

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Forbes (Forbis) S6849

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

On this 11 day of ~~October~~ January 1833 before me an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County Joseph Forbis a Resident of Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-seven 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 & served as herein stated.

He entered the service in the Fall of 1778 in South Carolina York District under Col. Neal [probably Thomas Neel], Capt. Love [could be Low but probably Capt. Andrew Love]<sup>1</sup> & Lieut. Berry [William Barrey or Berry] -- was drafted for three months, and marched to the frontiers of Georgia & was there dismissed by Col. Neel in the Spring of 1779 -- entered the service again as a drafted soldier for three months in December 1779, under Capt. Blake [could be Black or Blass-- the name has been written over] Lieut. Gabb [?]<sup>2</sup> & Col. Watson [Samuel Watson]. Marched to Charleston in South Carolina & was there dismissed by Col. Watson the last of March 1780 -- entered the service again as a volunteer the last of May 1780 -- under Capt. B. Thompson [Robert Thompson], Lieut. Forbys [sic, Forbis? or Forbes?]<sup>3</sup> & Col. Neel & General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] marched into North Carolina & back again to South Carolina, was in several engagements with the Tories, was in the battle of Sumter's defeat on 17 August [sic, August 18, 1780, "Sumter's Defeat" or the Battle of Fishing Creek] -- & quit the service shortly afterwards & was again dismissed some time after. I entered the service again in October 1780 under Capt. Moffitt [John Moffett], Lieut. Moore, Col. Hampton & marched to Hillsboro North Carolina thence to New Bern marched back to Guilford North Carolina & thence to Henry Court house in Virginia thence back through North Carolina into South Carolina & was dismissed by Col. Hampton in Marched 1781.

[1]<sup>4</sup>. That he was born in Philadelphia the state of Pennsylvania in the year of our Lord 1755. 2. I have in my house. 3. In South Carolina York district and lived there after war till 1820 and then moved into North Carolina Rutherford County where I now live. 4. I was drafted

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department interpreted this as "Low."

<sup>2</sup> The War Department interpreted this as "Gabba."

<sup>3</sup> The War Department did not try to interpret this name in its summary of the claim.

<sup>4</sup> There follows numbered answers to the 7 standard question [set forth below] required to be addressed by all applicants for pensions under the 1832 Act.

twice and a volunteered twice. 5. in the first tour Col. Neel was head commander and we marched to the frontiers of Georgia the 2nd tour we marched to Charleston under Col. Watson I do not mind [sic, remember] any of the regulars officers, the 3rd tour General Sumter was head commander and Col. Neal the 4th tour Col. Hampton was head commander we marched into North Carolina and Virginia and back to South Carolina. 6. I never did. 7. John Wilson and William Hendrick.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Wm Eskridge, JP

S/ Joseph Forbes, X his mark

[John Wilson and William Hendrick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following interrogatories were put, to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County On this 3rd day of June A.D. 1833

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Rutherford in the State of North Carolina, Joseph Forbis, who being duly sworn, according to law makes the following declaration, amendatory to his former declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Fall of 1778 as before stated under in the Company of Capt. Low in the Regiment of Col. Neel -- & that he served in that Company for the term of three months -- as a drafted militia man, and that he was dismissed by Col. Neel after having served out his term of three months on the frontiers of Georgia. That he entered the service again as a drafted militia man in December 1779 under Capt. Blass & Lieut. Gabber in the Regiment of Col. Watson in Camden District South Carolina and marched to Charleston South Carolina & was there dismissed after having served three months the time for which he was drafted -- That he entered the service again as a volunteer in the last of May 1780 under Capt. B. Thompson, Lieut. Forbies [sic, Forbis or Forbes?] & in the Regiment of Col. Neel in the Army of General Sumter. Marched into North Carolina & back again into South Carolina, was in several engagements with the Tories, and was also in the battle of Sumter's defeat on 17 August -- and was discharged by Col. Neel after having served three months the time for which he volunteered -- that he well recollects the term

of his service and the former of nation of the term of service was owing to the writer of his declaration and not to a failure of memory in him -- & that he entered the service again in the month of October 1780 as a volunteer and served five months under Capt. Moffitt, Lieut. Moore Col. Hampton marched to Hillsboro NC to New Bern NC & to Henry Court house Virginia & back through North Carolina into South Carolina as before stated and was dismissed after having served five months the term for which he entered the service -- that the whole period of his service for which he claims a pension was fourteen months and that he was not employed in any civil pursuit during the time of any of the service mentioned, that he was either in the camp or in the field as a soldier for the purpose of defending his country against the enemy. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written and that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood, and that he is entirely blind and unable to go anywhere far from his own house.

Test: S/ John L. Gladden, JP

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S/ Joseph Forbis, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>5</sup> relating to Joseph Forbes  
Audited Account No. 2459A

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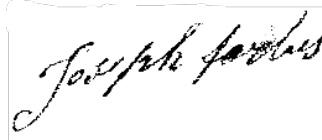
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Gentlemen/Please to deliver to Colonel Robert Irwin an Indent to the Amount of my Account against the Public and this Receipt Shall be a Sufficient discharge from your Servant

S/ Joseph forbes



To the Treasurers of South Carolina  
October 20<sup>th</sup> 1785

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State South Carolina York County} Personally appeared before me, one of the Judges for the County aforesaid Joseph Forbes and made oath as the law directs and Saith, that his Account Returned to the Auditor of this State for the Sum of one hundred & seventy-one or two pounds old South Currency – part for militia duty in Colonel Bratton’s [William Bratton’s] Regiment, & part for losses sustained at General Sumter’s defeat – is Just and true and that he never received any satisfaction for the same

Sworn before me this 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1792

S/ William Hill, JCC

S/ Joseph Forbess

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<sup>5</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The number behind the ‘pp’ indicates the number of pages in the file and the ‘Audited Account No.’ is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

*Joseph Forbes*

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I hereby Certify that the bearer of this John Martin and Joseph Forbes is both Citizens of the County of York – and that the Account of the within mentioned Joseph Forbes is Just and true as it is Stated. Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> June 1792

S/ Wm Hill Colonel [William Hill]

*Wm Hill*

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State South Carolina York County} Gentlemen deliver to John Martin all my Claims due me from the State of South Carolina for Services done as a private soldier in Colonel William Bratton's Regiment of militia, and losses sustained at General Sumter's defeat – and this my Order shall be your Sufficient Receipt – from your most Humble Servant

S/ Joseph Forbes

June 14<sup>th</sup> 1792

Acknowledged before  
me the above day

S/ William Hill, JCC

To

William Moultrie

Arnoldus Vanderhorst &

John Lewis Gervais Esquires Commissioners on Treasury Accounts

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Joseph Forbes

Entered

There are but one claim in this name & no Account entered in Return No. 11 amounting to £23 & rejected by the Auditor as not certified. –

Rejected by the Board