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Foster, John

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To Jackson Jan. 23 1837

Virginia

John Foster

of Charlotte Co in the State of Virginia
who was a private in the Company commanded
by Captain Morton of the Regt. commanded
by B. Langston in the V. Army
line for 22 Jan 1837.

Intl. Pension May 22 37

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Transf. to Jackson Jan. 22 July
1837, from 4. Sep. '37

Inscribed on the Roll of Virginia
at the rate of 74 Dollars 11 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1837.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29 day of Nov
1835 and 5th

Wm. L. Robinson Clerk
Charlotte Co.

Amount to the 1st of Sept 1837 \$186 1/4
Pension allowance ending Sept 37 37

\$224.00

{ Revolutionary Claim }
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by W. L. Williams Clerk

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Virginia, County of Charlotte land.

On the 1st day of October 1892,

personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Charlotte, now sitting John Foster, a resident of the said County and State of Virginia aged barely nine 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, 1892.

That he served two years as a regular soldier in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary war. He enlisted for the term of two years in the County of Prince George, where he then resided, under Capt John Charlton in the Spring of the year 1776, and marched to Portsmouth in Virginia, then attacked the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Lawson, and to the Brigade commanded by Genl. Hephburn. They remained at Portsmouth until some time in the fall of the same year. They then took shipping and sailed to some place in the neighbourhood of the head of Elk River and landed, marched on foot through several villages or small towns, Wilmington, Christ Church, in Pennsylvania, at the last place they remained some thing like a month. From thence they marched through Philadelphia to Trenton in New Jersey, here they made a short stay, from thence they marched through Princeton and near Brunswick to a small place called Red Bank, here they also remained a short time. They received orders to join Genl. Mifflin on his retreat from near New York, they accordingly marched back to Trenton & crossed the river into Pennsylvania. The army was scattered up and down the River to prevent the enemy from crossing. The Brigade to which the applicant belonged was stationed about 12 miles up the river. They remained there until the 26th December of the same year when the army then recrossed the river towards and without a fight Trenton then in possession of the enemy, the enemy was defeated, few or none escaped. We also took some cannon from the enemy. During the battle the applicant received a wound in the leg from a shot. After the battle the whole army again recrossed the river into Pennsylvania and encamped upon the ground they had formerly occupied. In a short time however they were again ordered over into the Jersey side. They accordingly crossed the river again. The applicant being ill he remained in the Co. now unable to continue with the army, he was reported with his duty, from and to Philadelphia with the sick where he remained the greater

part of the winter, ~~after~~ from there he was sent back with the fleet
back to Charles where he was taken with the small pox for which he did
not recover until about February of the year 1777. He then hired one James
McDonnell as a substitute who was accepted. The applicant courageously
left the army. he was exchanged by Col Lawson. The exchange he has lost,
he has no written evidence of his service, but expects to prove it by Major
James Minton of the County of Prince Edward.

That he also served four terms of duty as a soldier in the
Militia of Virginia.

1st In the latter part of the summer in early in the fall of the year
1777 he volunteered to serve a term of duty of 3 months under Capt
Thomas Blumery of the County of Prince Edward. Thomas Moore Lieutenant
they marched to Williamsburg on James River, from thence to Little York
where they remained until the expiration of the 3 months. he does not
recall the ^{particulars of the} Officer in Command. he however recalls Genl Nelson & Major
Wardles from P^{er} Edward. - he received no written evidence, there is no documentary
evidence of his service, but expects to prove it by Henry Dawson of the County
of Prince Edward.

2nd Somewhat above a year after the expiration of the former service
he was drafted from the County of Prince Edward to serve another term of six
months. he courageously marched to Potomac in Virginia under Capt John Clark
and Lieutenant Benjamin Allen. the enemy had appeared on the Coast of
Virginia twice expected to land, and the militia were all called out
to reach the invasion, the enemy however soon disappeared & the militia
were discharged after a service of six weeks. they were never embodied.
he received no written exchange, there is no documentary evidence to prove this
service, nor does he at present recollect any person now living by whom
he can prove it.

3rd After the last term of service had expired he returned home to the County
of Prince Edward and shortly afterwards removed to the County of Aquia (an
adjunct County) and was again drafted to serve another term in the militia
and accordingly marched under Capt Richard Jones from the County of Aquia
to the neighborhood of Portsmouth (which was then in possession of the enemy)
the applicant was taken from Capt Jones's Company & attached to a Company
of light infantry commanded by Capt Isaac Sommers. Col Alexander Deil was

The Commander of the light infantry - there was another Company of light infantry
Commanded by Capt Long or some or some such name. - he was no regular battalions
but was frequently in single skirmishes - he continued in the service for three
months, and was then exchanged, but received no further exchange. nor has he any
documentary evidence of his service, but expects to prove it by Wilkes witnesses
of the Company who served with him.

He shortly previous to the end of the war, he was again drafted into
the militia and attached from the Company of Charles under Capt Gordon
Spencer to the Siege of York. his Company was attached to the Regiment
Commanded by Col Tucker, and continued there until the Surrender of the
Porter Army under Lord Cornwallis to Gen Washington - in this service he was
engaged three months - he receives no further exchange, but expects to prove
his service by Wilkes witnesses, James Pugh & David Bates or some one
of them who served with him.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity
except the former, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll
of any agency in any State.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid

John D. Bell

John D. Bell

and Lindsey B. Tappley residing in the County of Charlotte
and Lindsey B. Tappley residing in the same County, hereby certify
that we are well acquainted with John D. Bell who has subscribed and sworn
the above declaration, that we believe him to be ^{the person he states} ~~himself~~ ^{himself} ~~himself~~, that he
is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been
a Securer of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.
Sworn, and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

David Bell

Lindsey B. Tappley

And the said John D. Bell was presented in Court in affidavits of
Henry Dawson, James Jordan and Wilshire Cardwell, his father's legal heirs
William B. Cardwell a Securer of the same of the County - and the said
Cardwell, Cardwell and Cardwell witnesses - and the said Court the same

Amended declaration of John Foster a revolutionary soldier
State of Virginia, Charlotte County ss.

Personally appeared before the subscriber James P. Marshall a Justice of the peace in and for the said county of Charlotte John Foster the applicant on this 25th day of October 1833 and who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following amendment to his original declaration containing the answers to the objections of the War Department to the admission of his claim to a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 which objections are marked in red ink in the brief accompanying the return of his original declaration and referred to by the letters D, E, F, G, In answer to the objection marked D the applicant saith that it was in the year 1780 he served the tour of one month and twelve days and that in 1781 he served the tour of three months the period not satisfactorily stated in his original declaration - D & G In answer to the objection marked E relative to the precise length of his service the applicant deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades 1st tour that for one year he served as a private in the regular army. 2d tour, that for three months he served as second sergeant ~~which the certificate of Henry Dawson will prove~~ 3d tour that for one month and twelve days he served as an orderly sergeant of which he has no proof documentary or living 4th tour that for three months he served as an orderly sergeant which is proved by the certificate of James Pugh who served with him 5th tour that for three months he served as a private In answer to the objections marked F he saith that he was born in the county of Amelia State of Virginia in the year 1753 he further states that he has no record of his age but he copied it from his father's family Bible into one of his own and

APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER.

County of Henderson ss.

On this third day of July 1837,

before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Henderson personally appeared John Foster

who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain John Morten in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Parvett in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State (District, Territory) of Missouri where he intends to

remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable, in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the State of Virginia to the State of Missouri.

He has the most of his children emigrated from the State of Virginia to the State of Missouri, and he feels desirous to spend the remainder of his days as near them as he could conveniently settle, and also believe that he could make a support for himself and family, with more ease than he could have done in Virginia.

Sworn and subscribed to before me,
the day and year aforesaid.

John Foster

W. R. Sewer

Justice of the Peace
of Henderson County

The oath to be taken before a duly qualified Magistrate, whose official character and signature must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office. The County Clerk, Secretary of State, or some other officer, must certify, under his seal of office, that the officer who administered the oath is a Justice of the Peace, Judge, Mayor, Alderman, or Notary Public, as the case may be, and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine.

The oath must be supported by the testimony of some respectable person, as to the pensioner's identity. He must swear that the person who has taken the above oath, is the person described in the affidavit. The Magistrate must certify that the witness is a person of veracity; and the affidavit must also be authenticated in the manner above directed.

In every case where the Clerk of the Court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of Congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should be sent with the papers.

Mode of authenticating papers.—In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officers who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or small ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

Pension Office.

April 29 1833

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A Statement, shewing the Service of John Weston Christian to^o N. Y.

| Period when the service was required. | Duration of the claimant's service. | | | Rank of the claimant. | Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served. | Names and Rank of the General and Field officers. | Battles in which the applicant was engaged. | Country through which he marched. | Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period. | Evidence by which the declaration is supported. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|-----------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| | Years. | Months. | Days. | | | | | | | |
| October 1776 | 1 | some | | Private | Capt. John Mifflin Mortons | Capt. James Smith Lieut. Major | Trenton Yorktown | Penn. New York | Penn. Pa. | to railway |
| Oct. 1777 | 3 | | | | Capt. Peter Bannister Thompson | Lieut. James Smith Major | | New York Pa. | age 79 | James Mortons as to 1 st term 1776 |
| Nov. 1777 | 1 | 12 | | | Capt. Isaac Clark | Lieut. James Smith Major | | Penn. Pa. | | Henry Bannister as to 3 months 1781 |
| Nov. 1781 | 3 | | | | Lieut. Peter Bannister Capt. Robert Clark | Capt. James Smith Major | | Penn. Pa. | | Mills here barometer as to 2 ^d term of 3 months |
| | 1 | 10 | 12 | | Lieut. Peter Bannister Capt. Robert Clark | Capt. James Smith Major | | Penn. Pa. | | |

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS.

Commissioner of Pensions.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C.,

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In reply to your request of _____, received _____
for a statement of the military history of _____
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
sion on file in this Bureau.

| DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT. | LENGTH OF SERVICE. | RANK. | OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED. | | STATE. |
|---|-----------------------|---------|---|---------------|--------|
| | | | CAPTAIN. | COLONEL. | |
| 1776 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1777 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1778 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1779 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1780 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1781 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1782 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1783 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1784 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1785 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1786 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1787 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1788 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1789 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1790 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1791 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1792 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1793 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1794 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1795 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1796 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1797 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1798 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1799 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |
| 1800 | 1 Year | Private | John H. H. H. | Richard B. B. | Pa. |

Battles engaged in, _____
Residence of soldier at enlistment, _____
Date of application for pension, _____
Residence at date of application, _____
Age at date of application, _____

Remarks:

Respectfully,

Commissioner.