

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Franklin Joseph
Transcribed by FA Weyler

VA
(Elizabeth)

W10041
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Kentucky certificate 7776
Joseph Franklin
Private under Colonel Spotswood of Virginia
Three years
Issued 18Mar1819 @ \$8/mo

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To the Hon^{ble} the Secretary of war of the U States

The petition of Joseph Franklin a citizen of Kentucky most respectfully represents that being desirous to aid his country in her struggles for independence, all that lay in his power, he entered the service of the United States by voluntary enlistment with Captain John Willis, then of the 2nd regiment commanded by Col Spotswood [Alexander Spotswood]. Enlisted on the 21st of October 1776 and was honorably discharged by Col. Wood [James Wood] afterwards governor of Virginia at Cacatt [?] meeting house New Jersey on or within a day or two of the 21st of October 1779 having served the full term of his enlistment, three years. Was in the following engagements, to wit: first, in the battle of Brandywine, then belonging to Gen Weadon's [George Weedon's] brigade, Spotswood's regiment, next in the battle of Germantown commanded by the same officers, then at the battle of Monmouth and through the whole of the engagement of the storming of Stony Point and just before he received his discharge he was in several skirmishes, the taking without the power of keeping, Powell's Hook [Paulus Hook] &c &c. Afterwards joined the militia and was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown Virginia in October 1781.

Being in indigent circumstances (in as much as your petitioner is dependent on his children for support) he most respectfully requests that he may be placed on the invalid pension list roll of the Kentucky agency at such rate of pension as is allowed by [p4] the recent Act of Congress passed for the benefit of the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army. And further your petitioner declares that he is not in the habit of receiving nor ever has received any pension from the United States. All of which is respectfully submitted by your petitioner.

Joseph Franklin x his mark

[county certification
Marshall Key, clerk Mason County 11May1818
Adam Beatty, presiding judge
Jonathan Shields, neighbor and compatriot soldier

[p7] 02Oct1820, Bracken County KY

Routine follow up declaration re/pension certificate 7776 signed by J.J. Calhoun, Secretary of War.

No real property and no income
Schedule

Two old horses about 14 hands high, an old saddle and bridle worth 35 or 40 dollars

One small cow and calf worth 10 dollars

7 shoats or small hogs worth one dollar each

An old how and plough both wirth \$5

One pot worth one dollar

One cast iron oven worth \$1.50

One small kettle worth \$1.50

One old table worth 50 cents

Three bark bottomed chairs worth @

One cupboard wth 3\$

One skillet worth one dollar

two dishes worth 50 cents each

twelve plates large and small worth \$1.50

six knives & forks one dollar

one tea pot one coffee pot & six cups & saucers worth 1.50

six pewter spoons worth 50 cents open bowls worth 2\$

In all amounting to \$79.00

Nothing more other than necessary bedding and clothing for myself and family. And I the said Joseph Franklin do further swear that I have no trade whatever and that I am little able to work, being old and infirm, and laboring under a severe rupture. I have an old wife living with me and four children. The first or oldest a boy aged about twelve years named Wm A Franklin, the second a girl aged eight years named Sarah Franklin the third a boy aged six years named Benj Franklin the fourth and last a girl aged four years named Julia Franklin. The oldest of these children can a little contribute to his support. The others cannot at all do so.

Joseph Franklin x his mark

[county certification]

Robert Walton, presiding magistrate

John Payne, clerk

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21Sep1838 Hancock County, Indiana, widow's declaration of Elizabeth Franklin aged 66

Joseph was a pensioner in Boone County KY

She married Joseph Franklin in Stafford County Virginia 27Dec1788

Joseph died 13Dec1829

First child John W Franklin was born 07Jun1791

Certified by John Hager, clerk, Greenfield, Hancock County

Supporting witness neighbors

Elizabeth Maagruder

Dory M Magruder

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Indiana certificate 3959

Elizabeth Franklin, widow of

Joseph Franklin,

Private of the Virginia line

Issued 18Dec1843, Greenfield @ \$80/annum

Addendum and notes to Joseph Franklin W10041
By C. Leon Harris. 27 Feb 2014.

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

Joseph Franklin Corporal in the second Virginia Regiment in the service of the united States of America
haveing served the full time for which he was inlisted is hereby Discharged from any Farther service in the
said Rignent & is permitted to pass unmolisted from hence to Stafford County in Virginia
given under my hand at Camp in the State of new york this 24th day of October 1779

Copy J Pendleton Jr

James Wood Colo. Com[mandant] 1st V Rig
the above man served three years
James Wood Colo/ 6th october 1783

NOTES

battle of Brandywine: 11 Sep 1777

battle of Germantown: 4 Oct 1777

battle of Monmouth: 28 Jun 1778

storming of Stony Point: 16 Jul 1779

Paulus Hook: 19 Aug 1779

taking of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown: 19 Oct 1781