

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Freeman W10042 Mary Freeman f90NC

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State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the 4th Monday of July 1832

Be it known that William Freeman comes into open Court Being a Court of Record for the County and State aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law Deposeth & saith that he was a private Soldier in Captain Childs [Francis Child's] Company of the 10th Regiment on the North Carolina Continental establishment during the Revolutionary War that he enlisted for the term of nine months & served out the same & was honorably discharged there from, but has lost his discharge, enlisted at Halifax in North Carolina by Colonel Hart that he enlisted July 1778 & discharged in 1779. Served at West Point in New York & marched back under Colonel Hart & was discharged by him & that he also served two tours of three months each, the one before his regular enlistment, the other after, he was in the battles of Guilford [March 15, 1781] & Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781]: that he has no other means of showing his enlistment but the annexed certificate of William Hill the Secretary of State of North Carolina -- will be 75 years of age October 1832 That he is worth about \$700 or \$800 but old, Infirm & unable to work much, & support himself comfortably, without this pay which he applies for in justice for himself as he received no pay but Continental money, which he lost by its depreciation that he is not at present a pensioner of the United States or any other state -- relinquishes any right thereto.

S/ William Freeman, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court this 23rd July 1832

S/ J. Ewing, Clk

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A Statement Shewing the services of William Freeman

Period when service was rendered [&] Duration of claimant's service	Names & Rank of the Field officers whom he served	[Claimant's Rank]	Age at Present & place of abode when he entered the Service	Proof by whom the declaration is Supported
1788 3 months	Captain A. Oliver [Andrew Oliver] under Major Hogan [James	a private	76 years of age Lived in Martin County NC	Affidavit of Rev'd R. J. Miller (B) & G. Bowman & P. Ballew marked

	Hogun] After General Hogan as Called			(C)
1778 & 1779 9 months	Col. Hart of 10 th Regiment NC Continentals	A private	Same	Certificate (D) Secretary of State of N. C. & same as above
1781 3 months	Col. Eaton General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army	A private	Same as above	Affidavit of Rev'd R. J. Miller (B) & same as No. 1

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State of North Carolina Burke County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County William Freeman who being duly sworn Deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise time of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following manner 3 months in the militia under Captain Andrew Oliver -- Major Hogun at Wilmington North Carolina in the year 1776 he then served 9 months under Captain Hall [?] as before described in the Continental Service he next served for the term of 3 months in the year 1781 joined the Army at Halifax & was in the battle of Guilford Court house under Captain Taylor from Martin County in the militia and Colonel Eaton in General Greene's Army he was a private all these times. I was born in Bertie County on 26th October in 1759. I have no record of my age I lived in Bertie when called into service I was first a volunteer, next a regular enlisted soldier & lastly a substitute for James Bennett [could be Barnett] , a private: ~~Colonel~~ Major Hogun, who was commanding at Wilmington as Colonel & then General Hogun commanded the first tour & General Hogun then commanded when we went to West Point where Hart was our Colonel & the last tour Eaton was our Colonel we served under General Greene at the Battle of Guilford. I received discharges for every time but lost them all, my first discharge I think was by Captain Oliver the 2nd was given me by Colonel Hart & he cannot recollect who gave him the last discharge but he got it at Salisbury. He never had a commission always a private I know well Groves Bowman & Colonel Peter Ballew & the room Reverend William Johnston Miller who have certified for me & also Colonel David Newland who has also certified for me and certificate.

S/ William Freeman, X his mark

Sworn to before me this 20th of August 1833

S/ Tho. Walton, JP

[p 46: Robert Johnston Miller, Rector of St. Andrews Church Burke County, NC; p 47: Grover Bowman and Peter Ballew gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: Veteran made application for a transfer of his pension benefit from NC to Greene County, Missouri where Freeman moved to "procure land for his Children and to enjoy their society as long as I live...." Dated January 6th [date of month not clear], 1837.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Freeman a private Soldier of the 10th Regiment in Captain Childs's Company, enlisted on the 20th day of July 1778, for the term of nine months and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand at Raleigh this 19th day of March 1832.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 21: In January 1850 in Greene County Missouri, Lemuel Freeman gave testimony that he is a son of William Freeman, a revolutionary war pensioner; that William Freeman died and Greene County January 27, 1838 at which time he was said to be about 83 years old; that at the time of his father's death the affiant's mother Mary Freeman was alive and continued to live until she died November 5th, 1845 never having remarried; the affiant states he is 49 years old and names his siblings as follows:

Reddick aged about 56 and a resident of Caldwell County, NC in 1850

John about 54 in 1850

Larry, aged about 52 and resident of Owen County, Indiana in 1850

Lemuel H., aged about 49 in 1850

Elizabeth and James (twins), aged about 47 in 1850; she being the wife of Isaac Smith and living in Caldwell County, NC and he (James) being a resident of Owen County, Indiana

Nancy, aged about 45 and wife of Greene Austin in 1850

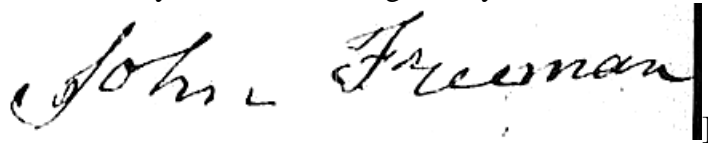
Frances, aged about 41 and wife of Jacob Painter in 1850

Rachel, wife of John Austin.

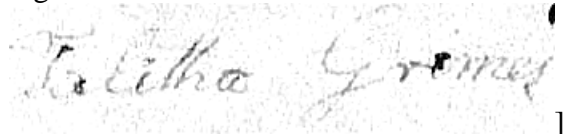


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[p 25: On January 19, 1850, John Freeman gave testimony in Greene County Missouri substantially identical to that given by his brother Lemuel is transcribed above.



[p 65: On September 22, 1846 in Edgecombe County North Carolina Tabatha Grimes, about 76 years old, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with William Freeman and Mary Bryan daughter of Robert Bryan all of Martin County North Carolina; that she, the affiant was present and saw them married at the house of Colonel Nathan Mayo about 60 years ago and they lived together as man and wife.



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[Facts in file: Veteran died either January 27 or 28, 1838 in Greene County, Missouri, where he moved in 1835; while a resident of Martin County, NC, veteran married Mary Bryan, the daughter of Robert Bryan; they were married about 1786; Mary died November 5, 1845; John and Rachel Austin had a daughter named Asenath; the veteran and his wife had other children not named in the documents.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina Continental line and militia. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing January 27th, 1838.]