

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel French R14291 Ann French VA
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Harrison County Indiana Sct

I, Ann French of said County aged from best information above 90 years make the following Statement Viz

“I am widow of Daniel French who, in his lifetime was engaged in the Military service of United States in Revolutionary war.

Viz. He was a Soldier of Virginia Militia and served two tours from Franklin County Virginia etc. etc. [sic: probably in the part of Bedford County that went to Franklin County in 1786]

Of even date herewith through agency of C H Barkley of Louisville Kentucky make her application for Pension as widow aforesaid under act July 7th 1838 etc, etc,

I refer to my Statement and also refer to the proof that may be filed in support thereof

I was married to said Daniel French in Franklin County Virginia very soon after the Revolutionary War, and my name before I was married was Ann Guthrie

My said husband died in this county about 40 years ago, leaving me his widow and since then I have not married again but yet remain his widow

I make this declaration for the purpose of applying for benefit of The Bounty Land Acts of Congress of March 3rd 1855 May 14th 1856

And I hereby with full power of substitution appoint C H Barkley above named my agent in this behalf – I have not heretofore applied for or received the benefit of this or any other Bounty Land Act of Congress and neither did my said husband that I now remember ever hearing of

This 9th day of June 1860

Ann herXmark French

Harrison County Indiana Sct

I, Ann French of said County aged from my best information above 90 years make this following Statement Viz

“I am widow of Daniel French – (sometimes called Dal. French)

I was married to said Daniel French in Franklin County Virginia – not during but very soon after the Revolutionary War – say within less than five years – and my name before I was so married was Ann Guthrie

I have no Family Record of our marriage or of births of our children. We have had two– The first one was burnt in a School house in Virginia more than or near 60 years ago – The second one got destroyed or torn up many years ago – We were married by William Johnson a Baptist preacher

I know of no evidence in writing of any kind whatever that refers to the date of our marriage or births of our children

I received allotment of dower in my husband’s land in this county and sold it many years ago – more than twenty five years to Benjamin Aydelott

My husband said Daniel French died in this County more than thirty years ago leaving me his widow and since then I have not married again but remained his widow

My said husband was a Soldier in the Services of The United States in the Revolutionary War Viz He served two tours in the Virginia Militia

I was acquainted with him and with his father’s family from my earliest memory My father Henry Guthrie and his father Daniel French were neighbors – lived on Staunton River in Franklin County Virginia – near Hales Ferry – Staunton River is also called Roanoke

I remember both of these tours of duty I had two brothers in the same service – I remember when they left home – one tour – I think that they were both with my said husband in one of his tours – I do not now remember where they went to – but always understood that they all faithfully served the tour of duty

which was three months

My said brothers were Viz.

John Guthrie – who lived in Powell’s valley [Powell Valley] Virginia when he moved to Kentucky – now more than fifty years – I do not know what County he lives in – have not heard of him since

David Guthrie – moved South before we left Virginia, and I have never heard of him since – went I think to one of the Carolinas – or Alabama I remember a man by name of Abram Absher [sic: Abraham Abshire, pension application S6459] – he was in Service in there company with my said husband – he was our close neighbor and was an officer of some inferior rank – Corporal or Sergeant – We left home in Franklin County Virginia and have never heard of him since

The officers of the Mllitia of the vicinity were Thomas Arthur – called Colonel – I believe Thomas? Charter [Thomas Charter] – called Captain I believe

I think it probable that my said husband served under one of these – or both of them.

I have heretofore made some effort to obtain a pension as widow aforesaid, but I believe that no papers have been filed I do not now remember that I made any declaration – Mr Franklin McKee of this County was about to undertake it.

I know of no one alive anywhere by whom I can prove this service or our marriage

I make this declaration for the purpose of applying for the benefit of any Pension law or laws that embrace the facts of my case and I hereby with full power of substitution appoint C H Barkley of Louisville Kentucky my agent in this behalf.

The brothers of my said husband were John [John French, pension application R3795] and James – older than he was – and Hugh and Richard younger than he was these two last named are dead

John French moved to Illinois or Missouri – Missouri we think – about 30 years ago James French died [illegible word] in the State of Illinois many years ago I do not remember that either of his brothers were in the Army & Service – though they may have been

In regard to my age I will make this statement – I very well remember the commencement of Revolutionary War I remember going to School about the time

William Kandeler my sister’s husband was at the Siege of Cornwallis [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and I was nearly grown then – I stayed with my sister for assistance and company for her

In the Second term of my said husband he was taken sick, and his brother Hugh went and brought him home – so that he may not have been gone from home fully three months – but if not, the reason of it was on account of the sickness contracted in the service in line of duty

I remember when he came home sick and that he was sick for some time after and that he was brought on visit to my fathers – hauled in a wagon – the Militia for this term had started into Carolina – and it may have been a six months tour that they started on and I am clearly of impression that it was his second tour – I do not now remember that he said that he was in any battle, but I remember that he said that he was very near the British several times – that they in turn drove or were in very close pursuit of each other

We have no papers of any kind, in any way relating to this Service – the papers of my said husband after his dease [decease?] went into hands of our oldest son – Mason French – now deceased – and his home was robbed and a box of papers – all that he had were destroyed – and if we had any relating to his service they were then destroyed – but I do not now remember ever seeing any of the kind

I have heretofore been able to write my name – even up to within a few years, and could possibly do so now, but make my mark on account of loss of eyesight This 9th day of June 1860

Ann herXmark French

NOTE: Ann French’s application was supported by an affidavit by her daughter, Catherine Flanagan, age 62 on 5 March 1860, who stated that there had been five older siblings, the oldest being Sarah, deceased. The only other surviving sibling was David, four years older. William S. Flanagan, 35, added to this affidavit of his mother.