

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Freeman GA3 ¹

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State of Georgia Elbert County

The applicant Joel Freeman is a man who is afflicted with what is called by some spasmodic twitches delirium tremors or fits & we cannot get the particulars of his service as accurately and as explicitly as they ought to be had; and hence the vagueness of the declaration in saying 1795 or 1796, and given 1798 or 1799 as also the vagueness relative to his discharge Sometimes said Applicant says that Gains was not his Col. but cannot recollect who was If you do not find his declaration as to agree with the pay rolls at your hand please write us son that we might endeavor to supply any one that you may find if we are able to glean from said applicant any further particulars.

Respectfully yours

S James M. Carter

State of Georgia Madison County

On this 25th day of February A.D. 1853 Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for said County and State aforesaid Joel Freeman aged 76 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid and after being duly qualified according to law declares that he is the identical Joel Freeman who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Taylor in the 3rd Regiment or 3rd squadron commanded according to the best of his recollection by Col. Gains in the War of A.D. 1795, 1796, 1797 &c against the different tribes of Indians then hostile (viz.) the Delawares, Shawnees, Potawatomes, & Taos Indians that he enlisted at Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, on the 29th day of April A.D. 1795 or 1796 for the term of 3 years and continued in said War as a horseman in 3rd squadron in actual service till on or about the 29th day of April A.D. 1798 or 1799 and was then honorably discharged at Fort Wilkerson in the State of Georgia near Milledyville [Milledgeville] the capital of said State and that he had no written discharge given him as he recollects and that if he had it is now lost or mislaid so that it cannot now be had, but that according to the best of his recollection he was nearly mustered out of Service as will best be proven by reference to the muster rolls of said company. He makes this declaration in order to obtain if possible the bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the Act of Congress granting Bounty Land to certain officers & soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States passed September 28 1850.

Test: S/ James C. Friedman

S/ Joel Freeman, X his mark

¹ Reg. No. 43325-50
Indian Wars 1795-1799

[This claim was rejected because there was no provision under the law for service in the Indian Wars]