

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Faulconer (Faulkner) W8805 Frances Faulconer VA  
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State of Kentucky  
Fayette County Sct

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Fayette Circuit Court being a court of record, now setting Joseph Faulconer, a resident of Fayette County, in the State of Kentucky, aged seventy five years on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of last November (5<sup>th</sup> of November 1832) 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He states that he was born in Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County in the State of Virginia on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1757 & that in the summer of the year 1778 [sic] while living in the County of Spottsylvania in the State of Virginia, he was drafted & put under the Command of Capt James Chiles & served a tour of sixty days in the revolutionary war in guarding the brittish prisoners then stationed at Albermarle barracks in the state of Virginia [sic: British and Hessians captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781], that he marched from the said County of Spottsylvania to the barracks in Albermarle and was in actual service during the said sixty days and at the expiration of the term was discharged.

That in the fall of the year 1779 he moved to the present State of Kentucky, and stopt at Bryants Station [Bryan's Station], in about five miles of the town of Lexington, that shortly afterward he changed his residence to Craigs station, now called the Burnt Station [4 mi E of Lexington], & in the Spring of the year 1780 to the best of his recollection he was drafted in Captain Benjamin Logans Company under the Command of Colo Geo. Rogers Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark], the object of the Campaign was to cross the Ohio River & drive the Indians from their settlements in what was called the Miamma Country [sic: Piqua and other towns along Great Miami River, 8 Aug 1780]. That the army rendezoused at Bryants Station & proceeded in the direction of the mouth of Licking & on the 2<sup>nd</sup> days march, it being represented to the officers, that Craigs Station had been left without a guard, being but two old men, & not a [illegible word] left in the fort, your affiant together with John Long & Andrew Hampton were detached to gaurd the fort & to hunt for the subsistence of its inhabitants untill the return of the Army that he was actually engaged during the whole time of the campaingn in discharging the duties assigned him. To the best of his recollection the expedition lasted between two & three months but the precise time he cannot at present state. That on the return of the army he was discharged. That immediately after the above services were performed and in the same year he was one of sixty men who volunteered their services to act as Rangers and Indian spies for the term of six months. That he was placed under the Command of Capt. Charles Gatliff [Charles Gatliffe] at Bryants Station, that he continued in actual service during the said six months, frequently making excursions through the Country in different directions & performing the duties assigned him That at the expiration of the term he was discharged, that among all the individuals with whom he acted in the said service of six months he knows of but one that is now living – Daniel Wilcox [sic: Daniel Wilcoxon (Wilcoxson, Wilcoxon) S16582] of Shelby County who he believes was a Lieutenant in Capt. Ro. Johnson [Robert Johnson] Company. In March 1781 He moved from Craigs Station to Gilbert Creek Station in Lincoln County. That in June of that year, to the best of his recollection he was called out under a requisition made by Colo. Benj.n. Logan for sixty days, & was placed at Brig's Station [probably Samuel Brigg's Station] on Salt River in the now county of Mercer under the command of Brigs, that he continued in actual service for the said sixty days & was discharged.

He further states that in August 1782 to the best of his recollection the Indians having besieged Bryants station near Lexington [15-16 Aug] he was called out under Capt. Benja. Craig [Benjamin Craig] by order of said Logan to go to the assistance of the Fort. That the part of the army to which he was attached

having to march from Lincoln County did not arrive until the siege was raised & after the battle at the Blue Licks [19 Aug], that he proceeded under the Command of the said Logan to the battle ground at the Blue Licks & assisted in burying the dead, after which they returned home & was discharged, he believes he was in Service at this time for the space of three weeks.

That shortly after this time in the month of Sept of the same year to the best of his recollection he was drafted in Capt. Kincaids [Kinkead's] Company Hugh McGary being the Major & Benj'a. Logan the Colonel to go a tour of three months against the Indians. That he then lived at Gilbert Creek Station [2 mi SE of Lancaster] in Lincoln County, that the place of rendezvous was at Bryants Station, that they proceeded from Bryants station to the mouth of Licking & there crossed the Ohio River & went up through the Miami Country and destroyed the Indian town & villages [Piqua, Standing Stone, etc. 10 Nov 1782] & their corn & fruit and returned home again. That he was present when the said McGary assassinated the Indian Chief who had him taken prisoner.

That he believes he was in actual service during this Campaign for the space of three months & was discharged

That in the spring of the year 1783 he was drafted in Capt. Estell's [sic: James Estill's] company under the Command of Colo. Benja Logan & was placed at Estells station [sic: Estill's Station 3 mi SE of Richmond] and was frequently out in various directions during the said six months. That he was in active service during the said six months & was discharged. That in the summer of the year 1784, he then having moved from Gilberts creek station in Lincoln County to Craigs station near Lexington in Fayette County. He volunteered as an Indian spie & ranger under Captain Wm. Steele [William Steele] & was stationed at the block house at Frankfort the present seat of Government of Kentucky & was in the constant and active discharge of his duties during the said time, & at the expiration thereof, was discharged.

The said affiant states that he performed several subsequent tours of duty which he is informed it is unnecessary to relate. That he has no written evidence of the performance of said services & that he knows of no officer or private soldier at this time living that was with him during the several campaign above mentioned, except Dan'l. Wilcox of Shelby County Ky. who was with him part of the time that he served as a ranger & spie in year 1780 and Benja Robinson [Benjamin Robinson, S16516] of Fayette County who was with him in Capt. Kincaids Compay in the year 1782. Your affiant states that he has lived in Fayette County near Lexington since the year 1784 – that he is well acquainted with the Honble H. Clay [Henry Clay], Colo Richard M. Johnson, the Honble Wm. T. Barry, Gen'l. Thomas Bodley & Capt John Fowler & refers to them, as well as all others in the county in which he has resided to speak of his character for veracity. He Hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Joseph herXmark Faulkner

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On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the mayor in the City of Lexington, being a court of record now sitting Joseph Faulconer, and made the following amended declaration to the foregoing declaration signed & sworn to by him before the Fayette Circuit Court on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1833. The object of said declaration, & this amended declaration is to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 in behalf of the Surviving Soldiers of the Revolution. The said Faulconer further states, that he believes that Garland Burley was the Colonel in Command at Albermarle Baracks at the time he served under Capt. Chiles [see endnote]; from his best impression he thinks this was the name of the Colonel, but he may be mistaken from the great length of time & his defects in memory. He states that he was drafted by public authority & served out the said sixty days in actual service and was discharged without receiving a written discharge to the best of his recollection. The said affiant states that he cannot say precisely the length of time that he served under Capt. Logan & Cols. Clarke in the Campaign against the Indians in the year 1780, but according to his best recollection he was

in actual service upwards of sixty days & he believes near three months. But cannot say with Certainty. That he acted as a private, & was called out by competent authority & served as stated in his original declaration and was then discharged but without receiving a written discharge to the best of his recollection. That in his six months service as a Spy & Ranger under Captain Gatliff in the year 1780, he was in actual service during the whole time as a private under said Gatliff. that to the best of his recollection the said Spies and rangers were called out and organized under the Command of Colo. Levi Todd who was to the best of his remembrance Colo. in command in the County of Fayette in the district of Ky. at that time & he believes it was under his command they acted. he knows that he was called out by proper authority & was in actual service during the said months & was then discharged without receiving a written discharge to the best of present recollection.

This affiant states that he cannot recollect the precise time that he was drafted in the spring of the year 1783 under the command of Colo. Logan & Captain Estill & placed at Estils Station, but he remembers it was early in the spring of said year, & he believes it was in the month of March and his impressions are strengthened by his remembrance that it was necessary to have the guards stationed early on the breaking up of the winter at which time it was expected that the Indians would commence their incursions into the settlements. That he served out his said tour of six months and was discharged without receiving a written discharge to the best of his recollection.

That he acted as a volunteer spy and Ranger under Capt. William Steele for the term of six months in the year 1784. that he commenced his service in the spring but the precise months he cannot positively say. that he believes the said Todd was still the County Lieutenant (as he was called) when he served under said Steele & that the said Spies and Rangers were called out under his command, & he served out the full tour in actual service and was discharged without receiving a written discharge to the best of his recollection

The said affiant states that his services were all performed in the capacity of a private – that he was in actual service during the general times specified, & was for all the services for which he claims a pension as set out in his original & this amendatory declaration, performed in an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority. that he was in the field or in garrison & for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit. Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid

Joseph hisXmark Faulconer

#### NOTES:

Col. Theodorick Bland and Col. Francis Taylor were the first Post Commandants at Albemarle Barracks. Capt. Garland Burnley commanded a company there.

On 11 Dec 1838 Frances Faulconer, 78, applied for a pension stating that she was married in Spotsylvania County by Parson Yancy on 13 Sep 1776 to Joseph Faulconer, who died on 26 June 1833. Nelson Faulconer (as he signed) stated that he was 52 on 20 Oct 1838 and the fifth child of Joseph and Frances Faulconer. A Treasury-Department document states that the children of Frances Faulconer received the final pension payment to the date of her death, 21 Oct 1845.