Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Forbes William VA W7300

(Furbush, Firbush, Barbara)

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Virginia, Augusta County, to wit:

This 18th day of April 1818 William Forbes or Forbush, made oath before me, John Brown, judge of the superior court of Chancery sitting [?] in Staunton in the county of Augusta. That on the 11th day of Jany in the year 1776, he enlisted as a private soldier in Captain John Hay's company of rifle men in the 9th Virginia Regiment of Continental establishment for the term of two years. That after his time of service had expired (during the whole of which he served faithfully) he enlisted at the Valley Forge in Capt. Spotswood Dandridge's company of light dragoons, first regiment commanded at that time by Colonel Bland and afterwards by Colonel Anthony W White for the term of three years during the whole of which greater part of which time he acted as sergeant & quarter master sergeant. At the expiration thereof was discharged by the afosd Col White at Staunton, as will appear by said discharge dated Staunton, March 7th 1781. He refers to the certificates of Genl. Andrew Moore, formerly a Lieut in Capt Hay's company and of Capt Layton Yancey, Lieut of Dragoons in the first regiment in corroboration of this statement. The said William Forbes or Forbush further saith that he never had any pension him under the laws of the United States. That he never applied for one & would not now apply but from necessity. That about 15 years ago he had a take a paralytic stroke which has entirely disabled him from using any exertions to support himself, his wife and family. He is now fifty two years of age and from the unfortunate circumstance before stated, his circumstances in life are very much reduced. He is now in fact poor with a family & without the means of supporting them or himself and stands in need of the assistance of his country. He further says that since the year 1781 he has always resided and now resides in the aforesaid county of Augusta.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of office of said court to be affixed the day & year first before written.

JW Brown

[certified testimony of Doctor William Boys that Forbes is confined to bed before Staunton JP Erasmus Stribling]

[p5] Virginia certificate 4139 William Forbes alias Furbush Sergeant of Virginia Line Issued 04Nov1818 @ \$8/month

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State of Pennsylvania Huntingdon County

On this 26th day of September 1838 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the judges of the court of common pleas in and for said county Barbara Forbes, a resident in said

County of Huntingdon, aged 73 years on the 30th December 1838 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision 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 Forbes who was a sergeant as she believes in the Virginia line for a short time from the Unites States and was paid in Virginia as he the said William Forbes then lived in Staunton in Augusta County Va. where he dyed [sic]. He continued receiving his pension until he refused to take the oath required by an act of Congress proveing [sic] himself to be in indigent circumstances and in consequence did not receive his pension afterwards. She further declares that she was married to the said William Forbes on the day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven. That her husband the aforesaid William Forbes died on the 4th day of July 1826. That she was not married to him prior to his leaveing [sic] the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four to wit: at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on

Barbara Forbes

The day and year above written

Before Jos. Adams

[p8 routine county certification

Joseph Adams, JP

Robert Campbell, clerk]

[p9 Augusta County clerk certification of marriage

10Nov1787 William Forbes to Barabara Carber by Rev James Chambers

Jefferson Kinney, clerk

Benjamin Crawford, JP]

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Virginia Augusta County 8th September 1818

I Layton Yancey late Lieutenant of Virginia of the first Regiment in the Revolutionary War do certify that William Forbes served as Quartermaster Sergeant in said regiment to the southward in the years 1779 and 1780 and that his conduct was that of a soldier.

Layton Yancey

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This day came Andrew Moore before me and made oath that Wm Forbes enlisted as a private soldier some time in the Spring of the year 1777 in the command of John Hays. That having served nearly two years he enlisted in the cavalry. Given under my hand this 24th day Sept 1818.

Andrew Moore 1st Lieutenant of Capt Kinney Company in the 9th Virginia Regt

J Alexander J.P.A.C.

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Staunton, March 7th 1781

William Furbush Serg. In my Regt having served his time out faithfully & honestly is hereby discharged as he has always at all times & on all occasions distinguished himself as a brave soldier & an honest man. I beg to command him to the notice of his native state.

Anth: W; White Col. 1st Rg. Leg

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Pennsylvania certificate 3141
Barbara Forbes
Widow of William Forbes or Furbush
Died 04Jul1826
Of Huntingdon County Pa
Sgt under Capt Dandridge, Col White of Va 2 years
Issued 08Jun1839 @ \$180/annum

[p19] Pennsylvania certificate transfer to the Philadelphia office $22Mar1844\,$

Addenda to William Forbes (Furbush, Firbush) W7300 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 15 Feb 2014.

[The following is from bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.]

Auditors Office November 25 1783.

I do hereby Certify that William Furbush Serg't. in the 1st regiment of Dragoons Inlisted 28th December 1777 and was discharged the 7th March 1781.

Jno. Belfield [John Belfield] Maj'r A copy/ J. Pendleton Jr

Dragoons

NOTES:

Spotswood Dandridge = Alexander Spotswood Dandridge Col Bland = Theodorick Bland Anthony W White = Anthony Walton White Capt Hay = John Hays, pension application S36824 Genl. Andrew Moore, pension application W1454; VAS617 Capt Layton Yancey, pension application W7380