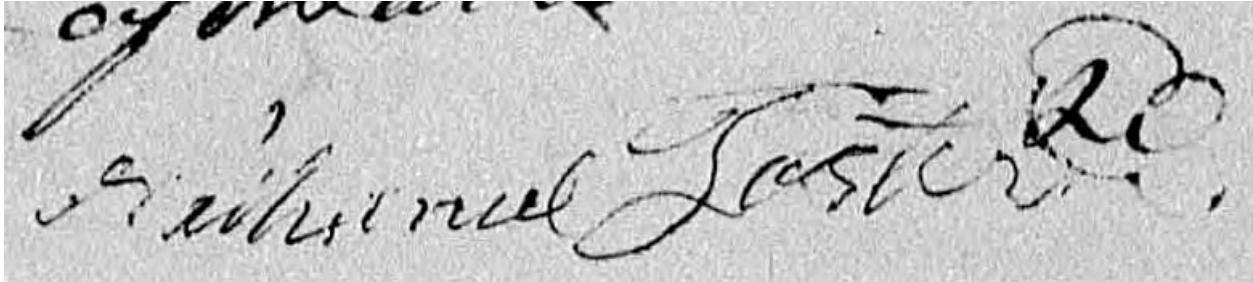
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relinquishes all and ever [sic] claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

M Harrison C.M.C.C.

Nathaniel Foster

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Nathaniel Foster" and is followed by a large, stylized flourish or initial. The handwriting is dark on a light background.

[p6] routine county certification

William Sadler, clergy

James McCullough, neighbor

Micajah Harrison, clerk

Isaac Farrow, magistrate

Lewis Ford, magistrate

Wm Mitchell, magistrate

[p7] 06May1833 Montgomery County court appearance of Nathaniel Foster

Supplemental declaration to explain objections by the pension commission.

2<sup>nd</sup> interrogatory – a record of his age is at his house

6<sup>th</sup> interrogatory – he has lost the discharge from his captain

7<sup>th</sup> – He is acquainted with Wm Sadler, clergy and James McCullough of his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity.

[p8-9] supporting statement and certification

William O Rear neighbor

L Y Millspaugh JP

Micajah Harrison, clerk