

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Freehold S42730

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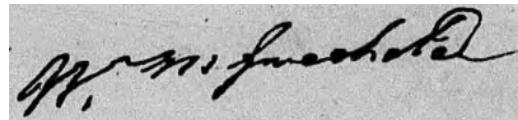
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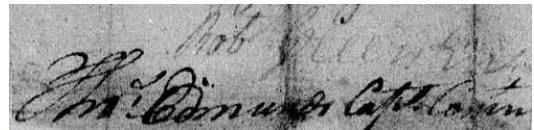
State of Ohio }
Gallia County Ss }

This day personally came before me Thomas Rodgers an Associate Judge within and for said County William Freehold, now residing in said County aged sixty five years, and doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of congress entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the united states in the revolutionary war”

That in addition to many other services of different periods he inlisted at Winchester in Virginia under Captain Simon Morgan in Col. Richard Campbells regiment of the Virginia line for the term of eighteen months. The date of his enlistment he does not recollect, but it was but a short time before the battle of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], he having remained at Winchester about three weeks, & was then marched to Chesterfield where he drew his arms, & thence proceeded to Gilford, where he joined said Regiment about three days before the battle & was enrolled in the company as Sergeant. Soon after this battle he was sent with the sick and wounded to Dan River on detachment, where he remained some month. Thence ordered to the Hospital at Charlotte [NC]. Thence ordered to the Laboratory at Salisbury [sic: Salisbury] in N Carolina, where he remained some months, and marched from thence to Eutaw Springs [SC] with ammuniton prepared at the Laboratory. At said springs he joined his company & Regiment a few days before the battle [8 Sep 1781]. That he was engaged in the battle of the Eutaw Springs when his Colonel Campbell was killed & his captain Simeon Morgan was severly wounded, whom he assisted to bear off the battle ground. After this battle he was ordered back from his company again to the Laboratory at Salisbury where he remained until his term of service expired, and then received the discharge which accompany’s this his declaration dated at said Salisbury 17th day of January 1782, signed by Ens’n Green [Ensign Robert Green] & Thos. Edmonds [sic: Thomas Edmonds] Capt Commandant. That during that period he was in the hottest of the battle at Gilford, and was also in the battle of the Eutaw springs, but not in the most exposed part. And that he is now in such reduced circumstances as absolutely to stand in need of the assistance of his country for his support, & that excepting his said discharge, he has now no other evidence whereby he can prove said services. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 29th day of Feb. 1820



The Bearer William Freehold Serjeant in the first Virginia Detachment and Capt. Morgan’s Company having served till the last day of December 1781 the term for which he engaged is hereby discharged from the service; and we do certify that he has behaved as a brave & faithful soldier Given under our hands at Salisbury this 17th day of January 1782.



State of Ohio Gallia county Ss. Court of Common Pleas.

On this third day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for said county, William Freehold aged sixty six years, & being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That in addition to many other short services he enlisted at Winchester in Virginia under Capt Simon Morgan in Col Richard Campbells regiment of the Virginia line for the term of eighteen months which enlistment was a short time before the battle of Gilford, in which battle he was engaged, being enrolled in said Company as Sergeant & was finally discharged at salisbury in north carolina on the 17th day of January 1782 all of which will more fully appear by his former declaration here presented, to which the discharge he then & there received is attached

And I the said William Freehold do furthermore solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen in the 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.

Schedule

1. Horse of the value of	\$42 00
1. Cow	10 —
1. Plough	4 —
2. Set horse geers	3 —
1. felling axe	2 —
1. garden hoe	25
6 knives & forks (old)	50
6. plates & 1 dish	1.50
1 Bake oven & 1 small pot	1.50
part of a set of cups & sauc[ers]	25
2. notes of 5 dollars given by D[avi]d Garrel[?]	<u>10.—</u>
	75.00
25 acres of second rate hill land about 4 acres partly cleared... no house on it	



I I the said William Freehold, do furthermore solemnly swear, that I am a common labourer by occupation. That my family consists of an aged wife quite feeble & 2 grandchildren, one a boy of 3 years of age and the other a girl of six years. And that I am so afflicted with the rheumatism as often to confine me to my room, some times for months, which with the other infirmities of age, renders it very difficult for me to procure a support for myself & wife.

