

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Claude François Jeannerel (Henry Bradford): R1125  
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Virginia

At a Court continued and held for Frederick County the 5th day of September 1820 This day personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County Claude Francois Jeannoville aged seventy-two years resident in Newtown Stephensburg in the said County of Frederick, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit: in the French army in the American service from the year 1779 until the year 1783 when he received a discharge which discharge was sent with his other papers to the war department [not found] his declaration bearing date the 3rd day of April 1818 on which he received a pension warrant numbered 842. And 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 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 contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. The Schedule of my property as follows:

One old House and one half acre lott on the back street near the south west corner of Newtown Stephensburg during the natural life of my present wife and at her death it will descend to the children she had before her marriage with me the lott is also subject a ground rent of one dollar and sixty seven cents per Annum One patent for my military land bounty in the late war with Great Britain located in the new State of Illinois [see note below], one Cow, one loom and tachlings, one sow and pigs, one table two or three Iron pots half doz. old chairs, twelve head of sheep consisting of Ewes and lambs two piped[?] stoves verry old ones and some kitchen furniture - his A[?] pewter plates and two pewter dishes 4 knives & forks and pair Steelyards. And the said Claude Francois Jeanneville further declares that he is by occupation a weaver but that in consequence of his age, the wounds he received in the American service in the revolutionary war a certificate of which is endorsed on his discharge now in the war office and his other bodily infirmities he is unable to perform a fourth part of the labour which he could perform in his younger years. That his family residing with him consists of his wife Elizabeth aged fifty-two years, his son Vance aged twelve years and his daughter Betsy aged eight years their capacity to do anything towards their own support is such as is usual to persons of their several ages.

State of Virginia            }  
Frederick County         }            To wit - On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838 personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for said County, Elizabeth Bradford alias Elizabeth Jeanerel a resident of said County, aged 75 years and upwards, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled, "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Claude F. Jeanerel, commonly called Henry Bradford in this section of Country, who was a private soldier in the Virginia Line in the War of the Revolution. that he was a Frenchman by birth, but he enlisted in the Virginia line as she believes. She states that she has not sufficient recollection to state particulars of his service. He drew a pension from the U. States (paid in Virginia) for his said services. She believes the original pension certificate has been mislaid. That she handed it to Henry Carson and although she has sent to him for has not been able to get it again. She herewith exhibits an account kept at the store of R. Wells against said Henry Bradford her late husband in which he has credit by two instalments of said pension of \$47.50 that being the net am't. when it came to hand in hopes that with the other proof exhibited that it will establish the

fact that her said husband commonly called Henry Bradford in this country, was nevertheless the identical Claude F. Jeannerel who was pensioned as aforesaid. He lived in the village called New Town in said county of Frederick where she now resides. She further declares that she was married to the said Claude F. Jeanerel on the [blank] day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two. That her husband, the aforesaid Claude F. Jeannerel died on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1832. that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four. viz. at the time above written.  
Elizabeth herXmark Jeanerel

NOTES:

In the file is a bounty land warrant of 160 acres issued to Private Henry Bradford for service in the Virginia 20<sup>th</sup> Infantry in the War of 1812.

On 5 Dec 1853 the administrator of her estate applied for any pension that might have been due her, stating that she married Claude François Jeannerel, alias Bradford, in 1805 or 1806, and that she died on or about 9 June 1842, leaving two children, Vance Bradford and Elizabeth Bradford. The file includes the following list of children, the first two lined through:

A family Register

Margaret Bloom was Born June 11<sup>th</sup> 1796

Mary Bloom was born June 25<sup>th</sup> 1799

Jane Bradford was born the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June[?] 1783

Henry Bradford was born the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1788

Vance Bradford was born May the 5<sup>th</sup> 1808[?]

Betsy Bradford was born August 23<sup>d</sup> 1812