

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Jackson S13525

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State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September in the year of Christ 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the following Justices viz. John Steele, Samuel Wallace, Barnett Gains & William Wooldridge Composing the County Court of Woodford now sitting Francis Jackson a resident of Woodford County State of Kentucky aged seventy-five years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he resided in the County of Amelia State of Virginia during the revolutionary war. That as a citizen of said County he was drafted a number of tours of duty in the manner following that is every man from the beginning of Virginia invasion by the British was bound to stand a draft in his Company by tens, that is every 10<sup>th</sup> man had to perform a tour of duty, by lot until the whole number of ten had undergone duty, and then that one which performed the 1<sup>st</sup> Tour of duty was again called on during the whole war, Submitting as he was bound to do to the foregoing regulation, he performed Tours of duty an off to make up the full Term of eighteen months in the State line of Virginia ending about the first of May 1781, after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], and 6 or 7 months before the Battle of York Town, that in the first Tours of duty he performed was in marching from Amelia County to Petersburg, Williamsburg, and other Points of defense within his State, that on the disappearance of the British from these points he would be ordered home. In one of the first Tours of duty he was commanded by Captain Vaughn [probably Robert Vaughan] a militia officer, that under him he marched and performed a Tour of three months duty in go to and defending Williamsburg & that he performed five more Tours of duty under various captains, about 3 months each except one which was longer. Concluding with the one at Guilford Court house which was 5 months long, that the tour of duty he was commanded by Captain Robert Hudson, that he belonged to the Regiment commanded by Major or Colonel Cunningham of Prince Edward County, that he joined the Brigade of General Lawson [Robert Lawson], that he marched from Amelia County as near a direction as possible to join General Green [Nathanael Greene] in the State of North Carolina near Guilford Courthouse, that his Regiment joined several other regiments and formed General Lawson's Brigade & one commanded by General Stephens [Edward Stevens], which Joined General Green's Army near said Court House, that General Green a few days after the Virginia & North Carolina militia and a small portion of Regulars, Joined him gave Lord

Cornwallis an engagement at Guilford Court House on or near the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 Some 9 or 10 months before the siege of York that in said engagement the American Army gave way retreated over the Reedy fork, from there to the Speedwell Iron Works, that on the exact day after the engagement the American Army or part of them went back to the Battle Ground to bury the dead, that after that act was over, they marched with remainder of General Green's Army in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis to Deep River at one Ramsey's Mills, but did not follow Lord Cornwallis further, that Cornwallis pursued his course through Carolina to Virginia, that General Green did not pursued Cornwallis into Virginia, but marched his Army to South Carolina, that the Virginia militia left General Green on Haw River, and returned home to Virginia that his Captain Hudson died before he reached home in Virginia, that when the Virginia Militia reached the line between Virginia and Carolina they were all discharged from service, by the Commandant of the militia, the number of this Regiment not recollected, he states that he has but a poor recollection of the names of officers, but more recollection in relation to events that were the most striking, to wit that of the engagements, that in the Tours of duty he performed he never was in but the engagement as aforesaid, that he now is very infirm and 75 years old, and nearly blind, that he has no documentary evidence of said services, nor does he know of a living witness who can positively prove his services, except John Jackson that is now living who went with this applicant to the Army some 2 or 3 Tours and once to bring his horse Back and knows of his absence at various other times, and of his then universal [?]<sup>1</sup> reputation in the neighborhood for being in the Army – and of his return home whose deposition he will if possible procure and annexed to the foregoing declaration,

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in the United States, or either of them.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Francis Jackson



Questions put to the applicant by the Court

Where and in what year were you born.

Ans. I was born in Amelia County State of Virginia, in the year 1757 August of that year  
Have you any record of your age and, if so, where is it.

Ans. I had a record of my age when I came to Kentucky, but have lost the original, and now have a Copy, which makes me the aforesaid age.

Where were you living when called into Service, where have you lived since the revolution, and where do you now live.

Ans. I lived when I was called into service in Amelia County State of Virginia and lived in said County until 1787 when I moved to Kentucky and lived in Fayette County 2 years I now live in Woodford County where I have been living for 42 years, and have been a professor of the Baptist Church for near 40 years, and now am one.

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if so for whom.

Ans. I was drafted for all the Terms of Service I performed.

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<sup>1</sup> universal

State the names of some regular Officers who were with the where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the General circumstances of your service.

Ans. I recollect Colonel Williams & General Huger of the continentals and General Green the Commander in chief, General Stephens was a militia officer of Virginia & Lawson Regiment or Brigade, for all the services I performed I received no pay except Continental money that he was not in the siege of York having just returned from the Guilford Courthouse engagement.

Did you receive a discharge and if so where is it.

Ans. I recollect of having no discharge except verbal ones

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can speak of and testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution,

Ans. I state as my neighbors that know me the following persons, George Blackburn & Isaac Crutcher a clergyman residing in the County of Woodford State of Kentucky

[Isaac Crutcher, George Blackburn, William Blackburn & Nolley Flournoy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Franklin County

The affidavit of John C Jackson taken on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 in the County of Franklin before Francis Graham Justice of the peace for Franklin County to be laid before the Honorable Secretary of War on the behalf of Francis Jackson and Applicant to be placed on the pension Roll of the United States as a revolutionary soldier.

The affiant being of lawful age and first being cautioned, charged & sworn deposeth and saith that he lived in the County of Amelia State of Virginia during the revolutionary war, he was a neighbor to Francis Jackson Senior now of Woodford County Kentucky who has applied to the Government to be placed on the pension roll and who has applied to this Affiant for his testimony on the occasion.

This Affiant deposeth and saith that living near each other in said County of Amelia State of Virginia during the revolutionary Struggled that he served to his own knowledge 2 towers of duty with the said Francis Jackson that in one of those towers he & said Francis Jackson served under one Captain Booker from Amelia County, they hire officers this deponent cannot recollect. In this tower they were marched to the lower parts of Virginia crossing the Chickahominy River and then awaiting the Enemy until their terms were expired they were discharged.

This deponent further states that he and said Francis Jackson was at another time ordered to Chesterfield Courthouse to receive further orders that they both went together that this affiant continued there during the winter and that the said Francis Jackson was detached under Captain Hudson and was ordered to March to meet General Greene in North Carolina and that this affiant understood and believes from report that said Jackson was at the battle of Guilford – which he well understood when he returned home the next spring Hudson was said Francis Jackson & my militia Captain in the neighborhood and this deponent believes that said Francis was under him in the Guilford Campaign – Hudson died before he returned home, he believes in Prince Edward County Virginia on his return home. From the length of time since these transactions this affiant cannot specify the particular dates.

He recollects positively but 3 Campaigns the said Jackson was out but being absent

himself on various towers the said Francis may have served many others without his knowledge. He believes he served his full towers when called on, he does not believe he or never heard of his hiring a substitute.

This affiant states – He recollects serving with said Francis himself to towers and although this deponent was not at the Battle of Guilford it was well understood that the said Francis was in that Battle.

This Affiant states that the said Francis Jackson's standing in society was good that to the best of his knowledge his character was irreproachable & further this Affiant saith not.

Franklin County 30 August 1832

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said Franklin County John C Jackson<sup>2</sup> of said County and made oath to the within affidavit. Given under my hand the day & year above written.

S/ Francis Graham

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service.]

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S2648