

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Emmert R3345

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Declaration

To obtain a pension
State of Tennessee
Sevier County} S.S.

On this 6th day of December 1843, personally appeared before me, Michael A. Rawlings a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid, Daniel Emert [sic] aged 56 [last digit unclear] years, a resident of said County and State, and after being duly sworn according to law, says on oath, that the following statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief, and according to the information given him by his parents, and which he verily believes to be true viz. that he is the son of Frederick and Barbary Emmert, both now deceased, that his father, the said Frederick Emmert, entered the army of the Revolution in the year __ where he resided at the time, and served faithfully in the space of a number of years that at the expiration of his said service, he returned to __ his residence, and shortly afterwards married Barbry Negtick [?],¹ this affiant's mother, – that soon after his said marriage, he was drafted as a soldier, but being unwilling to leave his wife, obtained a substitute, who served in his place, the term for which he had been drafted – that he, the said Frederick Emmert, was drafted a second time and he chose to enlist for during the War, which he done, and continued in service until the end of the war. – He was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] – That he received a discharge, which his children have often seen, but the said discharge was destroyed when his house was burnt, with all his other papers. That the said Frederick Emmert died on the 7th day of January 1829, leaving Barbary Emmert his widow, without ever applying for a pension as far as this affiant is aware of – That Barbary Emmert, his said widow, died on the 7th day of July 1842 without ever applying for a pension as far as this affiant is informed: leaving Barbary, Polly, Elizabeth, Margaritt, Frederick, Daniel and Katharine Emert [sic] her children, then living – That this affiant is now informed, that Barbary Emmert, his said Mother, was entitled, under the third section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July, 1836, to a pension for the Military services of Frederick Emmert, her said husband; – That this affiant does



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[sic, Barbara Anne Neidig]

not know of any record of the marriage of his parents – but ever since his early his recollection up to the time of his Father’s death, they lived together as husband and wife, and were reputed and believed to have been lawfully married prior to the birth of any of their children – and the legality of their marriage was never called in question or doubted by any person that he knows of. The following are the names and ages of the 2 oldest children, according to the family information

viz. Polly and Barbary aged 66 Polly aged 64 the children of Frederick & Barbary Emert
S/ Daniel Emert



Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year aforesaid and I further certify that I am well acquainted with Daniel Emert who has sworn and subscribed the foregoing affidavit, that he is a respectable citizen of this County, a credible witness and his statement entitled to full credit.

S/ Daniel Emert

S/ Michael A. Rawlings
Justice of the Peace for Sevier County

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State of Tennessee Sevier County

Be list [sic ?] Knowing that on the 2 Day of November 1844

Personally appears before me Martin Shults a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Barbary Shults of said County I do certify that my Father Frederick Emmert Deceased on the 7th day of January 1829 & my Mother Barbary Emmert Deceased on the 7th day of July 1842 for the dates of their deaths was put on the Toom stones & I do certify that at the Death of my Mother Barbary Emmert the Children then living was Barbary Shults & Polly Shields, Elisabeth Roberts & Frederick Emmert Jr. & Margaret Shields Daniel Emmert and Catherine Evans them is the Children living at the death of my mother & I do certify that there was not any Executor nor administrator ever appointed and if there was any record of the Death of my Father or mother on the Clerks Books I do not know at present but I believe there can be fifty persons that would Certify to the time of my Father & Mothers Deaths I do Certify that when my Father was called into the service: he was living in the State of Pennsylvania and I do not recollect the County I heard him say he served under General George Washington & I recollect very well of hearing him tell about two of his messmates one was by the name of Peter Wallwur [?]² and the other by the name of Isaac Stewal [?]³ And I heard them say they were married in wedlock in the State of Pennsylvania and I do not recollect the County and they moved from the State of Pennsylvania to Virginia & then to the state of North Carolina and then to Tennessee and there he died the day and date above ritten nothing more said

S/ Barbary Shults, X her mark

² Peter Wallwur

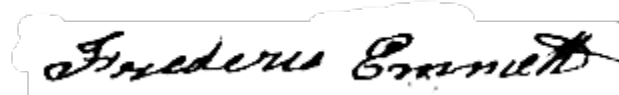
³ Isaac Stewal

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Be that knowing that on the 6th day of November 1844 personally appeared before me M. A. Rawlings Justice of the peace in and for the State aforesaid Mr. Frederick Emmert of said County and do Certify that my Father Frederick Emmert died on the 7th day of January 1829 and My Mother Barbary Emmert Deceased on the 7th day of July 1842 and the children living at the death of my Mother Barbary Emmert was Barbary Shults, Polly Shields, Elisabeth Roberts, Margaret Shields and Frederick Emmert, Daniel Emmert & Catherine Evans and I do Certify that there was not any Executor or Administrator appointed to my Fathers Estate nor my mothers Estate and I don't believe there is any record of the deaths of Either my Father or mother own the Clerks Book & I believe Father was living in the state of Pennsylvania when he was Called into service and the County not recollected and the Marriage with my Father and mother took place in the State of Pennsylvania the County not recollected the day and date above written.

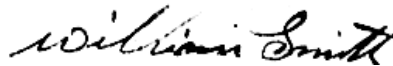
S/ Frederis Emmett



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I William Smith of the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee Do certify that I was well acquainted with Frederick Emert in his lifetime I lived neighbor to the said Frederick Emert six or seven years and served one Campaign of four months with him in the last war⁴ I heard him Speak and tell often times of his services in the Revolutionary war he spoke of Serving near seven years in the Revolution war and I believe he was in the most of the war I believe his statements to be true = he said he was stationed at the Lakes of [illegible word]⁵ I heard him tell of the Battles that he was in I do not recollect all he told of being in the Battle of quebeck [Québec] and at the taking of lard Cornwallace [Lord Cornwallis] and others but not recollect at this time, he had his house burned out and all his papers, he was reputed and believed and his statements was entitled to full Credit

S/ William Smith



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I Frederick Emmert Clergyman do certify that I am the son of Frederick and Barbary Emmert I do certify that I heard my father speak and tell oftentimes about his services in the revolution war I heard him tell that he entered about the commencement of the war and served in nearly all the war and I heard him telling about being stationed at the Lakes of Canaday [Canada?] and being at the battle of the Brandywine [September 11, 1777] I heard him telling of being in a battle at

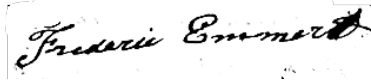
⁴ The War of 1812 was the 'late war' referred to in 1844.



quebeck or was stationed there near the other I heard him telling about one of his messmates his name was Peter Wallers [?]⁶ & his house was burnt up & all his papers he was reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he lived and his statements was entitled to full credit Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd January 1844

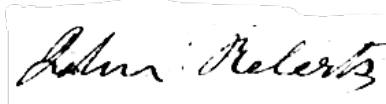
S/ M. A. Rawlings

S/ Frederic Emmertt



I John Roberts Clergyman residing in the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee do certify that I was well acquainted with Frederick Emmert in his lifetime he was reputed and believed to have been married prior to the birth of their first Children and the legality of their marriage was never called in question or disputed by any person that I ever heard of, and I heard him speak and tell oftentimes of his service in the revolution war he spoke about being in nearly the whole of the war and I heard him tell of serving under General Wain [sic, Anthony Wayne] and under General Washington and I heard him speak of being at the battle of the brandywine and I heard him telling about being stationed at the Lakes of Canaday and in the battle of quebeck and at a place they called [undeciphered words]⁷ one or the other and I heard him telling of divers other places but I do not recollect it the names of the places at present I further certify that he had his house burned up and all his papers and he was reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he lived and his statements was entitled to full credit

S/ John Roberts



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be list [sic ?] knowing that on the 15th of January 1845 personally appeared before John McKissick one of the Justices of the peace for Sevier County Mrs. Elizabeth Henry and after being duly sworn doth Certify that she is 80 years of age and was well acquainted with Frederick Emmertt [sic] in his lifetime I heard Emmertt & my husband William Henry telling about their service in the revolution war and I have heard them talk and tell of the hardness of the times and the suffering of the Army for provisions – Mr. Emmertt has stayed all knight [sic] at my house in his lifetime often times and him and my husband has set up nearly all knight telling of their service done in the war I heard Emmertt say he was in the Revolutionary war Three years I am certain and I heard him say he came home from the war and he got Married & sometime after he was Married he was drafted to go again in the war and he did not feel willing to leave his wife he higherd [hired] a substitute to go in his place and paid him and in a

⁶ Peter Wallers

⁷ by the name of the lake

short time after that there was another draft and he thought he would list [enlist] in during the war and he said he was in the war and at the time of Cornwallace defeat I could not be certain whether he said he was out as a drafted soldier or as a volunteer the first service he rendered in the war – and if Emmert had not had his house burned up and all the papers he had in his house he could have produced his discharges and a record of his Marriage and a record of the ages of his Children for Mr. Emmett was a man who was respected by all who knew him and was a correct man in all his statements and I believe every man that knew him would be willing to give or certify to this effect giving [given] under my hand this the 15th January 1845

S/ Elizabeth Henry, X her mark