

Pension Application for James Faurot

S.6832

James Faurot was born Oct 19 AD 1763. James “Departed this life Dec. 3rd 1852 1781 James Faurot & Elizabeth Shay were joined in holy matrimony June the 11th AD 1799.

State of New Jersey
County of Sussex SS.
Sussex Pleas.

One this twenty seventh day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty five personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County the same being a Court of record now sitting James Faurot a resident of the Township of Sandistin [Sandyston] in the County of Sussex aforesaid aged seventy two 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 Jun e7, 1832.

That he was born the 19th of October 1763—at Piscataway in New Jersey – from there is father moved to the City of New York when he was about 4 or 5 years old and from the City they moved to opposite West Point on the Hudson River and from there to Orange County New York about three miles west of West Point at a place called New Cornwall, in the year 1777, in the Spring at this place in the year 1778 about the first of November—

His older brother David Faurot entered the Service of the United States in what were called The New Levies” for eighteen months under General Clinton, Colonel McLaughlin for some such Irish name, in the company of Captain Amos Hutchins, Sergeant, Joseph Denike, that his brother served in this company until about the first od January 1779—

When at the request and particular solicitation of Capt. Stutson who commanded an Infantry Company on the lines, and wanted him for a guide, and wanted him for a guide, and by the consent of Capt. Hutchins who consented he might go if this declarant would substitute himself in his stead, his brother volunteered and entered in the company of Capt Stutson and this declarant then entered in the aforesaid company of Captain Hutchins as a substitute for his brother for the remainder of the said eighteen months—

That he went from New Cornwell afs’d and joined the army under Genl Clinton at West Point, and were encamped during the winter about 2 or 3 miles west of West Point, --at the building of this encampment while at work at a hut he cut off his left thumb with an axe—

That he remained within the vicinity and at West Point on duty in the said company during the summer, and towards fall abt [about] the end of summer when his company marched at a Station near the Jersey line on the Southwestern extremity of Tappan Bay on the Hudson River—where his company with some other men in all about 100 were stationed as an alarm guard to watch the landing of the British and present their invasions and plunders in the Country—

While here there were patrol or scouting parties—formed from the Station which travelled and marched about some distances from the Station to watch the depredations of the British and the movements of the disaffected and Tories—that when out with some others on a scouting party they took six Tories who were loaded with supplies for the British and made them prisoners, that they remained at this place abt [about] three months—and then returned to West Point and remained here on duty till about the latter part of May 1780.—

When he was drafted out and selected under the order of General Patterson who then had command at West Point as he now thinks by Capt. Joseph Crooks who had command of the wagon department that he then entered in this service and took charge of a four Horse Team and wagon which belonged to the army – and proceeded from West Point in company with other teams to White Plains above New York City, and there joined with the army under General Washington and remained connected with this Body of the Army and in and or about this vicinity until the year 1781 in the first part of the fall—

When the army under Washington took up a line of march toward Philadelphia and crossed the Hudson river at or near Kings Ferry and he proceeded on with the army to Newark New Jersey, and on the day they arrive[d] there they encamped in the afternoon on a hill above the Town with the whole army—on his way here the night before the Horses of his team got loose and got at the feed and became so badly foundered that he could proceed no further with them and a new team was pulled and put to his baggage waggon and given in charge to another person he remained here a few days to recruit his horses—

In the night Washington with the main army proceeded on a few remained [sic] during the night and kept up tents and fires to put on the appearance of the whole army remaining there—

His horses got better in a few days and he then proceeded pursuant to orders to Morristown N.J. and remained there a few days and was then sent back to West Point, he proceeded back through Newark—and to the Hudson River crossed to Kings Ferry from there to Peekskill and thence to West Point, and remained here on duty with his Team at and about this Garrison foraging, drawing wood and in all such serves as were required under the com'd of George Dennison a Commissary who had command of the teams until the Army were disbanded in the year 1783 in the month of November when his horses, with the troop horses were taken and sold at auction – and was discharged—

He recollects that Washington was quartered with some of his army in the winter of 1782 at Newburgh above West Point—he recollects Generals Know, Gen McDural, Gen. Greene, and some others in addition to those above named—

That he received no written discharge and has no documentary evidence, he has a record in his own Bible which was taken from his father's Bible between thirty and forty years ago.

That he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service except Elias Conklin who was living about a year ago in the State

of New Jersey who served in the Company of Captain Vanhouten and whose testimony he can procure if living.

He is acquainted with Reverend William Hough and John Shay—who resides in his neighborhood and who can testify to their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution, 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.

He says that after the Revolutionary War he returned to New Cornwell, and that he shortly commenced boating on the North or Hudson River and was engaged in that business upon the River for about eight years—after which he went to Sandistin [Sandyston] township in the County of Sussex aforesaid and married and where he now lives and has lived since he first moved there. (Signed) James Faurot

Jos. Y. Miller Presiding Judge &c

Letter in folder dated February 15, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request that record of James Faurot, a Revolutionary War soldier.

The record of James Faurot is given herein as shown in pension claim, S.6532, based upon his service in that war.

James Faurot, son of Henry Faurot, was born October 19, 1763 in Piscataway, New Jersey. When James was four or five years old, his father moved with his family to New York City, later moved up on the Hudson River, opposite West Point, New York, and in the spring of 1777, moved to a farm in New Cornwall, Orange County, New York.

While residing in New Cornwall, Orange County, New York, James Faurot served from January 1, 1779 in Captain Ames Hutchins' company, Colonel McLaughrey's New York regiment at West Point; this service was rendered as substitute for his elder brother, David Faurot, also of New Cornwall. While at work on a hut at West Point, James Faurot cut off his left thumb; later in the summer, while with a scouting party near the Jersey line on Tappan Bay, he assisted in capturing six Tories with supplies for the enemy; he continued to serve until May 1780. He enlisted then as a wagoner and served under Captain Joseph Croaks and Commissary George Dennisen until November 1783.

After the war, the soldier returned to his father's home in New Cornwall, New York and engaged in boating on the Hudson River for about eight years, then moved to Sandyston Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

James Faurot married June 11, 1799, in Sandyston Township, New Jersey, Elizabeth Shay, who was born March 26, 1781. She died January 15, 1831 in Sandyston Township, New Jersey.

The soldier died December 3, 1852, at the home of his son, James Faurot, Junior, in Jessups Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, where he had lived for about ten years.

The following data regarding the children of James Faurot and his wife, Elizabeth are show:

Timothy Faurot born May 2, 1801.

Henry Faurot born December 22, 1801, died March 5, 1837.

David Faurot born November 30, 1804.

Ephraim Faurot born January 8, 1807, died August 22, 1847.

John Faurot born April 27, 1811, died May 27, 1811.

Phebe Faurot born April 28, 1812.

James Faurot born November 30, 1814.

Benjamin Faurot born July 28, 1816, died July 17, 1849.

Martha Faurot born July 8, 1818, died March 16, 1838.

Mary Faurot born April 4, 1821.

Sarah Faurot born March 14, 1812, died August 22, 1824.

On June 13, 1853, soldier's son, James Faurot, Junior, applied for the pension due him and the other surviving children on account of the eservice of their father in the Revolutionary War; the names of these children were shown then as follow— James, Junior, Timothy, David, Phebe, the wife or Myron Carrier, and Mary, wife of Israel E. Birchard.

Their claim was allowed.

In 1853, soldier's sister, Anna, then the widow of Elijah Whiting, was a resident of Canadaigua, New York; she stated then that she was born November 13, 1759 in Piscataway, New Jersey, lived in New York at the time her brother James and David Faurot served in the Revolutionary, that she moved with her father to Sandyston Township, New Jersey, and in 1818, moved with her husband, Elijah Whiting, to Lyons, Wayne County, and resided until after his death in January 1852, when she moved to Canadiagua.

In 1835 one John Shay resided in Sandyston Township, Sussex County, New Jersey. In 1854, Ephraim Shay, aged sixty-seven, and Joshua Shay, aged sixty-five, both residents of said Sandysten Township, stated that they were at the funeral of Elizabeth (Shay) Fauret. No relationship between said Elizabeth and these persons was stated. In 1853, one Ralph S. Birchard, then of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, stated that he lived on a farm adjoining James Faurot, the soldier, in Sandyston Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, and had [blot] close to him in Susquehanna Township, Pennsylvania no relationship to soldier's daughter was stated.