Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Harvey Fitzgerald W7278 Elizabeth Fitzgerald VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 8 Feb 2014.

State of Virginia, County of Patrick to wit:

On this 11th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the county aforesaid, now sitting, Harvey Fitzgerald a resident of Patrick County and State of Virginia, aged seventy years on the 25th day of July last past, 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he was drafted in the year 1781, in the County of Henry and State of Virginia, then being a resident of said County and State, in the company of Capt. James Cowdon [sic: James Cowdon] of said County, and marched in the month of April of of the year aforesaid from Henry Courthouse through the counties of Pittsylvania, Halifax, Charlotte, and Prince Edward of Virginia, and was stationed in Prince Edward a short time. That at that time his company belonged to the Battalion of Major [St. George] Tucker, but does not recollect the name of his Colonel. That from Prince Edward they crossed James river at Carter's ferry [at present Cartersville] and marched down through the country lying on Pamunkie and Chickahominie [sic: Pamunkey and Chickahominy rivers], from thence to old James Town on James River, thence up to a place about fifteen from Richmond called the "Mobbin Hills" [sic: Malvern Hill], at which place he was discharged by Capt. James Cowdon (which discharge is herewith filed, marked A.). That he was in no battle during that time – and that there were no regulars as he recollects with them during that Tour. That he returned home about the 1st of August 1781, and remained there a few days and volunteered in the County of Henry and State of Virginia, in the battalion of Major George Waller of said County and State, and marched to Petersburgh [sic: Petersburg], from Petersburgh through old James Town and Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] to Little York, at which place he was attached to the company of Capt Gideon Spencer under whom he fought the battle of Little York [sic: Siege at Yorktown]. At Little York he saw many of the [illegible word] officers and knew General Washington very well. After the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he marched to Winchester as a guard to the prisoners taken at York and remained there until he was discharged on the 7th November 1781. That he omitted to mention that in the first tour he saw Gen'l Steuben and Gen'l. Lafayette in Prince Edward County old James Town and other places, that he then served under General Steuben. That in all he served a little more than six months, as he believes.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Harvey Fitzgerrel a Soldier in my Company of Henry Militia having faithfully served his Tower is hereby Discharged. Given under my hand this 7th day of Nov'r. 1781. Gideon Spencer Capt

NOTE: On 26 Jan 1846 Elizabeth Fitzgerald, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married Harvey Fitzgerald on 2 Dec 1790, and he died 29 Nov 1743. With her application was a copy of the return by Joseph Anthony stating that he married Harvey Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Gazaway on 1 Dec 1790. On 5 Jan 1846 Hannah Shelton stated that she was present at the marriage at the home of Capt. Eliphaz Shelton in the part of Henry County that became Patrick County in 1791. On the following day Philippensa Sharp stated that she was also present.

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