

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Elisha Ford W8821 Sarah fn38SC[illegible on HQ]
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/15/09

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State of Kentucky Shelby County

Be it known that on this 19th day of August 1833 personally appeared before H. Bohannon a Justice of the peace in and for Shelby County in the State of Kentucky being also one of the Judges of the Shelby County Court, Elisha Ford a resident of the said County of Shelby aged 75 years who by reason of his bodily infirmity is unable to attend the proper court to make his declaration and 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say. In the month of April in the year 1776 as well as he at present remembers he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of 6 months in the company of Capt. Andrew Berry [sic, Andrew Barry] and served as such during the whole of his said tour -- that he was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Wingate as well as he remembers. He states that at the time of his said entry into the service he was a resident of Spartanburg County South Carolina that he was immediately upon his said entry into the service marched to Hites old store and was there kept stationed in a humble Fort which they built under the immediate command of Lieut. John Nisbett he with him in him in him in him in him in the him in him in him in him in. He states that there service was against the Indians upon the frontier and upon the termination of his said tour of duty he was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of May in the year 1777 as well as he remembers being still a resident of Spartanburg County South Carolina he again and entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Capt. John Berry [sic, John Barry]-- that he was again attached to Col. Wingate's Regiment. He states that this tour was for 6 months -- that he was marched to the frontiers against the Indians and was there kept during the whole of his tour in order to protect & defend the frontier settlements from the incursions of the savages that during his tour he was engaged in several small skirmishes with the Indians and at the termination thereof having fully and faithfully served out the service he was again discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that afterwards in the month of January in the year 1778 he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Capt. John Barry, which was a company of mounted riflemen, upon a tour of 6 months -- that he rendezvoused with his company at 3 forks of Tiger [Tyger River] that he was marched from there towards Augusta in Georgia in order to join General Williamson who lay with his Army on the Savannah River -- that on their route they fell in with and were attached to the Battalion of Major Brenham [sic, Thomas Brandon?] and they then all marched on together and joined General Williamson and He states that he was not during any part of this tour under the command of a Col. that he recollects of but that he was under the command of Major Brenham -- that Major

Brenham's Battalion was used much as a foraging and scouting party -- he states that during a part of this tour he was in Georgia having been ordered there together with others to assist General Marion who was hard-pressed. He states that his services however during this tour were confined principally to South Carolina -- that he continued in the service actually and actively employed during the whole of his said tour and at the termination thereof he was discharged and returned home to Spartanburg County South Carolina where he still resided.

He further states and declares that in the month of May in the year 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Capt. John Barry upon a tour of 6 months -- that the Regiment to which he was attached was placed under the command of Major Tolls [Oliver Towles?]. That he rendezvoused with his company at the courthouse in said County of Spartanburg as well as he remembers and he was marched immediately towards Ninety Six and joined the Army under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. He states that he was present and assisted at the siege of that place and continued with General Greene's Army in active service during the whole period of his said engagement and at the termination thereof was discharged and returned to his home in the said County of Spartanburg where he still resided.

He states and declares that from his advanced age, the great lapse of time and his consequent loss of memory, he cannot state the precise times at which he entered the service but from his present best recollection he served in the manner and at the times as are stated -- that he did not serve during the war of the revolution less than 24 months as a private soldier and for that service he claims a pension.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service or any part of it.

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. He Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Elisha Ford, Senior

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant Elisha Ford H. Bohannon the said Justice of the Peace

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Fairfax County Virginia in the year 1757 on 24th November according to my information.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- I have no record of my age in my possession but have seen it in my father's Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Spartanburg County South Carolina when I was called into the service upon each of my tours and continued to live there for some time after the war and in the year 1799 I moved from South Carolina to Shelby County Kentucky in which County & State I still live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted on my first tour and on my others I was a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- I recollect to have seen Generals Greene & Williamson and Colonels Lee, Washington

and Ford -- I cannot at this time call to my mind the name of any other of the officers except those under whom I served. My services in my first and 2nd tours were performed on the frontiers against the Indians. I was engaged in many scalps and performed much active service against them. My services in my 3rd tour were performed in South Carolina and Georgia under the command of Major Brenham and General Williamson. In my 4th tour my Regiment was under the command of Major Tolls [Oliver Towles?] and we were attached to the Army of General Greene. I was present and assisted at the siege of 96 and was with the Army during the whole of that Campaign.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I received discharges signed by my officers which I have lost

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer -- I will name William W. Ford & Henry Baskett as persons who live in my neighborhood & to whom I am known.

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year aforesaid

S/ Elisha Ford, Senior

[W W Ford, a clergyman, and Henry Baskett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On September 10, 1838 in Shelby County, Kentucky, Sarah Ford, 73, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of Elisha Ford; that she married him March 9 1784 in Newberry County South Carolina; that he died September 29, 1833.]

[fn p. 13 family record]

Elisha Ford born 24 November 1757 and departed this life the 29th day of September 1833 Lived beloved died beloved

Elisha Ford and Sarah his wife was married marched the 9 day of 1784

William Ford son of Elisha Ford and Sarah his wife was born April 26 1785 and married 1st January 1811

John Ford son of Elisha Ford and Sarah his [wife] was born October 3 day 1787 -- and was married 28th day of June 1808

Nancy Ford Daughter of Elisha Ford and Sarah his wife was born the 30 day of May 1789 and married the 5 day of April 1804

Mary Ford Daughter of Elisha Ford and Sarah his wife was born the 18 day of December 1791 and departed this life the 30th of May following

And her Sister Polly was born the 2 day of January 1795 and married the 23 day of September 1812

Sally Ford was born the 16 of September 1797 and was married 16 of Oct. 1813