

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Franklin S38713

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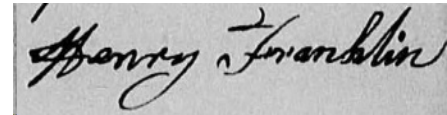
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State of Tennessee }

Jefferson County }

On this 10th day of June 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Quorum for the State and County aforesaid The said Court being one of record personally appears Henry Franklin aged upwards of sixty two years resident in the County aforesaid who being be me first duly sworn according to law 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war. That he the said Henry Franklin enlisted in the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia in the month of October or November in the year 1777 in the Army of the United States for three years In the Infantry in said Service in a Company commanded by Captain John Lewis said Company was soon after commanded by Captain Dudley [Henry Dudley R13891] and then by Captain Mitchum Bozwell [sic: Machen Boswell R19364] and was part of the Second Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col William Brent [VAS2639] That he continued to serve in said service The term nearly for which he enlisted when in the month of May in the 1780 He was at Williamsburgh [Williamsburg] in the State of Virginia by said Col Brent honorably discharged from said service That he said Henry Franklin was in the Battle of Monmoth [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778] and that he said Henry Franklin is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support

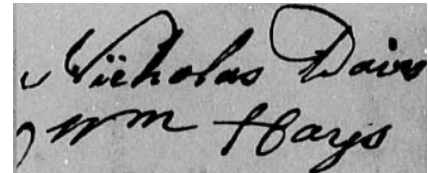
That his discharge is lost or mislaid that he has no papers or documents to establish the foregoing facts that he has never been a pensioner of the U States and only claims under the above recited act &c



State of Tennessee }

Jefferson County }

This 10th day of June 1818 personally appeared before me the Subscriber Nicholas Davis [W30] and William Hays [S38797] Citizens of said County and made oath that they were both in the service of the United States in the years mentioned in said declaration of Henry Franklin to wit the said Davis in the years 1778. 1779. 1780 & part of 1781 and the said Hays in the years 1778 and 1779 and that the said Henry Franklin was in the service in manner by him stated and that they each know said Franklin is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support



State of Tennessee }

Jefferson County }

SS September Sessions 1820

On this 13 day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record (having the power of fine and imprisonment, and also having been made a court of record by the laws of said State) for said County Henry Franklin, aged sixty five years resident in the county of Jefferson aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. He enlisted in Buckingham County State of Virginia under Captain John

Lewis, second State Regiment continental line commanded by Colonel William Brent – General Whelenburghs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] brigade and marched under Captain Henry Dudley to the Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge] – thence to Mainmonth where he was engaged in the Battle, thence to White plains where he enlisted under Captain Michine Bozwell and marched to West point and thence to middlebrook where he spent the winter, and afterwards was discharged at Williamsburgh in the state of Virginia, during which time he served in the Revolutionary service three years.

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 persons 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 nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

60 acres of land worth	\$300.00
Five head of cattle	32.00
14 head of sheep	21.00
2 head of hogs	<u>9.00</u>
total amt	\$362.00

One negro man about seventy five years of age verry badly ruptured not worth more than his support
Henry Franklin

The Declarant further states that he is by occupation a farmer, & that he has always followed the Blacksmiths trade untill lately, and oweing to the weakness in his eyes, he has been unable to pursue his trade, and not able to do manuel labour he has a wife Sally aged fifty three years, and entirely blind and not able to do any thing. One son Henry twenty five years of age One son James aged nineteen years, one daughter Betsy aged thirteen years and is not healthy
Henry Franklin

County of Jefferson }
State of Tennessee }

On this 13th day of June 1827 personally appeared in open court being a court of record having the power of fine and imprisonment and unlimited Jurisdiction in matters of contract for the County of Jefferson and state aforesaid Henry Franklin resident in said County, aged about seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following Declaration on Oath in order to obtain the provission made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820 and that he the said Henry Franklin enlisted for the Term of three years on the [blank] day of October or November 1777 in the state of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Capt John Lewis in the Regiment commanded by Col. William Brent in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until the 1st day of May 1780 when he was discharged from service in the state of Virginia at Old Williamsburgh, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any state, except Virginia, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application Viz He was on the Pension roll under the first law and owing to a new valuation of his property he was stricken from the roll, that he filed his declaration again about two years ago but owing to untoward circumstances of which this declarant has no control he understands that his declaration never reached the proper department.

[Oath similar to that in the 1820 application follows, with the following new schedule.]

To sixty acres of land worth	\$120.00
To one man worth	30.00
To 1 cow & yearling calf	7.00
To six head of sheep	6.00
To 12 do of shoats	5.00

To some smith tools 10.00
\$178.00

This Declarant is by Occupation a blacksmith but by reason of blindness, and other bodily infirmities he is unable to pursue it, his family consists of four persons, towit Jane Franklin and Elizabeth Franklin and an old negro man who is a cripple, and able to do but little or nothing, his name is bosen, the age of Jane is about thirty six and does for herself and the age of Elizabeth is about 19. the old negro man is about 70 years
Henry Franklin

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Henry Frankling a Soldier of the 2^d Virginia State Regiment having served the term of three years for which he was enlisted is hereby discharged the service. Given under my hand at Williamsburg this first day of May 1780
Brent Colo.

A Copy/ Teste/ P Southall

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Davis, Nicholas.]

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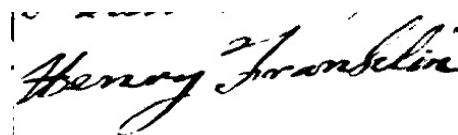
Be it remembered that on this day the 16 February 1822 personally appeared Henry Franklin before us Robert McFarland Junr. and John Fain Justices of the peace in & for Jefferson County Henry Franklin aged sixty six the 26 March next resident in the County of Jefferson aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, he enlisted in Buckingham County State of Virginia, under Capt John Lewis second Leut. Regiment Continental line, Comanded by Colonel William Brent General Mullenburghs brigade, annd marched under Capt Henry Dudly to the vally forge thence to mommoth where he was engaged in a Battle – thence to the White plains where he enlisted under Capt Michin Bogwell and marched to west point and thence to Middle Brook where he spent the winter and afterwards was discharged at Williamsburgh in the State of Virginia during which time he served in the Revolutionary service three years & was honorably discharged

Sworn to & subscribed before us the date above written before us

Robt McFarland

John Fain

Justices of the Peace



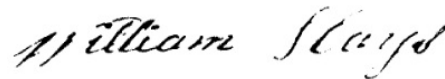
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Be it remembered that on this day the 16 February 1822 personally appeared William Hays aged sixty seven years before us Robert Mcfarland Junr and John Fain two of the acting Justices of the peace in & for the County of Jefferson who made oath in due form of law that he is well acquainted with Henry Franklin the within Declarant who Enlisted in the Revolutionary war in the year 1777 for three years that they were marched to Vally forge where they were both stationed together for some timne. this Declarant only being enlisted for twelve months served out that period of time and at Middlebrook in the State of Jersey left the said Henry Franklin still in service & that he has every reason to believe that the said Franklin served out his term of service of three years & was honorably discharged.

Sworn to & subscribed before us the date above

Robt Mcfarland/ John Fain

Justices of the Peace



Dandridge Ten. 17 February 1822

Dear Sir [Governor of Virginia] Enclosing we have transmitted to you our Claim to bounty land for services rendered on Continental establishment during the Revolutionary War. On examination of our Claim we would thank you to let us no whether they are sufficiently authenticated. We refer you to the returns made to you for our names Services rendered &c. Should the proff offered be not sufficient we can in addition to the same offer & give more. Pleas write us on the receipt of this letter addressing to this place – which will be most thankfully received. Your Obt & Humble/ servants/ Nicholas Davis
Henry Franklin

1822 March 13 Both Claims Rejected

NOTE: The federal file contains a letter from Thomas P. Franklin (S8517) of Hat Creek in Campbell County dated 24June 1847.