Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Fletcher S35940

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DISTRICT OF Kentucky, ss.

On this 22 day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Clark County for the said district, personally appeared John Fletcher aged Sixty Nine years, resident in Clark County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said John Fletcher enlisted in the year 1779 in the state of Virginia for Two years in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Parter [sic: Thomas Porter VAS243] of the 10th Virginia Regiment [sic: Convention Army Guard Regiment at Albemarle Barracks] commaded by Colonel Francis Taylor on the continental Establishment and; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the year 1781, when he was discharged from service in the Town of Winchester in the state of Virginia, that he was in the battles of [blank] and through the course of time he has lost his discharges and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services,

State of Kentucky

Clarke [sic] Circuit and County Sct

On this 26th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court towit in the Clarke Circuit Court, the same being a Court of Record, because created such by the Statutes of the State afores'd John Fletcher, aged Seventy two years, resident in the County, Circuit and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows – towit that he served as a regular Soldier, in the 10th Regiment of the Virginia Line, towit in the years 1778 and 1779 under the command of Capt. Thomas Porter and Colo. Francis Taylor he being one of the Company commanded by said porter, that he was received a pension and that the Number of the Certificate, under which, he received the same is 9,040.

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. Schedule of Estate

- 1st no land of any description
- 2nd no Slaves of any description
- 3rd One Mare 5 years old
- 4th One Cow and Calf
- 5th eight head of Hogs.
- 6th Seven head of Sheep

Some articles of kitchen & household furniture

John Fletcher

That he is a Farmer by occupation, and that by age and consequent bodily debility, he is not able to do the work of a common labouring hand by more than one half. That he has Seven in Family residing with him, towit his wife about Seventy years of age, and unable to work any, except a little knitting – Luvana, his Daughter, about thirty six years old, (unmarried) able to the work of a common woman, Bathena his Daughter, about thirty three years old (unmarried) able to do the work of a common woman, – Sally his

daughter about twenty six years old (unmarried) able to do the work of a common woman – Lavina (his grandaughter) about eight years old – unable to work – Peggy his Grand Daughter about two years old, unable to work any

John Fletcher

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

State of Kentucky	}	
Fayette County	}	Sct

This day John Fletcher A Citizen of Clarke County appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said Fayette County and made Oath that he Enlisted in Caroline County Virginia in the year 1777 or 1778 in Captain Samuel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes BLWt1099-450] Company of the first Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Woodfork [sic: William Woodford] for the Term of Two years, and that he served in said Regiment for a term not now recollected and that his Brother Robert Fletcher took his place and served the balance of his time out – and he John Fletcher farther declares that in the year 1779 in March, he Enlisted in Captain Thomas Parters Company in the Forth Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor for the term of Two years longer, and that he served in said Company and Regiment until April 1781 making a service of upward of Two years at which time he was honorably Discharged in Winchester Virginia, and that through the Course of time he has lost his discharge. And that he has now received a Pension from the United States for said Services, and that he has never received his land warrant for said services and that he now wishes it may be granted to him. Given under my hand this 18th day of May 1819

State of Kentucky Woodford County Solicit.

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County George Payton [sic: George Peyton R8166] and made Oath that he was in Capt Parters Company & Colo. Taylors Regiment in the Revolutionary War for Two years and that he was well acquainted with the within named John Fletcher and knows that he was in said service the full term above mentioned and that he knows this to be the same John Fletcher. Given under my hand this 17th day of May 1819

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

John Fletcher made Oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he enlisted for three years in the Capt. Porers Company of the 10th Virginia Regiment on Continental line Commanded by Col. Francis Taylor in the year 1776 and he served Out his Three years and was honorably discharged and he has lost said discharge and has never rec'd his Land bounty for said Service John his Xmark Fletcher

Sworn to before me this 4th day of September 1822 [undeciphered signature]

NOTE: On 27 June 1837 John Fletcher stated that his father, John Fletcher the pensioner, was still living.