Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Furnish W7341 Nancy Furnish VA
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Commonwealth of Ky. } Sct. Harrison County }

On this 14th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before us E. Worthen, Wm. Marshall, Wm. Brown and Joel Frazier justices of the county aforesaid now siting James Furnish a resident of Gallatin County in the Commonwealth aforesaid aged 69 years who being 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 according to his family register he was born in Orange County in the state of Virginia on the 14th day of May 1763 That some time about the 1st of Sept'r. 1780 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

At the time aforesaid, he was drafted from the county and state in which he was born, for three months and served with Ens'n. [Ensign] Richard White [pension application S6371] Lt. Belfield Cave, under Capt'n. Benjamin Johnson of the Va. militia, attached to the 5th Regt. commanded by Colo. Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson] of the Regular army, in Gen'l. [Thomas] Nelson's Brigade.

With the officers aforesaid he joined the Va. troops at Richmond; from thence he marched to Cabbin point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County]; from thence to Petersburgh [sic: Petersburg] in Va. From thence he was marched back to Richmond where he remained untill some time in Dec'r. after his full term of service had expired, he received his discharge and returned home.

Again, in the month of May 1781 he was drafted from the county and state last named for three months and served under Capt'n. Richard Webb with Lt Smith, and Ensign James Coward; attached to the fourth Regt. Virginia militia commanded by Colo. Edmonds [Elias Edmunds] of the Regular army. He joined the army at Richmond Va. We marched to the Racoon ford on the Rapahannock River [sic: Raccoon Ford on the Rappahannock River], Where we were joined by Gen'l Anthony Wayne [8 Jun 1781], and the whole army then together commanded by The Marquis La Fayette [Lafayette]. We then marched back to Richmond [21 Jun], the British having just moved out and left the ware-houses and Tobacco burning

From Richmond we pursued the British to old Jamestown, where Gen'l. Wayne gave them a battle [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul]. From thence we went to a place called Mobbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], where we lay untill his term of service expired. He then received his discharge and went home. He verily believes he served upwards of sic months in the two tours aforesaid; and that he has lost the discharges or certificates of said service and has no documentary evidence to prove the same. He further states that the lived in the County and State in which he was born untill Oct'r. 1784 when he removed to Kentucky where (except on the numerous campaigns he served against the Indians) he has remained ever since. I James Furnish do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or Territory whatever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

James Furnish

NOTE: On 14 March 1853 Nancy Furnish, 54, of Gallatin County KY, applied for a pension stating that as Nancy Goins she was married in Gallatin County on 1 Oct 1820 by William Thompson, a Baptist minister, to James Furnish, who died on 29 Sep 1851. John A. Goins, about 52, Direty Goins, 53, and Garrett Goins, 49 or 50, each stated that they were at the wedding. On 13 April 1855 Nancy Furnish, 56, applied for bounty land. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 30 Sep 1820 by James Furnish and Charles Goins for the marriage of Furnish to Nancy Goins, daughter of Charles Goins. There is also a

record of the marriage on 1 Oct 1820. On 21 Jan 1870 Nancy Furnish, 70, applied for an increase in her pension.