

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Foley: R3624

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State of New York} Oneida: Common Pleas
Oneida County} Court of Record by Statute

On this 13th day of June 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of record by statute, for the said County of Oneida, John Foley aged sixty seven years, a resident in Rome in said County, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare in order to obtain the provisions of the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said John Foley enlisted for the term of one year and six months, on or about the 10th day of April 1779 or 1780, in the County of Prince William State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Walis, afterwards Captain Wallis commanded the Company in the Regiment commanded by Col Charles (I Believe) Bluford who deserted at Charleston, and went to the British, as this deponent has been informed [see note at end], that he continued to serve until the month of October in 1780 or 1781 he having received a furlough, and was discharged by Col Charles Newell in Prince William County Virginia, the above Regiment, on the Continental establishment, in the line of the State of Virginia - A year after the discharge in September I enlisted for the Term of nine months in the Company commanded by Captain Charles Attwood in the Regiment commanded by Col. Morris, under the command of General [Nathanael] Greene, in the line of the state of Virginia, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, until May before Cornwallis was taken [on 19 Oct 1781], when he was discharged by order of General Greene, at Williamsburg Virginia.

In July before Cornwallis was taken he enlisted for the term of one year, in the company commanded by Captain Attwood, in the regiment commanded by Col. McCarty, Daniel Olcott Lt. Colonel, Levi Pease Major, and General Wadsworths brigade, at Williamsburgh Virginia on the Continental establishment, Virginia line, as he supposed and continued to serve for one year, when he was discharged at Sheffield, Massachusetts, by Levi Pease Major of said Regiment; that he went with the baggage of the French army to Boston, in December, and then went into the country with the horses belonging to the army and remained until discharged as above stated, his discharges have been lost or mislaid, they being written or printed ones. That he was in several different places with the horses, among others at Asa Douglass at Hancock, Mass, before he went to Sheffield and was discharged.

And in pursuance of the act of 1st 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~~ nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Inventory of property.
None except one cow worth} \$15.00
and my wearing apparel}
A wife aged 57 years and one girl, 15 years of age
And household furniture worth not more than 25.00 \$40.00
 John hisXmark Foley.

State of New York

Oneida County} On this 12th day of June 1832 personally appeared before me, John Foley of Rome in said county, aged 69 years and upwards, who being first duly sworn, in order to obtain the provision of an act of Congress, passed in May 1832— does declare and say - that he enlisted in the year 1779 for the Term of eighteen months in Capt Wales[?] Company—and two weeks or about that time afterwards Capt Adam Wallis took command of the Company, in the

3d Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. Charles Bluford, who deserted to the British - The Regiment was then commanded by one Andrew Wallis - he enlisted in Prince William Co. Virginia- was taken prisoner at Charleston—and after he escaped from the British he was discharged at the expiration of the eighteen months by Colonel Charles Newell — Gen [Benjamin] Lincoln was at Charleston had command

That in the month of April 1781- he was drafted in Capt Peter Evans Co, Virginia Militia, Col. Charles Paton, and served three months at Petersburg and about there in Virginia. — That in the fall of the same year, September he believes, 1781 he enlisted for nine months in Capt Charles Attwoods Co, Col Morrisons Regt Continental establishment- and served the nine months in said company and Regiment and was present at the Surrender of Cornwallis— In the Spring after 1782 when nine months service expired-He enlisted again under Capt Attwood for one year to go to Boston with the French baggage of their army and went from Williamsburgh in Virginia to Alexandria, then to Cumphom[?] - then to New Hartford Con. then to Providence and then to Boston,-and the horses belonging to the army were then sent into the country to forage— The troops were under General Wadsworth, and Colonel Daniel McCarty, and Col Daniel Olcott - and Major Levi Pease — and the horses men were billeted out in different Towns - Hancock, Berkshire Co. at one Douglass - Some at Stephentown Rens Co [sic: Rensselaer County NY] & some at New Lebanon [in Columbia County NY] — and in the Spring of 1783 the horses were brought together at Sheffield Mass, by Major Levi Pease, when they were sold and this deponent discharged having served his term of one year and a few days over.

That he has never been placed on the pension roll of any state or territory - and that he is not entitled to any benefit under the act passed 15th May 1828 for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the army of the Revolution.

And further the deponent says not

John hisXmark Foley

NOTE: I could find no record of a Col. Charles Bluford or any other American colonel who went over to the British at Charleston.