

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Francis Lang: W10188

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District of Indiana SS

On this 8th day of September 1819. Before me the subscriber president of the Second Judicial Circuit in the said district personally appeared Francis Lang aged fifty nine years resident in Floyd County district af'd. who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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 on his oath that he the said Francis Lang enlisted for the term of and during the war on the 18th July 1780 in Charles County in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Capt Charles Smith of the Regiment commanded by Colo. Smith in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps and in the Company of Capt. Bluff [possibly James Bruff] of the Regiment commanded by Colo. [Benjamin] Ford also of the Maryland line until november 1783 when he was discharged by public proclamation being then at Nottingham in Prince Georges County State of Maryland that he was in the Battles of Guilford Courthouse [NC, 15 Mar 1781] at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] at the Siege of 96 [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], at the Utaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

State of Indiana Ss

On this 15th day of September 1820 Francis Lang personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Floyd within the second Judicial Circuit in the state aforesaid aged Fifty nine years resident in said County who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows To wit. that he enlisted in the 8th Regiment commanded by Col. Smith under Capt. Charles Smith stationed on the Maryland line, and that his original declaration bears date the 8th day of September 1819 that he then resided in the County & State aforesaid, has received a pension, the certificate of which is numbered 15.944 & the said Francis Lang solemnly swears that he was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18 day of March 1818 & that he has not nor has any person for him any property or securities, contracts or Debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by him subscribed which reads as follows Towit, one Horse, three Cows, & three Cows & calves, Twenty swine, seven Sheep, one Sett knives & forks, Eight Pewter Plates, five Spoons, two Cooking Pots, two Dutch ovens, one Lid and one Spider. the said Lang also states that he is by occupation a Farmer and that he is unable to pursue any kind of business to obtain a livelihood and maintain & support his Family. that his wife lives with him and is of the age of Forty two Years, a Daughter by the name of Nancy Seventeen years of age. Nehemiah a Son aged fourteen years, a son named Stansbury[?] Thirteen years of age, a Daughter named Sarah aged Eleven years, a Son named James aged nine years, a Daughter of his wife named Sarah Kennedy aged seven years that they are unable to support themselves & are entirely dependent on him for their support Francis HisXmark Lang

NOTE: On 28 Apr 1855 in Greene County IN Susan Lang, 62, applied for bounty land stating that she married Francis Lang in Lawrence County IN on 18 Sep 1829, and he died in Greene County 19 July 1847. On 14 July 1857 in Greene County IN Susanna Lang, 65, applied for a pension stating that her name before marriage was Susanna Philips, and the date of marriage was 18 Sep 1828. On 6 Mar 1860 Susannah Lang, 68, applied again for bounty land. In the file is a copy of

the record of marriage of Francis Lang and Susannah Phillips on 18 Sep 1828.