

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Samuel Fowler S17954

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original.]

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

On this 8th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions for the District of Spartanburg in the said State, now sitting, Samuel Fowler, a resident of South Carolina Spartanburg District, aged 86 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 June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. "I entered the service under Capt. John Gowen, on the frontier of South Carolina, but cannot recollect the date: and served in Col. White's Regiment. I was stationed at Jamison's Fort during the greater part of the time of my Services, occasionally ordered out against the Tories, and Indians, and sometimes employed as an Indian Spy. I entered the Army as a volunteer, and continued in the service as a Spy and guard to the frontier on the Indian line between 5 and 6 years and until the final close of the War. I have no documentary evidence of my services -- having lost all my papers at the burning of Jamison's Fort. I was born in Frederick County in Virginia -- but cannot recollect the year, having no record of my age -- I resided in Spartanburg when I first entered the Service, and resided on the same place now, and have resided there ever since the close of the War. General Pickens was the only General officer of the Army with whom I served. I never received any discharge (written) but was disbanded at the close of the hostilities with the other troops.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State -- for my character as a man of truth and moral conduct I refer to the Rev. ~~Hugh Henderson~~ and to John P. Landrum, and to William B. Archer and George Hughey to attest my character for truth.

Sworn to & subscribed the day aforesaid in open Court

S/ R. Gantt

S/ Samuel Fowler, S his mark

Answers to the Court,

1st & 2nd I was born in Virginia, but have no record of my age, and have forgotten the date of my birth but think it was 1746.

3. I lived in South Carolina when I entered the service and have lived here ever since.

4. As a volunteer

5th -- See above

6th. I never had any written discharge.

[fn p. 27][John G. Landrum, a clergyman and William B. Archer, George Hughey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Joseph Davis and James Loftis gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Spartanburg District

On this 2nd October 1833, personally appeared, before the Subscriber a magistrate of

said District, Samuel Fowler, who being duly sworn on his oath saith, that from old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of the different times of his Services and can only say that he entered the Army in the fall of 1776, and served at broken periods to the end of the War, but cannot recollect the dates, or length of time -- he considered himself, as always in the Army, on the frontier, and his active service was as a Spy, and Sentinel on the frontier, and composed of so many small tours, of a few weeks at a time -- that it is now impossible to identify them.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 2nd October 1833

S/ Wm Trimmier, J. Q. Ex Off.

S/ Samuel Fowler, S his mark

State of South Carolina Spartanburg district

Personally came John McClure¹ before me and made oath that he was acquainted with Samuel Fowler in the Revolutionary War and the said Fowler was a soldier in said war against the Indians under Capt. Gwin and the said Fowler was an honest upright man as far as he knew the said Fowler served in South Carolina and all due faith and credit should be paid to said Samuel Fowler's declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th April 1838

S/ John McClure, X his mark

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Personally came before me Capt. John Collins² (a Revolutionary Capt.) who being sworn saith that he knew Samuel Fowler, who is now applying for a pension, during the Revolutionary War -- that the said Samuel Fowler was in the service of the United States during the War, and was taken a prisoner at the capture of Gowen's Fort³ this Deponent cannot state the length of his Service, but knows that he did serve and was regarded as a good soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 10 April 1838

S/ John Collins

S/ D. White, U. Q.

[fn p. 29][This document is so poorly written as to be almost unintelligible, it has been heavily edited in preparing this transcription and consequently the transcription should be used with extreme caution.]

South Carolina Spartanburg district

Plame [Personally ?] came before me Samuel fowler [Fowler] one of the [indecipherable words] Justices of the Pleas [peace?] and made oath in addition to his Declaration for a pension heretofore made that he did render the services in South Carolina as stated in his declaration the first trip that I went was after the Indians under Capt. Smith to the Nation against them on a [indecipherable word or words, perhaps "at least"] 3 weeks in the year 78 I came back and joined Capt. Gowen's company and the first service rendered was in building of forts then I was called under Capt. Gowen to [2 indecipherable words] on tougulo [sic Tugaloo River ?] to fight the Indians about 2 or 3 weeks then returned back to the guarding the forts [indecipherable word] was then called all against the Tories under Col. branon [sic, Thomas Brandon?]⁴ for the space of

¹ FPA S18112

² [John Collins S8248](#)

³ November 1, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/gowensfort.htm>

⁴ It is not at all clear whether the applicant was under Col. Brandon or the Tories were under a Col. Brown. I'm guessing the intention was to say that the applicant was called out under Col. Thomas Brandon, but that is purely a

two or three weeks then returned back guarding the forts I was then called on again under Col. Kilgore to the Nation to fight the Indians again for the space of about two weeks and then returned back to guarding the forts then after was called off to the Nation under General Pickens to fight the Indians then I think I ended my service in the year of 1782 in September then I have [one or more indecipherable words] but there was many others scouts in ranging and guarding that I can't recollect of because of my age and of frailness I then know of no other living witness that I can prove my services by I made application about four or five years ago and for the proof of that I will apply to William Trimmier Esquire I then filled up the whole time in ranging and guarding the fort against Indians Given under my hand and seal this June 1st, 1838. Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ John Grogan, JP

S/ Samuel fowler, S his mark

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South Carolina Spartanburg District

Personally came, on this __ day of April 1838 in open court to wit the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas held for the District aforesaid, Samuel Fowler, resident in said District aforesaid, aged 91 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 June 7, 1832. -- that he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

"I entered the Army, and the fall of 1778 under Capt. Gowen, and was employed in building Jamison's Fort, as the first part of my service. I was afterwards employed in various scouts, against the British, Tories and Indians, principally in the upper part of South Carolina, and the Cherokee Nation, for the term of 3 years -- during which time I was generally employed in active service -- and afterwards performed several small tours of duty, for a few days or weeks, at a time, in such broken amounts that I cannot now, affix any given term -- But I continued, sometimes in, and sometimes out of service until the end of the War, during which term I was taken as a Prisoner by the Indians & Tories, at the fall of Gowen's Fort -- And was afterwards retaken by Capt. Parsons & his Company that his services were generally rendered under Col. White and General Pickens.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State --

In answer to the Interrogatories propounded by the Court the Declarant answers

To the 1st I was born in November 1747 as I have been informed in Frederick County Virginia

" " 2nd I have no record of my age --

" " 3rd I lived in Spartanburg District South Carolina when I entered the service and have lived in the same District ever since the Revolution

" " 4th I served as a volunteer

" " 5th See within -- I also recollect having served under Col. Kilgore

" " 6th I never received any written discharge, that I can recollect

" " 7th I refer to the Rev. John Gramling and William Archer who can certify to the moral standing of my character.

Sworn to in open Court this 11th day of April 1838

S/ J. Tapp, Clk

S/ John Gramling, S his mark [sic]

[John Gramling, a clergyman, and William B. Archer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Transcriber's note: beginning on page 38 of this file, the materials in the file relate to the claim of Sherwood Fowler which according to HeritageQuest.com's index should be in file FPA S1516]