

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Frost R3815

Isabella Frost

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State of North Carolina Johnston County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1847

On this 26th day of May 1847 personally appeared in open Court Rachel Britt resident of the County of Johnston aged 60 years who having been duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed the 4th July 1836 -- that she is the daughter and only living child of Captain James Frost who was an officer of the Revolutionary War and of Isabella Frost deceased -- that her father the said Captain James Frost and her mother, the said Isabella Frost removed from the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1775 as she has heard them declare, and settled in the County of Stokes or Guilford, her father was an iron maker and came from the iron district of Pennsylvania and to the same region in North Carolina for the purpose of working in iron. Some years after the Revolutionary War broke out her father joined a company and marched to the South as she believes to South Carolina and Georgia, and was in a battle the name of which she cannot now remember distinctly as it is only from the hearsay of her father & mother that she has any knowledge of these matters; in this service her father was absent either six or [p 3] nine months the length of time, she cannot state precisely, for the want of recollection -- about one year after this period, her father was called into service again in an expedition against the Tories in the southern part of this State and was absent from home as she has frequently heard from her mother three months. She has heard her father say he was at Ramsey's Mills in what year she cannot pretend to say, and this, as well as all the Service, he was engaged in, he commanded a company; the first of which, was raised in the County of Guilford and afterwards from Stokes or Rockingham from which counties he marched the men he commanded. At the battle of Guilford he was in command of a company and she has often times heard him narrate the events of the action, and of troops under him following the British Army several days after the battle -- her father served in the several tours he was in, one year and a half, from what she has heard him repeatedly declare and that the statement she here makes is only from the reflections of this communication of her father & mother in relation to his services and which was generally believed by all who knew him. She further declares that her father intermarried with her mother whose maiden name was Isabella Van Dyke in the year 1769 in the State of Pennsylvania, what County she cannot now say, but recollects having heard her father and mother frequently say they had 2 children born when they came to North Carolina Ezekiel Frost the eldest and Jonas Frost [pages out of order in Fold3.com—her affidavit picks up at page 7] the next that Ezekiel was born in 1770 or 1771 and that Jonas was born about 2 years before they emigrated to this

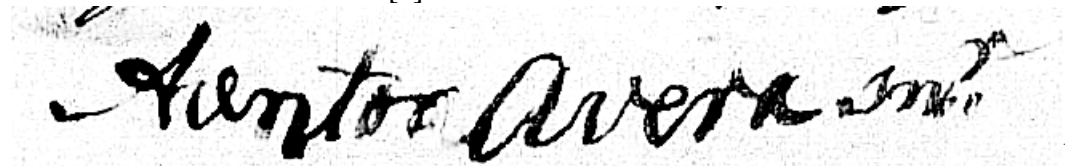
State: there were a number of other children, but these 2 were of the oldest and herself the youngest of the family. She has no record of the time of the marriage and the register of the ages of the children if any was Kept must have been taken by the brothers above mentioned when they removed up to Stokes & Guilford where they both died a few years since -- that her father with all his family removed to this County in the year 1795 for the purpose of working an iron mine, then discovered and supposed, & still believed to be rich -- valuable, and died in the year 1815 about 73 years old. That she remained with her mother & all the family here where she has still lived, and that her mother remained a widow up to the time of her death the 1st October 1837 making no application herself for the pension due on account of the service of her husband Captain James Frost, because she was not aware she was entitled to anything; and this declarant herself has been only recently apprised, that she could recover the amount due o her mother, the said Isabella Frost deceased who was about 86 years old when she died -- she therefore makes this application with the humble hope, the arrears due her mother the said Isabella Frost may be allowed her.

S/ Rachel Britt

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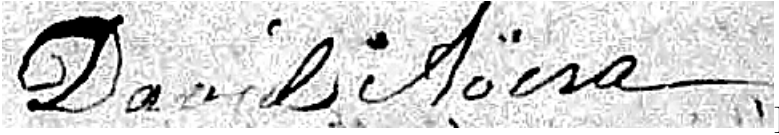
[p 5: On May 26, 1846, in Johnston County North Carolina, Arinton Avera, 76, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Captain James Frost late of Guilford County and later of Johnston County; that in the year 1785 Captain James Frost came to Johnston County with his wife the late Isabella Frost and a large family of children from Guilford or Stokes County for the purpose of opening and working a rich iron mine then discovered in Johnston County and still considered a rich vein of ore; that Captain Frost died in the year 1815; that he had 2 sons easy cool and Jonas the oldest children and the always understood from Captain Frost and Mrs. Frost that those 2 children were born before they moved from Pennsylvania; that there was little difference between the age of the deponent and Jonas Frost the 2nd child of Captain Frost; that Isabella Frost died October one, 1837 at the age of 86 or 87; that deponent head hundreds of conversations with Captain Frost about his services in the Revolutionary War and heard Captain Frost speak of being in the battles at Ramsey's Mills and the Guilford Court house; that Frost served as a Captain -- "that particularly about time an election for Captain was held by the candidates placing themselves in open Space, and the men were directed to march up to the manned of their choice, and that every man of the Company marched up to Captain Frost..."; That from the ages of Captain Frost's 2 oldest children, he and his wife must have been married prior to the war of the Revolution.

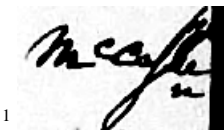
S/ Arentor Avera Snr. [?]

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[p 9: On June 4, 1847, David Avera, 70, of Johnston County, gave testimony as to James Frost and his family moving to Johnston County, NC sometime between 1795 and 1800; that James Frost and his wife, Isabella, had a large family of children the names of whom he recites in the

order of their ages, as best he recollects, to wit: Ezekiel, Jonas, John, James, McCaflen [?]¹, Nicholas and Sam and two daughters, Sally and Rachel; the latter being very young when the family moved to Johnston County; that Rachel is the widow of Reddin Britt and is the only living child of James and Isabella, known to affiant; that James Frost was skilled in iron making; that affiant often heard James speak of his services in the Revolution.

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