

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Frazer (Frazier) S17964 VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 1 March 2014.

State of Virginia

Rockbridge County to wit:

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Rockbridge, in open court, John Frazier of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy seven years the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February last; who 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was drafted in the year 1774 & served a tour of three months against the Indians on the waters of Greenbrier River, in a company of militia commanded by Capt. George Matthews [sic: George Mathews], from the County of Augusta, George Gibson Lieutenant, and Wm. Robinson [William Robinson] Ensign. That he was born near Christians Creek in the County of Augusta, State aforesaid, and at the time of entering into the service he resided in Augusta. That he was in no engagement. That he received a discharge from the Captain, but has lost it.

He further states that he was again drafted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 17. [sic] & served a tour of three months in the militia service in a company commanded by Capt. [James] Buchanan, which was attached to the regiment commanded by Col John Bowyer. That he was marched from the County of Rockbridge [formed in 1778] to Portsmouth, against the British. That during this tour he was in several skirmishes, but no general engagement; He recollects of having been in one skirmish, in which Sergeant Hodge was killed – a man who had been useful to the army as a pilot, & in which a Lieutenant whose name is not recollected was wounded. He further states that Joseph Bell [pension application S6608], Remix Hodge, can certify to his services, during this tour

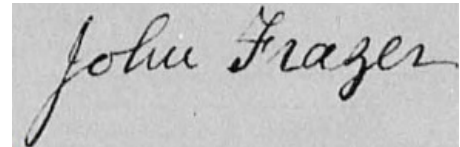
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He received a discharge from the commanding Officer of his company which he has lost. at the time of entering into the service he resided in that part of Rockbridge called the Calf pastures. He further states that in the year [blank] he was again drafted & served a tour of three months against the Indians, in a company of Militia commanded by Captain [John] McCoy, Lieutenant James Elliott & Ensign Joseph Gwinn [Joseph Gwin] That he, marched from the County of Rockbridge to West fort on the waters of the western Branch of Mononagalia [West's Fort near present Jane Lew WV on Hackers Creek, a tributary of West Fork River, formerly the West Fork of Monongahela River], where he was stationed during this tour, for the greater part thereof.

That he was again in the year [blank] drafted & served a tour of three months, against the Indians, who were then committing Hostilities upon the people residing on the Greenbrier River. That he was under the command of Lieutenant Campbell. That he was marched from the County of Rockbridge to Clover lick on the Greenbrier River & was stationed there during this term of service.

He relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not upon the pension roll or agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

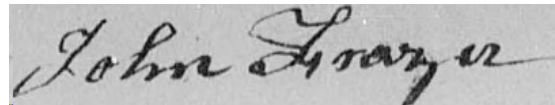


Rockbridge County }  
State of Virginia }

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Joseph Steele a Justice of the Peace

for the County aforesaid, John Frazier, a Resident in s'd. County, and an applicant for a Pension under the late act of Congress, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendments to his declaration for a Pension – In his Declaration he mentioned that he served 4 Tours of Three months each. Two only of these Tours were during the Revolutionary War. And for these Two Tours of Three months each he claims a Pension – namely for the Second Tour mentioned in his Declaration, in which he marched to Portsmouth. This service was performed he believes in 1781, having marched the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. The Second Tour he served during the Revolution, is the last Tour mentioned in his Declaration, which took place this applicant believes in 1776. He states that he served in all during the Revolutionary War Six months and for this Time he claims a Pension.

He has no record of his age except in his memory. He was living in Augusta & Rockbridge Counties Virginia when called into service – he has lived in s'd. County of Rockbridge since the Revolution, where he now lives. He states that when he served during the Revolution, he went both Tours, from s'd. County of Rockbridge. He was drafted during both Tours. He never received a commission.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Frazier". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

This day James Kelso [S18068] came before me Robert Sterrett a Justice of the peace for Rockbridge County and made oath that in the yeare one thousand seven hundred and eighty one he was drafted, and that John Fraizer was also drafted we served under Captin James Buckhanen and was atatched to Coulnel John Bowers Regement and that the s'd. John Fraizer started in compiany with my self about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Janury or nere that time and returned nere the Last of Aprile in the same yeare. this Tour was cald the portsmouths Tour. nere Norfolk, we ware in severel skrimegees but now general ingagement. S'd. Kelso says he beleves that they sarved three Months Exclusive of the time gowing and returning which he beleves was nere three Hundred miles home. s'd Kelso further sayeth not  
Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833                      Robert Sterrett

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Frazer John  
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Frazier

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Virginia certificate 23.969  
John Frazier of Rockbridge  
Private 6 months, Col Boyer  
Issued 04Apr1834 @ \$20/annum

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Virginia At Rockbridge County Court, November 6<sup>th</sup> 1832

The declaration of John Frazer together with the certificates of Joseph Bell and Renix Hodge of which the foregoing are true copies were produced in court and severally sworn to and subscribed in open court. And the said court declared their opinion after investigating the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department that the said applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the court further certified ....[etc]

[Sal McD Reid, clerk

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[supporting statements and certification

Joseph Bell, neighbor

Reverend Renix Hodge, clergy

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amendment to declaration 01Jul1833 before Joseph Steele, JP, Rockbridge County]

Of the 4 tours, only two were during the Revolutionary war.]

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[p12 Pension commission response to inquiry

John Frazer was born 15Feb1755 near Christian Creek, Augusta County Virginia

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13Sep1833 supporting statement Rockbridge County, VA

John Kerr, Presbyterian clergyman

John F Carruthers, JP

Robert Sterrett, JP

Joseph Steele, JP

Samuel McD Reid, clerk

James Kelso, compatriot soldier with Frazier in 1778, under Captain Buchanan, Col Bowyer to Norfolk and Portsmouth 1st of January to last of April.]