

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Driver S35901      f18VA      2/6/12

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Kentucky                      16,460

Francis Driver    ®

of Scott Co. in the state of Kentucky who was a private in the regiment commanded by Col. Hendricks of the Virginia line, for the term of 2 years-1776 to '78

Inscribed on the roll of Kentucky, at the rate of 8 dollars per month, to commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 9 of Feb. 1820 and sent to Hon: Richard M. Johnson, Senator US for KY.

Arrears to the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 1819                      120.53

semi-ani All'ce ending 4 March                              48 "

15 mos. 2/30    1820    \$168.53

[Revolutionary claim, act 18<sup>th</sup> march, 1818]

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District of Kentucky

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1818 before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges for the Commth [Commonwealth] aforesaid, personally appeared Francis Driver aged – 57 years – resident in Scott County and State of Kentucky, who being by me first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide

for certain an engaged in the land and navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War; that he enlisted into the service of the United States in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia and the company commanded by Captain Edmond Dickerson [probably Capt. (later Major) Edmund Dickinson who was killed at Monmouth June 28, 1778] in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia regiment or the continental line, commanded by Col. Hendricks [perhaps, Lt. Col. James Hendricks] he enlisted for two years and served the same and was discharged at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania = and a short time he again enlisted during the war in the company commanded by Capt. Renselear of the light dragoons in the state of Virginia and served till the close of the war and was discharged at Richmond – He was in the battles of the White Plains [October 28, 1776, of Trenton [December 26, 1776] and of Brunswick [June 22, 1777] and siege of York [September-October 1781] and German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance for his country for support and that he has no other evidence save what he here produces of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me this day and year aforesaid

S/ Benj. Johnson

Circuit Judge

Personally appeared before me the subscriber Nancy Smith and made oath that she has frequently heard her Uncle William DeShasher [?]<sup>1</sup> speak of Francis Driver as a fellow soldier in the Revolutionary War shortly after the war terminated and knows that her said Article was a soldier in said war. Witness my hand this 3rd of June 1818.

S/ Benj. Johnson  
Ct. Judge

This is to certify that Francis Driver was inlisted [enlisted] in may in the year of 1776 in edmond Dickesons company in the first Virginia Rugment [Regiment] to go to the norward [northward] for the space of two years I also certify that I was in the Batle [battle] of white plains also at



<sup>1</sup> I could find no such soldier listed in the registry of Virginia Revolutionary soldiers, but found a William Deshazer or Deshazor or Dishazoe (variant spellings of the same man's name). This MIGHT be the man named by Nancy Smith

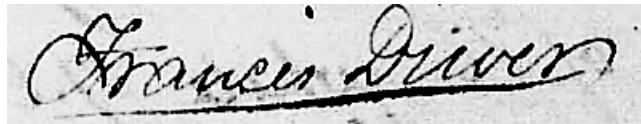
germin town [Germantown] at that time I was under Col. Hendricks. I was also in the Battle of Brandy wine [Brandywine September 11, 1781] – also in the Battle of Trentown [Trenton] at the taken [taking] of the Hershens [Hessians] in New Jersey als [also] at the Battle of Princetwon [Princeton, January 3, 1777] at prince town Coledge [college] where ther [there] was six Hundred British prisoners taken Served towo [two] years faithfully. Then I returned Back to Virginia to Williams Burgh [Williamsburg] and inlisted in the state garison [garrison] Rugment for three years and was in the Battle of little York at the taken [taking] of Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] and mached [marched] with him up to Winchester –

I als [also] in listed [enlisted] under Captain W. Vanceler at the city of Richmond in Major Nelsons Choir [Corps] of horse and went against the Indians under jeneral [General] Waine [Anthony Wayne] and staid at greenville till the final treaty was made with the Indians in the whole I was in the united states servise [service] eleven years.

Attest            the 22<sup>nd</sup> Apl. 1819

John Risk

S/ Francis Driver

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Driver". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Francis" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Driver".2

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<sup>2</sup> I don't know if this is the actual signature of the veteran, but the handwriting is different from the body of the affidavit so I assume it might well be his actual signature.