

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Freeman S35951

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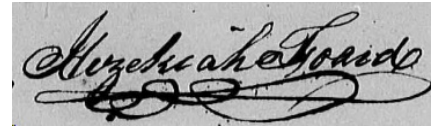
State of Delaware Ss.

Be it known, that on the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, Before me James Booth, chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of the said State of Delaware, personally appeared Francis Freeman, a person of colour, resident of White Clay Creek Hundred, in the County of New Castle, and State of Delaware afs'd, aged ninety two years and upwards, who being solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, doth declare and say, that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, he inlisted in the second company, then under the command of John Hardman, in the Second Regiment of the Maryland Line, in the Continental Service; that at the expiration of the term for which he inlisted, which was about nine months after he entered the said service, he re-inlisted in the said Company and Regiment, for and during the Revolutionary war, and that he continued in the said service until the termination of the said war, at which time he received his discharge, which he lost a few years ago; and this deponent further declares, that from the infirmities of old age, and his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Francis hisXmark Freeman

Maryland Cecil County Ss

On the sixth day of June 1818 then appeared Gen'l Hezekiah Foard [pension application S47187] before me one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County and made Oath on the Holy Evangles of Almighty God, that the bearrer hereof Francis Freeman Coloured Man, was a soldier several years in the Maryland line in Revolutionary war the time said Freeman entered the service I do not recollect, but he belonged to the second Reg't of said line in the Spring of 1780 Marched with the same to South Carolina, and I believe he Continued in the service untill the close of the war

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hezekiah Foard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Delaware

New Castle County ToWit

On this thirteenth day of December one thousand eight Hundred and Twenty personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of the said State, in the County aforesaid being a Court of record for the said State in the said County expressly made so by the Laws and constitution of the said State which created the said Court, Francis Freeman aged ninety five years and upwards resident in the Village of Christiana in the County and State aforesaid who being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to Wit, in the Company commanded first by Captain John Hardman and after his death [from wounds at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] by Captain Hezekiah Forde [sic] in the Second Maryland Regiment commanded by Colonel [Thomas] Woolford in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental Establishment, as he hath heretofore Stated in his original declaration made on the first day of July one thousand eight Hundred and eighteen, that he received a pension certificate in pursuance of the act of Congress of the eighteenth of March in the year last aforesaid, which said Certificate is numbered 14498. And I do Solemnly Swear that I was a resident citizen of the united States on the eighteenth day of March One thousand eight Hundred and eighteen, and that I have not Since that time, by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval

service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight Hundred and eighteen and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or Securities Contracts or Debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. And I do further swear that my occupation is that of a Labourer, that I am disabled from pursuing it by reason of my being afflicted with severe pain occasioned by the wounds I received in the service of my Country. I have no family residing with me. And further, I do swear, that I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country, except by private or publick charity.

Francis hisXmark Freeman