

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Franklin S35952

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[Franklin's first pension application is less detailed than the following and is therefore not transcribed.]

State of Kentucky. Warren County. Sct.

I John Franklin of said County and State, do certify & declare that I was on the 18th day of March 1818 a Citizen of the said County & State and of the United States, and that I was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War that I enlisted in the company of Captain William Barrett of the second troop of Colo. William Washingtons Corps of Horse [3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons] on the 10th august 1776 for the term of five years, that I served the United States faithfully from the said 10 August 1776 untill the 25 June 1782 when I was regularly and honorably discharged at Winchester Virginia, that I let Edward Valentine of Richmond Virginia have my discharge since which I have not seen it. That I was in the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], at the Battle of Campden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and in the Battle of the Euteau Springs So. Carolina [sic: Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781] in which Battle of the Euteau Springs I was wounded in both legs – that Captain William Barrett was wounded at the Battle of Guilford and the Company was then commanded by Lieut. John Lenton [John Linton]. That I was discharged by Capt Robert Morrow at winchester Va. on the s'd 25 June 1782 as well as I recollect. that the said Company & Corp in which I enlisted & served was on Continental Establishment as I understood. that I have always been a Citizen of the United States and always on the side of my Country the said United States & never opposed to her – that I am in reduced circumstances, am indigent and actually stand in need of the assistance of my country for support. that I made a like declaration of my enlistment and services on the 1 June 1818 before the Honorable Benjamin Shackelford then Judge of the Circuit Court of Warren which was transmitted to the War department & sent back for something further to be done which memo. has been lost or mislaid. I do moreover state that I have never rec'd. any pension from the United States & I do hereby release all claim to any pension under any law except the act of Congress of the United States passed 18 March 1818 To provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. Given under my hand this 5th Nov. 1821.

John hisXmark Franklin

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

On this 5 day of November 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County of Warren John Franklin aged 73 years next Christmas, resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as set forth in his declaration above & annexed. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, whatever nor have I any income whatever – nor have I any property of any discription or kind but necessary wearing apparel – and have no effects, estate, goods, property or debts of contracts, whereof to make a schedule. That I am by occupation a farmer, but by reason of my advanced age & infirmities I rendered unable to labor for my support. That I have no family. John hisXmark Franklin