

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Farr [Fair] W8223 Polly Jarvis¹

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Original Claim

The State of South Carolina
Pendleton District} SS

On this twenty sixth day of October in the Year of our Lord eighteen twenty-four and in the forty ninth of American Independence In the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace for said District of Pendleton Being a Court of Record Personally appeared in open Court Robert Farr aged about Seventy Two Years resident in the district of Pendleton aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820 –

That he the said Robert Farr enlisted For the Term of three Years on or about the 1st day of April 1776 in Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Dover in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Butler in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about the 15th of April 1779 when he was discharged from the said Service in Morristown in the State of New Jersey

That he the said Robert Farr enlisted a Second time for the Term of four years on or about the 1st day of May 1779 near to Morristown in the State of New Jersey in the Rifle Corps of the company Commanded by Captain Boyd in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan], that he continued to Serve in the Said Rifle Corps for four years and was discharged after the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] he thinks about the first of May 1783 – that he has lost both discharges. –

That he was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] that he was in actual Service under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], when they were attacked by the British troops in the night on the Schuylkill [River] near to Valley Forge and received two wounds or stabs from a bayonet in the groin – that he was at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and the Cowpens at which latter place he was severely wounded in the head by a cut from a Sword – That from the loss of his discharges he has no

¹ Former widow

² BLWt49032-160-55

other evidence now in his possession of his said Services except the affidavits of Baker Ayers and John Winn³ –

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do Solemnly Swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift Sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or Securities Contracts or debts due to me – nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed – And by me Subscribed – viz. One bed containing about ten pounds of feathers together with the furniture – one plain pine Table – one dish – one plate four knives and forks one barshare plough (old) one Shovel plough (old) one weeding hoes – one chopping axe – one Spade one Shovel (old) the present crop consisting of a small field of corn off of which shall probably gather about three barrels and the fodder – that he the said Robert Farr follows as well as able his occupation of ditching but from his age and infirmity is half his time unable to work at all and at other times able to do very little that he has no family except his wife who is near ninety years old who is quite helpless and unable in any degree to contribute to her support –

Sworn to and declared in open Court the day
and date above written

before S/ Richard Gantt

S/ Robert Farr, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Pendleton District} Personally came John Win [sic] Before me Justice of Quorum for the District aforesaid and Made Oath that Robert Fair was a Continental Sholder in Colonel Butlars [sic] Regiment and that he Mr. Win says that he New [sic] Mr Fair to be in the service 3 years

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18th day of September 1824

S/ John Win, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Pendleton District} Personally appeared before me the Subscribing Justice, Baker Ayers and made oath in Due form of law and Saith, that he knew Robert Far in the Continental Army as a Continental Soldier, under the command of Captain Dover, in Captain Dover’s Company, in Colonel Butler’s Regiment in the Pennsylvania line of Continental troops, the aforesaid Baker Ayers being Wagon Master, for Colonel Butler’s Regiment – this Deponent Saith, that he knew the said Robert Farr as 1 of the Guard, he being often sent to guard the wagons he recollects him perfectly well, & believes him to be the same Robert Farr – Sworn to & subscribed before me this 6th Day of September 1824

S/ George Elerner, JP

S/ Baker Ayers



[p 8: On June 30, 1855 in Gilmer County Georgia, Polly Jarvis, aged 60, a resident of said

³ [John Winn S39127](#)

County filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act. She states she is the widow of Robert Fair [sic] deceased a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him on May 18, 1817 [sic] in Pickens District South Carolina; that they were married by John Myres [sic] a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Polly Madden; that Robert Fair died in Pickens District South Carolina on or about the 25th day of April 1839; that she married Nathan Jarvis in 1840 and that Nathan Jarvis died on or about September 1, 1848; that there are no children of said Robert Fair living; and that she has no record of her marriages. See signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: On September 17, 1855 in Gilmer County Georgia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. In this document she states that she is aged 60; that her husband Robert Fair never drew his bounty land entitlement; that Robert Fair died in Pickens District South Carolina on April 25, 1839; that she married him May 17th, 1833 at the house of one Green B. Hardin in Pickens District South Carolina; that they were married by one John Myers a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Polly Maddin. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 42: Affidavit dated September 17, 1855 from the widow correcting the date of her marriage to Robert Fair as stated in her original application. She reasserts that the date of her marriage to Robert Fair was on or about May 17, 1833, not 1817.]

[p 37: On July 3, 1856 in Whitfield County Georgia, John Nance gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Robert Fair, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner and Fair's 1st wife [not named] who died in or about the year 1828 In Pickens District South Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing January 17, 1828 at the rate of \$8 per month for service as a private for 3 years in the Pennsylvania Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing September 4, 1860]

[Note: A number of the papers in this file relate to the widow's attempt to regain her pension after the Civil War.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Robert Fair [Farr] SC2666 pp6
Audited Account No. 2283.5 [2283 ½]
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Petition of Robert Fair praying to be placed on the Pension List
Pensions
T. Benson

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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State South Carolina

Pendleton District} Personally appeared before me Robert Farr [sic] and on his Oath declares he Served Seven Years in the American Army during the Revolutionary War in the Course of that time he served different Companies, Regiments & Brigades that he was Wounded three different times once near the Head of Elk once under General [text too faint to discern]⁵ – at what was called the Battle of the Piola [Battle of Paoli, September 21, 1777] in the State of Pennsylvania and at the Battle at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] in this State under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & although neither of his wounds greatly disabled him, they still are a considerable detriment to him in procuring a living by his labor now in his 80th year. Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 26th October 182 [last digit obliterated]
S/ George Elerner, JP S/ Robert Fair, X his mark

To the Honorable the President & Members of the Senate the Speaker & Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina the Petition of Robert Farr
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner did perform the service & receive the Wounds as stated in the above affidavit And from a conscientiousness of the Justice of his claim to a Pension from the General Government has made different trials to obtain It but being old & very poor & having a wife Older than myself and Almost Helpless who I could not leave to go in search of the Requisite proof which at this distance of time Is hard for the most active to procure however Just their claim; your Petitioner has As he and others better Judges thought once complied as to proof With the Requisitionents [sic, requirements?] of the Law but before his papers could be forwarded to the War Office Some alteration in the Law was made until all his witnesses are entirely out of his Reach so that from the peculiarity of his case he will be compelled to do without that Assistance Which the Liberality of his Country has extended to Others (which I hope It will not be thought Vain in me to say are no more needy nor more deserving) useless your Honorable body will take his case into consideration and grant him such assistance as you in your Wisdom may think proper and is in duty Bound Will ever pray

S/ Robert Farr, X his mark

State of South Carolina Pendleton District} We the Subscribers do hereby certify that from the scars which Robert Farr has shown us, we have no doubt of his having received the Wounds he swears to, and do know (except as to his services which we have no Reason to doubt) that all the facts Stated in his affidavit & petition are strictly true – given under our hands this 26th October 1827

S/ Samuel Earle

S/ James B McKinley

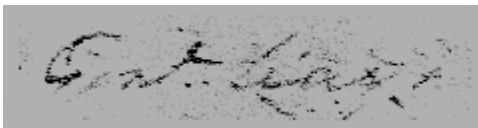
S/ John Maxwell

S/ Jonathan Ruder

S/ B. Green Senr.

S/ George Verner

S/ J. C. Kilpatrick



⁵ [Gen. Anthony Wayne led the American forces at Paoli, but I can't discern anything like "Wayne" from these shadows. Looks more like "Hiayt"]