Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Fenno Joseph VA S34841 f12VA Transcription by Fred Weyler 25Jun2013

Edited by Will Graves in italics

[p2] Massachusetts certificate 4305 to

Joseph Fenno under Captain Marshall

Private of the Virginia Line 3 years

Issued 10Npv1818 sent to Worcester Mass

\$8.00/month

[p3] a note that Joseph Fenno is a blind man

[P4 a pre-printed fill in the blanks form:]

State of Massachusetts

I Joseph Fenno, a citizen of the United States, now resident at Ashburnham in the County of Worcester in the state aforesaid, do on oath testify and declare, that in the War of the Revolution, in the year 1779 I entered and was engaged in the land service of the United States on the continental establishment, and served accordingly from that time to sometime in the year 1782 as a private soldier against the common enemy, without interruption or absence. That I belonged to Capt. Marshall's company Col. Beaufort's [probably Abraham Buford's] Regiment in the [indecipherable word] Virginia line having enlisted during the war having been discharged after the capture of Lord Cornwallis and that I left the service some time in 1782 and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life and poverty, I stand in need of assistance from my country for support, being now of the age of fifty five and now by the Providence of God wholly blind.

And I hereby relinquish all claims to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any may be or hath been so allowed.

Joseph Fenno, x his mark

15Apr1818 form for Act of 18Mar1818

Isaac Parker, chief justice of the supreme court of Massachusetts routine certification.

 $Commonwealth\ of\ Massachusetts$

County of Worcester, SS

On this 73rd day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, before the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, being a Court of Record, within and for the County of Worcester, established as such by the laws of the said Commonwealth Joseph Fenno aged fifty-eight years, resident in Fitchburg 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: I enlisted in December 1778, in the land service, upon the Continental establishment in Captain Marshall's Company of Colonel Beauford's [probably Abraham Buford's] Regiment in the Virginia Line. I enlisted at Hampton, State of Virginia during the War and served during the whole time, and was regularly discharged. I was in a Battle on my way with the Regiment from Richmond to Charleston [this is probably a reference to the Battle of the Waxhaws, or Buford's Defeat, May 29, 1780]. My



original declaration was dated April 15, 1818 and I have received a pension certificate number 4305 –

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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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,

S/Joseph Fenno, X his mark

[p6] Schedule of the estate of Joseph Fenno of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, applicant for a pension under the act of congress of May 1, 1820

1 chest of drawers \$1.00 1 table 1.00 6 chairs 2.00	\$4.00
1 Spider 33, 1 tea kettle 50, 1iron kettle \$1.00	2.33
1 pr andirons 75, 1 iron pot 75, 1 dish 20	1.70
1 small crap kettle \$1.1 loom 50	1.50
2 spinning wheels & 1 quill wheel	.75
1 pr flat irons 50, 1 1 pillow 33, shovel, tongs, crane &hook 1.25	2.08
5 Cast iron milk pans 50, 2 sugar bins 33	.83
1 tea canister 25, 2 tea pots 50, 1 funnel .08	.83
Dipper & skimmer 12, 3 tin dishes 33, 2 pewter plates 20	.65
Cooking ware & Bro. Cast iron	.50
Glass ware 50, 1 lamp 20, steelyards 75	1.45
Looking glass 50, 1 20, 1 lantern 17	.87
1 saw 25, tin ware 33, 1 cheese press 50	1.08
1 pail 20, 1 Gallo Bottle 25	.45
1 small \$1, 1 cow \$20	21.00
	\$40.00

My business has been farming. I am now, am for 3 ½ years have been, totally blind and incapable of performing labour. I have a wife aged 56 years. I have also a son named William living with me aged 15 years and a daughter named Sabrina aged 12 years. My wife is infirm and unable to perform much labour.

Joseph Fenno x his mark

[routine certification by Abijah Bigelow, county clerk 23Jun1820.]