

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Malachi Francis R3744                      Mary Francis                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 13 March 2014.

State of Kentucky        } ss  
Barren County Court    }

On this 15th day of August 1853 personally appeared in Open Court, James R. Beam Administrator of the Estate of Mary Francis deceased, who being duly sworn according to law on his Oath makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining for the surviving children of Mary Francis decs'd. the benefit of the act of Congress of July 7, 1838. To Wit: That he is the administrate on the Estate of Mary Frances widow of Malachi Francis both deceased. That the said Malachi Francis as this declarent has always understood and believes, was a Revolutionary Soldier of the Virginia Continental line, that he enlisted in the early part of the war, and served till after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781], and was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] and at the Siege of little York [Yorktown]. He believes that the said Malachi Francis entered the service as a private, but was promoted to an Office of some grade before he left the Service and that he must have served in all at least three years. He further states that the said Malachi and Mary Francis were married in Halifax County Virginia about the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty. That the said Malachi Francis died in the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty one on the 12th day of June, leaving the said Mary Francis his widow who did not again Marry but remained his widow until the eighth day of December Eighteen Hundred and fifty when she died, in said County of Barren, leaving Bartholomew Francis, Elizabeth McGinnis, Susannah Martin, Mary Bridges, Anna Beam, and John Francis her only surviving children, all of whom still survive.       [signed] James R Beam

Mercer County Kentucky Sct]

I William Brumfield of said county aged from my best information from 83 to 85 years do make the following statement Via

From my earliest recollection I was well acquainted with one Malachi Francis (a kinsman of mine) in Halifax County Virginia.

The said Malachi Francis as I have always heard and believed was a soldier in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the Virginia Troops.

I remember seeing him during said War and was then told that he was a soldier as above named. I saw him leave my father's house to go to the Army as I was then told. I saw him again on his return He stopped on his way home from the Army and stayed all night at my father's house

The said Francis moved to this State many years since and went to the part of it generally called the "Barrens" and died there many years since as I have been told.

And I am a disinterested witness

Witness my hand in Mercer County Kentucky on this [blank] day of November AD 1854  
William hisXmark Brumfield

NOTE:

The name Malachi Francis appears on a roll of enlistees in 1776 in the file Edmund Read (pension application W8084) as having enlisted on 24 June at age 21, a farmer.

John Francis certified that the family record transcribed below was kept first by his father and then by his mother. On 15 June 1852 Thomas Bridges, 59, stated that he married Mary "Polly" Francis 31 years previously, and that he had seen the family record. On the same date Johnson Young, 84, of Allen County KY, stated that he moved to Halifax County in 1789 where he met Malachi Francis, who had married Mary Fisher. On 16 June 1852 Bartholomew Francis also certified the authenticity of the family record, and he stated that his father was promoted to Lieutenant during his service, and that his mother

was 83 at the time of her death. On the same date William McGinnis, born in Halifax County VA in 1782, repeated many of these details and gave the ages of the surviving children, as follows: Bartholomew Francis 64, Elizabeth McGinnis 60, Susannah Martin 53, Mary Bridges 50, Anna Beam 45, and John Francis 43.

[The legibility of the family record is poor.]

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Bartholomu Born January 24<sup>th</sup> 1788

Betsy frances Born October 31<sup>th</sup> 1792

Patsy francis Born february 4<sup>th</sup> 1795

Mycajah Frances Born the 27 of august 1797

Susannah Francis born october 9, 1799

Polley Francis was born Jan'y 12<sup>th</sup> 1802

Maleciah Francis was born May 11<sup>th</sup> 1804

Anny frances Born Dec'r 1807

John frances Born Dec'r 1809

[The following is on a different page and in different handwriting:]

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John Francis Was Born December the 1<sup>st</sup> 1809

James R. Beem was Born June the 20<sup>th</sup> 1802