

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Fox W7292 Elsey Fox PA VA
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Greene County } Ss
State of Pennsylvania }

On this 10th day of Sept 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of common pleas for the county of Greene state of Pennsylvania now sitting, Joseph Fox a resident of Whitely Township county & state aforesaid aged seventy five 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 the 7th day of June 1832

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain David Steel [pension application S40516] and served in the 11th Virginia Reg't of the regular line under the following named officers.

That he enlisted at pike run on the Monongahalia river [sic: Monongahela River] below where Brownsville now stands, with Captain David Steel, for three years or during the war. that he thinks he enlisted some time in December 1776 That he is certain that it was in the winter of 1776-7. That he was first marched from the place of his enlistment above mentioned to Petersburg – that he thinks some time in May they were marched by express from Petersburg to Head quarters in the East, but cannot recollect when it was. That in September 1777 he was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], that he thinks his col at this time was col Freebecker [sic: Christian Febiger]. That at this time the fall of 1777 he was in Gen'l La Fayette's [Lafayette's] Brigade. That in October following the battle of Brandywine he was engaged in the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – after which they went into winter quarters at Valey Forge [sic: Valley Forge]. That in the Spring of seventy eight at the opening of the campain he was marched into Jersey & was in the battle of Monmouth in June of that year ('78) [28 Jun 1778]. That after the Monmouth battle Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne requested of Gen'l Washington 1100 men that he might select out of the whol army for the purpose of taking Stony point – and that he was taken for this purpose, out of Capt William Johnstons company to which he at that time belonged, to join Gen'l Wayne in this expedition, and that he was at the taking of Stony point in July 1779 [16 Jul 1779]. On the right Column commanded by Cols. Freebecker & McCleery[?], and that in the fall after taking Stony point he was returned to his old company (Capt Johnstons) That the fall or winter of 1778-9 he was marched with Washingtons army into Virginia for the purpose of contending with Lord Cornwallis [see endnote] That he served four years in the regular service with the main army in New Jersey & Virginia That some time in 1781 at Fredericksburg he was exchanged & sent up the Susquhanna [sic: Susquehanna River] with the Pa Rangers commanded by Capt [Thomas] Robinson and that he performed two years service at Northumberland town near Sunsbury [sic: Sunbury]. that he performed this two years service wholly under Capt Robinson, having served in all six years during the Revolutionary War. That he was discharged at Northumberland by Capt Robinson & Lieutenant Vancamp – which discharge he still has and is herewith transmitted. that he has proof of his services. Joseph hisXmark Fox

This applicant is now in the receipt of a pension from the state of Pennsylvania.

He hereby relinquishes every pension or annuity what ever ex[cept] the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state except the state of Pennsylvania

1st He was born in Morris County New Jersey in the year 1758.

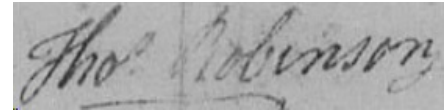
2^d He has no record of his age.

4th By Enlistment. This applicant is not acquainted with any clergyman Joseph hisXmark Fox

I Do Certifie that Joseph Fox has Served the State of Pennsylvania faithfully as a Soldier for Two years in my Company of Rangers and is now Discharged from said service he having fulfilled his Contract made with Leiut. Vancamp. given under my hand at Northumberland Town this Twenty first Day of January AD 1783.

Capt'n. of Pa. Rangers

To home it may concern

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Tho. Robinson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTES:

Cornwallis did not enter Virginia until May 1781, and Washington did not march his army into Virginia until September 1781.

On 22 March 1853 Elsey Fox of Perry Township in Greene County applied for a pension stating that she married Joseph Fox in August 1837, and he died on 13 Dec 1847. On 14 March 1855 Elsey Fox applied for bounty land. On 3 March 1856 Elsey Fox applied to have her pension transferred to Virginia, having moved to Wetzel county "to be near some of her relatives and children."