

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Friatt S32558

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State of Illinois } Ss

Jackson County } On this 3^d day of September AD 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners Court of Jackson County in the State of Illinois now sitting Robert Friatt a Resident of Jackson County in the State of Illinois aged Seventy three 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the year 1777 he was a Resident of Barkly [sic: Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia and in the month of September of that year there was a call for men to march against the Indians and this deponent volunteered for that service in a Company commanded by Capt John Baldwin and this and two other companies were under the command of Gen. [Edward] Hand – the other Companies were commanded one by Capt Thomas Baldwin and one by Capt Redikin. We marched over the mountain toward fort Pitt [at present Pittsburgh] and before we arrived there we heard of the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and the taking of Philadelphia [by Cornwallis, 26 Sep 1777] And after remaining at fort pitt a short time we marched down to Fort Wheeling with most of the men and stationed at deferent places from Pitt to Wheeling to guard the Frontier against the Indians. This deponent was stationed at a place called Beach Bottom [sic: Beech Bottom] between Wheeling and Buffalo Creek. And in this manner performed a tour of three months and were then discharged and went home.

In the month of October 1780 the British came and burnt Richmond and there was a call for men and this Deponent volunteerd again and a company was organized under the command of Edward Davis and three days before we were to march news came that the British were gone but we were ordered to remain organized in readiness to march at any moment when called on and we remained so until the next Spring when Cornwallis marched his army through Carolinas and Virginia and in the month of April 1781 the company was called into Service and marched to Richmond and served under a Reguler Colonel by the name Maryweather [probably Thomas Meriwether] and Major [William] McWilliams Gen Mullenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] leading the Gen. Command. He stayed but a short time at Richmond until driven off by the British and we retreated in front of them throwing every obstacle in the way of their march such as destroying Bridged &c until the British discovered they could not cut off the communication between our force and the main army under Washington at that time to the north They then turned off and went to Charlottesville [sic: Charlottesville, 6 Jun 1781] where the General Assembly of Virginia was then sitting. We were all this time under the command of Gen. Mulinburgh and the Marquis De Le Fayette [sic: Lafayette] until we joined Washingtons army at a place called Mataponi Church [sic: Mattaponi Church] We then turned and drove the British in turn [see endnote] and at the expiration of this three months tour this deponat took the place as a substitute for one John Friatt for another tower of three months and during this last mentioned tour his Captain was by the name of Isaac Ivens [probably Isaac Evans] and the Regiment was commanded by Colo. William Dark During this touer the British Army was Driven into Yorktown and it Did not expire until about Eight days before the surrender [19 Oct 1781] He was at the Battle of Jamestown [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and in some other light skermishes – at Jamestown Gen. Wain [sic: Anthony Wayne] commanded the Americans Colo. Lee & Colo Washington had command in the cavalry [sic: see endnote]. He was regularly Discharged by a Discharge in writing but thinking it of no use to him lost it soon after the war. And says he has no further documentary testamony and he knows of no person in his power now living by whom he could prove his actual services

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

Interrogatoris Put by the Court.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born
 Answer In Barkly County State of Virginia in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight

Question 2^d Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it.
 Answer It was Recorded in the County in which I was born and I have a copy of it at home.

Question 3^d Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live.
 Answer In Barkly County V. when called into service when I left that place I moved to the falls of the Ohio River [now Louisville KY] thence to Sumner Co W. Tennessee thence to Christian Co Kentucky thence to Clear Creek in the Territory of Illinois and now live in Jackson Co. State of Illinois.

Question 4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.
 Answer I refer to my former statements for an answer to this last question.

Question 5th State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.
 Answer I also refer to my former statements in answer to this question.

Question 6 Did you ever receive a Discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.
 Answer I have Recied one by my Colo. Philip Pendleton the second by Capt Edward Davis.

Question 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your Character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.
 Answer. I will give the name of Green Lindsey a Clergyman of my neighborhood and Jesse Griggs of my County. Robert hisXmark Friatt

NOTES:

Lafayette actually began pursuing Cornwallis after joining the forces under Gen. Anthony Wayne at Brock's Bridge on North Anna River on 10 June 1781. Washington did not arrive in Virginia until the middle of September.

Lt. Col. Henry Lee and Lt. Col. William Washington were in South Carolina at the time Friatt implied they were in Virginia.