Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Fowlkes William VA W19273 (Sally)

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[p3] Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows-"

State of Virginia: Nottaway County to wit:

On this 27th day of January 1840 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid Salley Fowlkes, a resident of said county and state, aged 79 years. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of William Fowlkes, late of the said county and state who was a private & sergeant and lieutenant in the militia service of Virginia in the war of the Revolution. She declares that she knows nothing as coming within her personal knowledge in regard to the service of her late husband in the Revolutionary War except what she heard from him in his life time and others who served with him. She has often heard him say that he served a long time, was engaged in many battles and skirmishes. And underwent many hardships and privations, all of which she honestly believes to be true. That from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to mid the particulars of her husband's service as told by him in his life time. She therefore prefers to rely on the statements of old soldiers now living who served with him and whose memories are more to be depended on than her own whose certificates accompany this declaration. That for the same reason, she cannot state precisely the length of

[p4] time he was in actual service altogether, but would supposed he served at the least nine months for which length of time she claims a pension. In support of her claim, she refers to army records of the period and the accompanying certificates of old and reputable soldiers and pray that the same may be taken as part of her declaration.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Fowlkes on the 4th day of July 1793. That her husband the aforesaid William Fowlkes died on the 7th day of May 1835. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, to wit, at the time above stated.

Sally Fowlkes

[routine county supporting statements and certification

George N Seay JP

William E Fowlkes, no relation stated

Francis Fitzgerald, clerk

Nottaway County marriage register William Fowlkes to Sally Cralle 1793 by Simon Walton

[p6] Virginia certificateSally Fowlkes widow ofWilliam Fowlkes who died 07May1835In Nottaway County

Private under Captain Gabriel Fowlkes 6 months Issue 21Feb1832 @ \$20/annum [p10]

State of Virginia, Nottaway County, formerly Amelia, to wit:

I Joseph J Fowlkes of the county of Nottaway do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with William Fowlkes late of Nottaway and recollect distinctly that during the revolutionary war he marched with Capt. Gabriel Fowlkes' company to serve a tour and that he also marched with the said Capt. Gabriel Fowlkes company to Petersburg at another time not being with him. I cannot say how long he served. I am in the 75th year of my age.

Joseph J Fowlkes

[routine county certification John P. Dupuy JP Francis Fitzgerald, clerk [p14]

State of Virginia, Lunenburg County, to wit:

I William E Fowlkes do hereby certify that in the month of May 1835, William Fowlkes of Nottaway County, Virginia, now deceased, requested me to go and take the affidavits of William Cresnhaw, William Mann and John Cross, stating that they were soldiers with him in the Revolutionary War. And that he wanted their evidence in order to obtain a pension under the act of June 7th 1832. I accordingly went and had the affidavits taken and on the same day the said William Fowkes was killed. Supposing after his death, the said affidavits would be of no avail, the affidavits were destroyed. That said William Crenshaw, William Mann, and John Cross have since departed this life. Crenshaw and Mann were pensioners of the United States. I recollect distinctly that all three substantially proved that they were in service with said William Fowlkes and that he acted as Sergeant and Lieutenant in the Militia and served in the whole between nine and twelve months. That he served as lieutenant under Captain Gabriel Fowlkes in North Carolina and was at the battle of Guilford, I recollect most distinctly. That there were two Capt. Gabriel Fowlkes' in the service and that he served a tour under both of them. The names of the other officers under whom he served, as stated by them, I cannot at present call to recollection. The said witnesses gave the particulars of service, names of officers, dates of service, battles &c all of which I cannot now call to memory. Wm E Fowlkes

[routine county certification Richard K Tisdale JP William H Taylor, clerk [p16]

[certification of Nottaway County marriage register by Francis Fitzgerald, clerk Maiden name Salley Crawle is spelled differently from Sally Cralle on fifth page]

Notes for William Fowlkes W19273 By C. Leon Harris. 23 Feb 2014.

Nottaway County = Nottoway County William Cresnhaw = William Crenshaw, pension application S8257 William Mann, pension application W7383