

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Frazar (Frazer) R3764

Sarah Frazar

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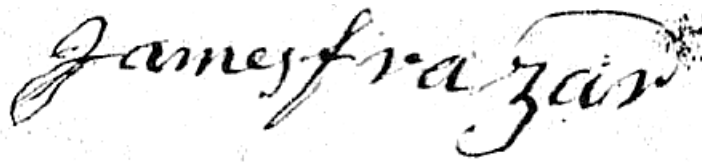
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### State of North Carolina Onslow County

On this 6th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Onslow, now sitting, James Frazar a resident of Onslow North Carolina aged Sixty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the howling declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That when this applicant was sixteen or seventeen years old, he was drafted by Colonel Thomas Johnson [Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Johnston], and when he ascertained that this applicant was so young this applicant volunteered, at the suggestion of this applicant's uncle, and was put under the command of Captain James Foy, and marched through Duplin County to Cross Creek where they were joined by General Caswell [Richard Caswell], and a large Regiment of troops; Under the command of General Caswell we marched up to the Cape Fear River and then crossed over to Haw River, marched through the Western part of the State to the South Carolina line, and went on towards Camden, but before we reached Camden, we were joined by General Gates [Horatio Gates], and a Regiment of Continental troops -- we continued our march until we reached the direct road leading to Camden, there the American troops embodied, & we continued our march, until we arrived near where Lord Cornwallis lay in camp, all that night preceding the Battle we lay on our arms, about sunrise the next day the American and British forces engaged [August 16, 1780] -- the British forces charged with great fury and the American Militia broke ground, and left the Continental troops, to bear the brunt of the onslaught -- they after a short resistance, were compelled to seek safety by flight; And thus the whole American Army was completely routed and dispersed. This applicant in company with a remnant of the Militia Army whom [sic] was Captain Foy and Sergeant Hicks, made the best of his way home, where he remained a fortnight, until he was ordered by Captain Foy, to meet at the Richland Chapel in Onslow, where he met others of the Militia, and under Captain Foy, this applicant marched to Kinston in Lenoir County, where we were joined by Major Simons from Currituck County, and carried thence to Hillsboro, and thence to Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River where we were relieved by another Regiment, and discharged by Captain Foy. On the West of Hillsboro we were joined by Colonel Benjamin Axum and his Regiment, who marched with us to Shallow Ford, where they were discharged also. This applicant received a discharge from Captain Foy, but lost it, which fact being known to Colonel Grant, he gave a discharge to this Applicant, which is herein filed marked A & dated 1780. This applicant in this service along to the 1st Regiment, served 3 months. This applicant was again drafted under the authority of Colonel [Lieutenant Colonel] Reuben Grant, in 1781,

and rendezvoused at the Richland Chapel in Onslow County, and marched to the Cross Roads through Duplin County, where we remained some time, waiting the approach of Major Craig [James Craig] and his forces from Wilmington & then returned to the Richland Chapel, where we encamped for some time; after two months of this applicant's time of service had expired, he was discharged by Colonel Grant, as will appear by his discharge hereto annexed marked B, and he enlisted at New Bern on board the Privateer *Edward*<sup>1</sup> commanded by Captain Isaac Goodhue; Joseph Scott Crea, was Capt of the Marines; this applicant served on board of this Privateer two months, and at sea fell in with the troops of Cornwallis, on their way to Charleston, to go to home to England. This applicant has no documentary evidence to support the statement herein contained. 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. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Frazar



S/ D. N. Sanders, Clk

[John Trott and George A. Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories: Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Onslow County North Carolina March 17th A.D. 1763

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have in my Bible and also in a prayer book both of which I have in my possession at home.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Onslow, I have lived there since the Revolutionary War and still continued to reside there.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was drafted & being found very young I volunteered under Colonel Thomas Johnson, and I was drafted by Colonel Reuben Grant

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: General Caswell, Colonel Benjamin Axum, Colonel Thomas Johnson and Colonel Reuben Grant. I was in the 1st Militia Regiment & the Continental Regiment I do not recollect we marched through the State of North Carolina into South Carolina, were defeated at Camden, served again in the Militia, was discharged at Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River and served two months in the privateer *Edward*.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what

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<sup>1</sup> [Frederick Foscue S2562](#) also claims to have served on the *Edward* under Capt. Goodhue. Foscue describes the *Edward* as an 18-gun brig cruising off Charleston.

See also <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20E-F.html> which has the following note:

*Edward*. Appeals Case 87, brig, Capt. Samuel Goodhue, Lt of Marines Benjamin Allen, captured the schooner *Good Fortune*, master James McConnell, 11 Jul 1782.

has become of it?

Ans: Yes, I received 2 discharges from Colonel Reuben Grant and they accompany this declaration.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: William Jones, David W. Sanders, Hardy O. Newton, Edward Jones, Nicolas H. Jones, Mitchell Barbour, John Lloyd and John Tallmon.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Frazar

S/ D. W. Sanders, Clk

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"This May Certify That James Frazar, Junr. has at alarms at Sundrey times served a Militia Tour of Duty. He is therefore Discharged until he comes to his turn in Rotation. Sept. 12th 178[ last digit obliterated by an any blot]

R. Grant, Colo." [Reuben Grant]

This May Certify That James Frazar Junr. has at Alarms at Sundrey Times serv'd a Militia Tour of Duty. he is there fore Discharged until it comes to his Turn in Rotation, Sept. 12. 1780. J. Grant, Colo.

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"This May Certify Jas. Frazar Junr Ser'd One Militia Tower [Tour] of Duty, to the Sothad [sic southward?] Under Command of James Foy, he is there for Discharged until he comes to his Turn in Rotation. Oct. 10th 1780.

S/ R. Grant, Colo." [Reuben Grant]

This May Certify That Jas. Frazar Junr. Ser'd One Militia Tower of Duty, to the Sothad Under command of James Foy, he is there fore Discharged until it comes to his Turn in Rotation, Oct. 10. 1780. J. Grant, Colo.

[p 27: In a letter dated March 3, 1841, the writer states that James Frazar is dead and his children request his papers in connection with his application be returned to Brice Trott at Onslow Court House, NC]

[p 16: On January 1, 1853 in Onslow County North Carolina, Brice Trott, 62, filed a power of attorney stating that he is the heir of James Frazier [sic] by right of Trott's wife Mary, daughter of James Frazier, a soldier in the revolution, who died October's 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1845; that the veteran's widow, Sarah, died May 22, 1851; that the veteran and his wife were married January 18, 1785 when they were residents of North Carolina. The power of attorney is signed by both Brice Trott and Mary Trott, by her mark.

*Brice Trott*  
*Mary Trott*  
*mark*

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