

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Franks S8522

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Ohio #26496

Henry Franks

State of Ohio, Washington County

On this 25th day of June 1834 personally appeared before the court of common pleas of this county and state aforesaid, Henry Franks, a resident of the Township of Grandview in the county of Washington and State of Ohio, aged eighty three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make this following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer in the Spring of the year 1775 at his residence on Big Whitely, about 20 miles from Beeson Town, on the Monongahela river, State of Pennsylvania, under Captain John Miner, was marched to Stradlers fort on Dunkards Creek, where he served in garrison and on scot, for the term of three months, when he was discharged, the time for which he had volunteered having expired.

In the month of June 1776 he again entered the service as a Volunteer under Captain Jesse Pigman for the term of three months and served part of the time at Fort Pitt at the confluence of the Alleghany and Monongahela rivers, from thence they were ordered to proceed down the Ohio river to a place about 6 miles below Wheeling, for the purpose of burying a number of dead who had been massacred by the Indians. After performing that service, he was stationed at Wheeling until the end of his term of service. On the first of May 1777 he again volunteered for the term of three months under Captain John Whitzell (Wetzel) and proceeded from Big Whitely where he still resided to the head of Dunkard Creek and from thence to the head of ten mile creek and ranged along the frontiers of Pennsylvania and Western Virginia for the protection of the inhabitants against the Indians until his term of service expired. Again in the fall of the same year he entered as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Swann, for the term of three months, all of which time he served in garrison at Stradlers fort on Dunkards Creek. In the month of June 1778 he again volunteered under Captain William Cross and served under him through Gen. McIntosh's Campaign, was stationed part of the time near the mouth of Beaver on the Ohio river at Fort McIntosh, the remainder of time they were ranging through what is now the State of Ohio, and employed in the erection of a Fort on the Muskingum river in the month of December. He was discharged and returned home having served six months on this tour.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the resent and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Signed (His Mark) Henry Franks

Attest: Geo Dunlavy(?) Clark

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer – Piscataway in the State of Maryland in the year 1751

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans. I have no record

3rd Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live.

Ans. I was living on Big Whitely, about twenty miles from Beeson Town on the Monongala river, in the state of Pennsylvania – after which I resided about seven years near Clines Fort on the Monongahela; next in the State of Maryland about 25 miles from Cumberland about seven years; next about twenty one years in Hampshire County Virginia; next in Ohio County, Virginia, from thence I removed to Washington County, Ohio, where I now reside and have resided for the space of nineteen years ____ past.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I entered as a volunteer in each case.

5th State the (names) of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Ans. Except in General McIntosh's campaign I have no recollection of there being any Regular officers, other than the Captains under which I served, the nature of our service (being the protection of the frontier settlers from the barbarities of the Indians) did not bring us in company with Regular officers or continental or militia regiments during McIntosh's campaign, we were under command of Col. Evans. Colonel Daniel Broadhead and Col William Crawford also commanded at that time.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the services and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it.

Ans. I never did receive a written one.

7th State the names of persons by whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer – Charles Talbott a clergyman & James Williamson both reside in my neighborhood.

Signed (His Mark) Henry Franks

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he stated. And the Court further certified, that it appears to them that Charles Talbott – a clergyman and James Williamson – who have signed the proceeding certificate, are residents in the Township of Grandview, in this county, and are credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

December 5, 1939 letter in file states: “He was allowed pension on his application executed January 18, 1833, while a resident of Grandview Township, Washington County, Ohio.

Henry Franks
Certificate #25496
Issued July 21, 1834
Rate \$40 per annum
Commenced March 4, 1831
Act of June 7, 1832
Ohio Agency