

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Ford S34355

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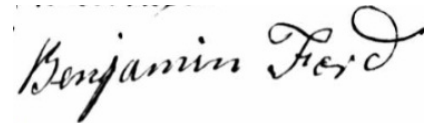
[The following document is faded, and the handwriting is poor. Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of New Jersey

County of Gloucester

On this fifteenth day of April AD eighteen hundred and eighteen (1818) before me Wm Harrison Judge of the Court of the ~~U States~~ in and for ~~Pennsyla District~~, personally appeared Benja'n Ford of Salem County N. Jersey who being duly sworn deposes & declares, that during the revolutionary war he served against the Common enemy as a private, in the Army of the Continental Establishment – that on the twelfth[?] of May AD 1778 at Elkton in the State of Maryland he enlisted as a private in Capt Eggleston's [Joseph Eggleston, pension application W8687] Company of third Troop of horse belonging to "Lee's Legion" Commanded by Col'l. Henry Lee and served during the term of five years and upwards until he was discharged about the month of October or Novem'r AD 1783 when the army was disbanded that he was discharged at Charleston S. Carolina by the said Capt [then Major] Eggleston. Deponent was engaged at the Battle of Ewtaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] & Guilford N Carolina [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] That he served more than four years in the Regular Service of the Continental establishment and until the end of the war & the disbanding of the Army.

That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of support or assistance from his Country, that he never has received or been allowed any pension by the Laws of the United States that he is a Native resident Citizen of the U. States and that his discharge is worn out by long Usage & that he has no other evidence nor is he able to procure any other that what is hereto annexed



State of New Jersey }
County of Gloucester } To wit.

Be it remembered that on this fifteenth day of April AD 1818 Before me the Subscriber Wm. Harrison Esquire Judge of the the Inferior Court in the County of Gloucester in the state of N. Jersey aforsd duly commisioned & authorised as such, personally Came & appeared Daniel Snalebecker [Daniel Snelbaker (Snalbaker, Snailbaker) R9898] who being duly sworn according to law, on his oath depose & say that h well acquainted with the said Benjamin Ford in the papers hereto annexed named & hath known him for the space of forty years & upwards, that the said Benjamin Ford served in the revolutionary war in the service of the U. States, as stated by the said Ford, that deponent, Daniel Snalebecker was in the said service of the U. States & in the same legion of Col'n. Lee with the said Ford, that deponent (Snalebecker) lost his leg at the battle of Ewtaw Springs. that by reason of reduced circumstances in life the said Ford is in need of assistance from his Country for support being poor & needy & the said Benjamin Ford is a native citizen of the United States. & as deponent believes entitled to a pension.



District of New-Jersey, ss.

Inferior Court of Common Pleas September Term 1820

On this 19th day of Sepeptember 1820 personally appeared, in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Salem, in the State of New -Jersey, being a Court of Record, proceeding according to the course of the common law—having jurisdiction unlimited in point of

amount, and keeping records of it proceeding, and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment Benjamin Ford aged 60 years, resident in Penns neck in said county, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows:- In the year 1777 I inlisted under Major Henry Lee and Captain Rudolph [sic: Michael Rudolph BLWt945-300] in Lees light dragoons at the head of Elk Delaware state [sic] the british being then in Philadelphia [26 Sep 1777 - 18 Jun 1778] I inlisted on the 20th May and served in Lees Corps six years and was dicharged at Charleston in South Carolina I was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] Eutaw Springs and and at the taking of Stony point [NY, 16 Jul 1779] surprised the British at Powless hook [sic: Paulus Hook NJ, 19 Aug 1779] was with lee on his retreat South Carolina I do not recollect the date of my original application but my pension Certificate is numbered 9,384

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

1 dressor and crockery ware 1 chest 1 red stand & 1 table	2.12½
1 box and table 5 chairs plates teacups & saucers one looking glass	1.30
1 iron pot tea kettle and frying pan one barrel one tub & chest	1.50
1 pig 1 ax 1 lot of corn & hay	18.25
Benjamin Ford	22.17½

That he is by occupation a taylor but from bodily infirmity and age unable to get a living without assistance and that he is in debt more than one hundred dollars a part of which has been advanced on account of his pension for the support of his family his neighbours that his family consist of himself aged 60 years his wife Anne age 38 years 3 childred now living at home Patience aged 10 years Jane aged 4 years and Benjamin Ford aged 6 weeks

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Be it remembered that on the 14th day of Sept'r 1821 personally come before me John Thompson one of the justices of the Peace for said County James B. Cooper [S47185] late a private in Lees Legion who being duly Affirmed saith that he is well acquainted with Benjamin Ford, and that he inlisted in Lees Legion about the spring of 1778 and continued in the service until the close of the Revolutionary war whin he received an honourable Discharge

Affirmed and Subscribe before me this 14 day of Sept
John Thompson/ Justice of Peace



Gloucester Ss. State of New Jersey

Be it remembered that on the 27th day of August Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and twenty one personally appeared before me William Harrison one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Gloucester Daniel Snalbaker who upon his solemn Oath doth declare and say that he is personally acquainted with Benjamin Ford and that he enlisted in Lees Legion at the commencement of the revolutionary war. And did serve till the close of the same. And that he was regularly discharged.

