

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Freeman S39547

VA

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Virginia

At a superior court of Law continued & held for Washington county at the courthouse the 2^d. day of June 1818.

William Freeman who resides in the county of Scott in the State of Virginia and an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress "To provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" presented himself in court and upon oath declared that he enlisted as a private in the first Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison of the Virginia line on continental establishment on the twentieth day of December 1776, was discharged on the twenty first of December 1779, having served three years – Captain John Dandridge commanded the company to which he belonged. he was in the action at Monmouth court house in the state of New Jersey on the 28th day of June 1778 – that he obtained a regular discharge which has been by accident destroyed, but that the copy which he now produces shows the true date of that paper which was signed by Edward Carrington Lieutenant Colonel of the above mentioned regiment of artillery. He also proves by the evidence of a credible witness that he did enlist for three years in the said regiment of artillery, and the said witness beleives that he served the full term of his enlistment. The said Wm. Freeman farther stated that he is in the 65th year of his age, is debilitated in body by declining health, and has been subject to an extreme weakness in his loins ever since an injury which he received while in military service when making great exertion to remove a piece of artillery: that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for his support Sworn to and declared before me this 2^d day of June 1818

Peter Johnston

The applicant in this case stated that the regiment of artillery in which he served belonged to the Virginia line. But my own opinion and recollection suggesting to me that altho' Colo. Harrison's regiment was first raised in Virginia, it was subsequently composed of soldiers from other States as well as this, the declaration was drawn up by my direction in its original terms.

Peter Johnston March 25th 1819

Virginia

Scott County to wit

On this fourteenth day of August 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County, William Freeman aged in his sixty eighth year resident in Virginia in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit, that he enlisted the 23rd day of September 1775 in Captain John Fleming's Company of Infantry [raised in Goochland County], 1st Regiment Virginia line commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry, and remained in said Regiment untill march or April 1776 and was then transfered to Captain James Ennis [sic: James Innis] Company of Artillery and served under said Ennis until he was promoted, then under Dohicky Errandal who took command of said company untill said Errandal was killed at Ginns Ireland [sic: Gwynn Island VA, probably in Jan 1776] and then under Charles Harrison who took command of said Company untill the 20th December 1776. And that he then reenlisted in the 1st Virginia Regiment of Continental Artilery for three years under Colonel Charles Harrison and was place in a Company commanded by Capt John Dandridge as Bombardier and served as such three years in said company at the expiration of which time he was discharged to wit, on the 21st day of December 1779, at Morris Town [Morristown] in the State of New Jersey, by Edward Carrington Commandant (date of Original Declaration June 2nd 1818 & number of pension Certificate 12590 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 nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. To wit
one old mare worth about \$30, one year old bull worth \$1.50, one sheep worth seventy five cents,
Household and Kitchen furniture worth \$7.23

And the said William Freeman further states that he has formerly followed farming, but is now entirely unable to do any kind of labour from different Hurts that he got while in service, And that his family consists of his wife aged in her sixty sixth year (sickly) a daughter aged in her 28th year, a grand son aged 18 years sickly.

William Freeman

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

Albemarle County to wit this day James Gentry [pension application S8555] a Free holder in said County personally appeared before me Robert Davis a justice of the peace of said County and made Oath that he was a Soldier in Colonel Charles Harrison's Regiment of Artillery in the year 1777 & served Three years and that while (he the said Gentry) was in said service he knew William Freeman to be a soldier in the same Regiment of Artillery under said Colonel Harrison and believes that William Freeman served his time out. Given under my hand this Tenth day of December 1812 Robert Davis