

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Fream S10699

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State of Pennsylvania }  
Somerset County Ss }

On this fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally came before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of Somerset County aforesaid William Fream a resident of the county aforesaid aged seventy three years and one month who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 Vizt

That he entered the service as a drafted militia man in the Maryland line in the fall of 1778 in Frederick County Maryland under the command of Captain Wiley to guard prisoners at Fort Frederick on the Potomac and was out that tour sixty days and received no pay whatever. On the eighth of July 1781 he this declarant was drafted a second time in Frederick County Maryland and marched to Annapolis under the command of Captain Boyer of Frederick Town – the company to which this declarant belonged was then put under the command of Captain Gaiter [probably Gaither] who declarant recollects was afterwards deprived of his commission for striking two men with his sword. Afterwards the same company was put under the Command of different other Captains whose name the declarant does not now remember The regiment to which he belonged was called the Fourth Regiment of the Maryland Line and was commanded by Smallwood he does not recollect whether he was General or Colonel.[Gen. William Smallwood] Afterwards they were put under the command of a French Officer who he believes was General La Fayette [Lafayette] He marched under him to Yorktown in Virginia where he was during the siege of that place and at the time of the Surrender of Cornwallis on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1781. After the surrender of Yorktown and Gloucester this deponent guarded prisoners until he came to Frederick Town Maryland Afterwards he was taken to Annapolis where he was discharge. His discharge he trampled under his feet as all persons considered the war at an end He got some continental money he does not remember how much He was out about six months at that time. He remembers a French fleet lying in York River at the time of the siege and believes it was commanded by De Grasse.

He hereby relinquishes all claims whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of any agency in any state in the United States

William hisXmark Fream

Land Office, Annapolis, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1833

I Certify, that it appears by list or pay roll, remaining in this office; headed as follows; “An Alphabetical List of Discharged Soldiers of the two Battalions of Militia raised to serve 9 months, or until the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1781; That the name of William Fream, appears upon said list to have been discharged on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1781, and to have received £10.6.8

George G. Brewer

Reg’r. L’d. Off. W. S. Md.

NOTE: Mary Landers, 68, and Moses Fream (as he signed), about 62, certified the service of their brother, William Fream.