

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Freeman S31681

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State of Georgia Jasper County

On this the twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally came before the Superior Court of Jasper County and State aforesaid, Daniel Freeman, a resident of said State and County, aged seventy-five years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted as a private soldier in the Army of the United States in the year 177_ -- (the precise year not now recollected) with Captain James Williams, and served in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina line, General Nash's [Francis Nash's] brigade, under Colonel James Thaxton [James Thackston] who continued to command all the time he was in the service. There were several officers & under officers changed frequently during the service names not now recollected. He never enlisted but once (but served a short tour, previous to his enlistment, as a volunteer under Colonel Rogers' [Captain Michael Rogers] commanded by Governor Caswell [Richard Caswell] of North Carolina -- & was in the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge¹ where we defeated the Tories) He left the service in the fall of the same year of the battle of Monmouth,² time not now recollected.

After enlisting he first rendezvoused at Wilmington North Carolina, and marched from thence to Hadley's Point [sic, Haddrell's Point?] in South Carolina, after remaining there a while he marched from thence through North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland (brigade inoculated at Georgetown) from thence to Philadelphia. From thence over the Schuylkill, under General Washington, to the head of Elk, from thence to Shad's ford on the Brandywine, was in the battle³ there fought. And marched from thence into winter quarters at Valley Forge. He was in the battle of Germantown,⁴ where General Nash was killed, & was near him when he received his death wound. He was also with the Army at the battle of Monmouth in New Jersey, but was not personally in the fight having been detached on a flanking party, that did [not?] come into the engagement.

In the fall of the year after the battle of Monmouth he was discharged at a place called the White Plains, to the best of his recollection. Having served out the full term for which he enlisted viz. two years & a half. He states his discharge is lost.

¹ February 27, 1776. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>

² June 28, 1778

³ September 11, 1777

⁴ October 4, 1777

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.
Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court October 23rd 1832
S/ Wm B. Stokes, Clk

S/ Daniel Freeman, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Daniel Freeman a private in Captain Williams's [James Williams'] Company of the 4th Regiment enlisted on the 3rd May 1776, for 2 1/2 years and was discharged on the 10th of November 1778

Given under my hand this 6th of February 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]