

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Micajah Francis R3745

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State of North Carolina }

Stokes County }

On this 12th September 1832 personally appeared before the justices of the court of Pleas and quarter Sessions, Micajah Francis a resident of the county Stokes and state of North Carolina aged sixty eight years the twenty first day of April last, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he entered the service in the county of Halifax and state of Virginia some time in the winter of 1781, the month not recollected, in the company commanded by Captain Joshua Powell, Lieutenant Charles Waughmock [Charles Womack], the ensign not recollected, for the term of three months, that he marched with his company through Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] to Cabin Point [on James River] about thirty miles below Petersburg, that he remained at Cabin Point about three days, that here he was transferred from his company and put under the command of Captain Thomas Lewis, Lieutenant David Bates, the ensign not recollected remembers that the sergent's name was Bird Pruett, the regiment was commanded by Alexander Dick, Major William Long, that they were under the command of General Mullenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], that they were stationed at the Dismal Swamp about twenty miles from Portsmouth, that he continued in that neighborhood until his term of service expired When he received a written discharge as well as he now recollects from Lieutenant David Bates, which discharge he has lost, that during this tour he served as a substitute for one John Treadaway, that he again entered the service in the same state and county, & for the same term of service, to wit, for three months, some time in the month of August or September 1781 as a drafted militia man, in the company commanded by Captain Michael Roberts, lieutenant John Brown ensign not remembered. remembers that the orderly sergents name was Henry Iesbell [Henry Isbell], he is not quite certain whether Isbell was sergent or ensign, but he recollects that he deserted the very night they arrived at Yorktown that he together with his company marched directly to Yorktown. that he continued to serve in the army at Yorktown until his term of service had expired, which was some few days after Lord Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] that he was there at the time of the surrender and he recollects that General Washington was there, the marquis La Fayette [Lafayette] & General [Anthony] Wayne were there, that after his term of service had expired, he received a written discharge from Captain Michael Roberts, which discharge he has lost. that he continued to reside in the county of Halifax about ten years after the war of the revolution, when he removed to the county of Stokes, where he has resided ever since, that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service except this brother Vincent Francis who resides in the state of Kentucky and Fayette county, that Col Mathew R. Moore, William Bayles, William Lyon, James Lyon Esquire, & Joseph Muster esquire are well acquainted with him and can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

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he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

NOTES:

Fold3 has this file at the end of the file of Malachi Francis (R3744) starting on p 41.

A letter written on 19 Dec 1845 on behalf of the widow of Micajah Francis of Marshall IL states that his pension application was returned by the Pension Office for amendment, and she did not know whether it was ever resubmitted.