

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James M. Franklin (Jid Canterbury) S31040

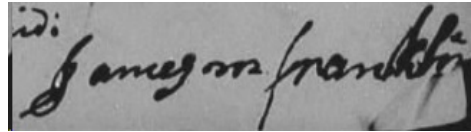
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 19 Jan 2017.

Shelby County        }  
and                    }  
State of Kentucky }    On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1833 personally appeared before the  
County Court of said County James M Franklin a resident of the County of  
Spencer in the state aforesaid aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn  
according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the  
provision made by act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

He states that he was born on the last day of October in the year 1763, as informed by his parents, in Orange County in the state of Virginia. That he was bound as an apprentice to a certain Thomas Staple of said County last named. that he ran off from said Thomas Staple and enlisted in the month of January in the year 1778 [sic] at the Barracks seven miles from Charlottesville [sic: Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville, constructed at the end of 1778] in Albemarle County in Virginia, as a private to serve in the army of the United States for the period of three years. He enlisted under the assumed name of Jid Canterbury. after his enlistment he was placed under the Command of Captain Richard White [Richard P. White], attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment under Command of Coln Francis Taylor. Richard Pollard was the Lieutenant of his Company. He remembers Genl Woods [sic: James Wood] who kept his Head Quarters at Charlottesville Captn Garland Burley [sic: Garland Burnley, BLWt1885-300], Captn Holeman Rice [sic: Holman Rice, S31327], Captn Timberlake [Benjamin Timberlake VAS355] Commanded Companies at the same place and in the same service, which was to guard the prisoners taken with Burgoyne [at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777 and brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779]. He was stationed at the Barracks more than two years. The prisoners in the Fall of 1781 [sic: Feb 1781] were moved near to Winchester in Virginia. He marched under Captn White to guard the prisoners. After the prisoners reached their new place of destination, we were marched from Winchester through the Lower end of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper County] and crossed Rappidan into Spottsylvania [sic: Rapidan River into Spottsylvania county] and thence to the Rocky Mill on Pamunky [sic: Pamunkey River], thence through the lower end of Henrico below Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and between that place and James Town we met a corps of the British Troops and had a skirmish with them & were beaten – was slightly wounded in the arm with a shot and also with a bayonet in the left elbow. Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne was then Commanding the detachment of the army to which I then belonged. From the point last named he was marched to York, when Captn [Obadiah (Opie)] Davenport took the Command of our Company White being absent. After the surrender of Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] he was detailed with the troops to guard the prisoners, and was marched on that service to Winchester Virginia. He served as second serjeant in Captn White's Company from the time of his enlistment until he was discharged regularly. He does not recollect the prescise day of his enlistment. He received a written discharge from Captn Rich'd White at Winchester, he having resumed the Command of the Company before we left York. He received his discharge in January 1782, and placed it in the hands of his elder brother Absalom [Absalom Franklin, W8830] who was an enlisted Soldier and discharged at the same time. He and his brother separated very soon after that, and he has never seen him since, nor does he know where he is, nor what he done with this applicants discharge. He states that he served as an enlisted soldier in the army of the Revolution in manner as before stated for the Term of three years commencing in January 1779, and ending in January 1782, and in the rank of second Serjeant of his Company. He has now no documentary evidence of the services hearabove stated to have been rendered by him, nor does he now know of any living witness by whom he can prove said services but Jesse Alvis [S35765] of Shelby County Kentucky. He states that for the convenience of said Alvis, who is quite old, he has thought proper to make his declaration in Shelby County where said Alvis resides. He cannot now offer any proof to the Court as to the general belief in the

neighborhood where he resides of his having served in the Revolutionary war. 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 or Territory of the United States. He states that he has resided in Kentucky for 43 years past and before that he resided in the state of Virginia in Henrico County. He [undeciphered word] no Clergyman in this County by whom he make proof as to the general belief of his neighbourhood as to his services in the Revolution, or to make proof as to his age &c, and his distance from his neighbourhood does not allow of him at present to prove such facts; sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James M. Franklin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Shelby County }  
State of Kentucky } On the 12<sup>th</sup>[?] day of December in the year [blank; 1833] personally appeared before the Court of said County now sitting, Jesse Alvis a resident of said County aged seventy five years and known to the said Court as a pensioner of the United States, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath say that he knows James Franklin the applicant who has subscribed the foregoing declaration, and that he knows him to be the same man who served under Capt White in the year 1779 at the Barracks near Charlottesville in Virginia. That he knows that said Franklin enlisted in the Army of the Revolution, at the said Barracks by the name of Jid Canterbury, and served as a soldier of Capt Whites Company under that name but cannot say he was second Serjeant. This Affiant was an enlisted soldier at the same time and was under the command of Capt Holeman Rice, and attached to the same Rejiment that Canterbury as he was then called belonged to. This Affiant was at the said Barracks as an Enlisted soldier before said Applicant enlisted, and was stationed there all the time until the prisoners were moved to near Winchester, and was well acquainted with said applicant. This affiant was in the same detachment of the Army with said Applicant, and he believes on the same service with him until his the said Applicant's term of enlistment expired and he has no doubt that said applicant served as an enlisted soldier in the army of the United States for the term of three years and in the manner said applicant has stated in his declaration, which this Affiant has heard deliberately red to him. This affiant saw him frequently acting as Serjeant in Capt White's Company after January 1779.

Jesse hisXmark Alvis

#### NOTES:

On the file jacket and in the previous transcription the alias of James M. Franklin was given as "Sid Canterbury." I am grateful to Mr. Bill Franklin for pointing out this error. Mr. Franklin also noted that this soldier is recorded on rolls of Capt. James Burton's company of the Convention Army Guard at Albemarle Barracks (<http://www.revwarapps.org/b112.pdf>) as Jidethon Canterberry and as Jedethon Canterbury, and on a payroll of Capt. Ambrose Madison's company of the Convention Army Guard (<http://www.revwarapps.org/b105.pdf>) as Jeduthon Canterbury.

The file contains a letter by Benj. B. Franklyn of Astoria OR dated 2 September in the 1890s inquiring whether his father received his pension under the name "Jas. M. Franklyn" or the name he enlisted under.