

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Marion BLWt2199-500

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We Louisa C. Marion, John G. Palmer and Cathanne his wife, and Philip C. Kirke [sic] and Gabriella M. his wife, being Heirs of Francis Marion, who is a devisee under the will of General Francis Marion of the Revolution, do on our oaths declare that General Francis Marion of the Revolution entered the service at the early period and to the best of their knowledge and belief continued in service to the close of the War.

They further declare that they do not believe he ever received his Bounty Lands provided to him by the Resolutions of Congress, nor do they believe that he ever sold or transferred the same in any manner whatsoever, nor has the same been received by his representatives --

Therefore --

Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned Heirs of Francis Marion who is Devisee under the Will of the late General Francis Marion of the Revolution do by these presents authorized and empowered Richard H. Mosby of Virginia as a power of attorney for us and in our names to demand, and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States or any other person authorized to [indcipherable words] same as Bounty Land Warrants issued in our names as the representatives of General Francis Marion of the Revolution, on account of his services as an officer in the War of the Revolution -- and all such Bounty Land Warrants issued in our names as aforesaid, to sell, assign, and transfer, in the same manner and that we could do if personally present and required to act in the premises, with power to appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him with the above recited powers -- and all the acts of our said attorney or his substitutes done in virtue of the powers herein granted we will by these presents warrant and defend.

Given under our hands and seals this the 31st day of January A.D. 1838

S/ L. C. Marion

S/ J. G. Palmer

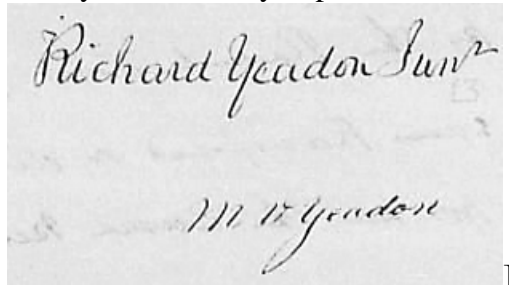
S/ C. C. Palmer

S/ Philip C. Kirk

S/ Gabriella M. Kirk

L C Marion  
J G Palmer  
C C Palmer  
Philip C. Kirk  
Gabriella M Kirk

[p 6: another power of attorney given in Charleston, SC, by Richard Yeadon, Jr. and Mary V., his wife, heirs of Francis Marion, devisee of Genl. Francis Marion, likewise appointing Richard H. Mosby their attorney to pursue their Bounty Land claims as heirs of Genl. Francis Marion.



Richard Yeadon Junr  
W. H. Yeadon

[pp 9-10: Last Will and Testament of Francis Marion]

In the name of God Amen

I Francis Marion of St. John's Parish, being in perfect health and sound mind and memory do now make this my last Will & Testament --

Imprimis 1#: I order all my lawful Debts paid & do subject my whole Estate to the Education & Support of my Nephew Francis Marion Dwight to have a College and Professional Education & his Expenses to be paid out of the Income of my said Estate as it can afford until he comes to the age of twenty-one years. -- Item 2<sup>nd</sup>: I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Esther Marion all & Singular the property of every kind, that is to say, Negroes, Cattle, & Household Goods which she possessed at day of my marriage, to her and her heirs & assigns whatever, which she may will away to whom she pleases.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>: I give the uses of all my Estates both real and personal property to my said wife Mary Esther Marion during her widowhood, after her widowhood or death this part of my Estate I give away in the manner following -- In case my Nephew Francis Marion Dwight shall always take upon him the name of Francis Marion only and leave out entirely the name Dwight by record or otherwise, I then adopt him as my Son by the name of Francis Marion, and do give & bequeath unto him my adopted Son Francis Marion all & singular both real and personal Estate after my wife's widowhood or death, when he comes to the age of twenty-one years, if my said wife should alter her widowhood or die before he is arrived at that age, to him and his Heirs and assigns forever, nevertheless subject this gift to the name I adopt him by that is to say Francis Marion only which if he do not comply I give said Estate and property to my Nephew Robert Marion to him & his heirs forever.

Lastly, I constitute & appoint my wife Mary Esther Marion my Executrix solely to this my last Will & Testament so long as she remains my Widow after her widowhood and death I then constitute my Nephew Robert Marion and William Marion to be my Executor, and do revoke make void and disannul all other will or wills by me made, and declared this to be not only true Will and testament wrought with my own hands this Sixteenth day of October 1787.

S/ Francis Marion L.S.

Again dated this Testament this 16th of July 1792.

S/ Francis Marion

[Proved March 6, 1795; March 12, 1795, Mary Esther Marion qualified as executrix before Gideon Kirk, Esquire.]

State of South Carolina Charleston District

The Affidavit of Colonel Thomas Lebre taken to prove the Heirs of Francis Marion (formerly Dwight) and as such the legal representatives of General Francis Marion of the Revolution.

This Affiant being duly sworn according to law testifies and says -- That Francis Marion (formerly Dwight) died leaving the following children, viz., Louisa C. Marion (of Lawful age), Catherine Row, the wife of John G. Palmer, Mary V. wife of Richard Yeadon, Jr. and Gabriella M. the wife of Philip C. Kirke. This Affiant also testifies that the wife of General Francis Marion died many years since and that Francis Marion (formerly Dwight) did take the name of Marion in accordance with the requirements of the Will of General Francis Marion.

Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of January 1838

S/ Thomas Lebre LS

Sworn to before me the 3rd day of January 1838

S/ Jos. F. O'Hear, Not. Pub. & Q. U.

[pp 34-et seq. is the Last Will and Testament of Francis Marion (formerly Dwight)]