

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Fellyaw [Felyaw) S8467

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Term 1832

On this the 12th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William L. Larkin, David MacIntire & Alexander Miller Esquires Justices of the Court aforesaid now sitting Stephen Felyaw a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy years the 4th of January 1833 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

1. Under Colonel Thomas Blutworth [also spelled Thomas Bloodworth], Captain John Larkins, Benjamin Leddin he thinks was Lieutenant in the fall of 1780 and served two or three months at least as much as two months, that he resided in New Hanover County N. C. when he entered the service, that he was a volunteer, that he was in a battle or skirmish at the Big Bridge [probably the engagement at Heron's Bridge, January 30, 1781] in the County aforesaid with the enemy commanded by Majors Craige [sic, James Craig] and Manson in which the Americans were defeated, that he made no marches, being stationed at the Big Bridge, where he remained till the skirmish there, fled home, but in a few days returned to the Big Bridge & remained there to reinforce by General Lillington [Alexander Lillington] with the Onslow & Duplin militia, that he has no discharge and knows of no person I whom he can prove this tour.

2. Under General Lillington, Colonel Thomas Blutworth, Major Samuel Ashe in the spring of 1781 a short time before Cornwallis came to Wilmington and served a three months in a company of artillery commanded by Major Samuel Ashe, the artillery was fired at Swan's Point, on the North East River a mile and a half or two miles below the Big Bridge where he remained the most of this tour; about the latter end of the three months he marched with the artillery to Limestone Bridge in Duplin County, that he was a volunteer, and served as such in all his service.

3. He then entered service under General James Kenan & Captain Charles Ward at Limestone Bridge in the month of June or July 1781 and served something upwards of two months, that he was sent the same day of the skirmish at Rockfish bridge by General Kenan with an express to an officer at the Cross Roads in Duplin County, that on his return from the Cross Roads he met the company to which he would along on their retreat from the defeat at Rockfish, and went with them back to the Cross Roads.

4. That at the Cross Roads he volunteered a light horseman under the command of

Captain James Gillespie, Samuel Housten [Houston] Lieutenant in August 1781 and served regularly as well as he can recollect five months and was then dismissed with an injunction to be in readiness upon any emergency, that he was in no battle, but was continually on the march cruising and traversing the Counties of New Hanover, Duplin, Onslow & Bladen in quest of Tories, that he served with no Continental regiments or companies, the regular officers he knew were Major Dougharty, Curtis Ivey, Lieutenant Samuel Ashe & Captain Joseph Rhodes, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service, except that he believes he can prove he was seen in service by Captain John Kenneair¹ of the County of aforesaid

Questions propounded by the Court to Stephen Felyaw the aforesaid applicant with his answers thereto

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Jones County N.C. then Dobbs Craven County in 1763

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

Ans. I have not now, but did once, it was by some means torn out of the book where it was recorded.

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

Ans. In New Hanover County, then, ever since & now

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

Ans. I always volunteered.

5th 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.

Ans. Major Dougharty was occasionally with the troops where I served. I recollect no Continental regiments; the militia regiments I remember were General Kenan's & General Lillington's, the general circumstances of my service are stated in the preceding declaration

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

Ans. I received a discharge at the termination of the war from General Lillington which I've lost.

7th 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.

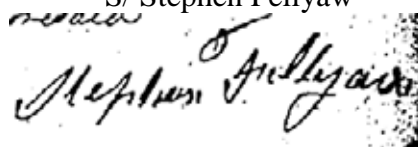
Ans. William Love, Richard Saunders, Jeremiah Hand, Reverend Robert Tate, Reverend William Armstrong.

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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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Stephen Fellyaw

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Fellyaw". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

¹ Sic, [John Kinneair S8793](#)

John Kinneair personally appeared before the Justices of the Court aforesaid & being duly sworn maketh oath that he knew Stephen Filyaw [sic] towards the close of the war of the late Revolution, and saw him at the Big Bridge in New Hanover County about the time of the skirmish at that place in service.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Kinneair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Kinneair". The ink is dark and the signature is somewhat stylized, with a large initial "J".

[Robert Tate & William Armstrong, clergymen, & Gabriel Holmes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.83 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the infantry & cavalry of the North Carolina militia for 7 months.]