

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Franklin W19294 Ann Franklin VA
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Virginia towit

On this 19th day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court & Judge of the 3^d Jud'l Circuit, personally appeared John Franklin Jun'r. aged 65 years, resident in Prince Wm County in the said Circuit, 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:" That he, the said Franklin enlisted in September 1775 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Taliaferro of the 2^d Virginia Reg't on Continental Establishment – Wm. Woodford [William Woodford] Comm'dr; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the 27th August 1776, when he was discharged from service in Williamsburg state of Virginia, that he was in the battle of the Great Bridge [9 Dec 1775] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Prince William County Court September 4th 1820
District of Virginia to wit

On this 4th day of Sept One thousand eight hundred & Twenty, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the s'd County of Prince William John Franklin Jr aged Sixty eight years resident in the afores'd County and District afores'd who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declair that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: Vizt. that he the said John Franklin Jun'r. enlisted for the term of one year early in September One thousand Eight hundred & seventy five in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. William Taliaferro in the Regiment Commanded by Colo William Woodford in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the twenty seventh day of August Seventeen hundred and seventy six [note in margin: "In the original declaration it is 1775 & entered 1875 through mistake."] when he was discharged from the said service in Williamsburg in Virginia as appears by a certificate to the Court now here shewn, that his original declaration was made on the twenty third day of September Eighteen hundred and Eighteen & that he has rec'd. a pension under the original certificate the number of which is two thousand Eight hundred and twenty four, and that he was in the Battles of the Great Bridge when Capt. [Charles] Fordyce was killed, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen 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 of J. Franklins property

One mare 12 years old, 1 Blind Horse 14 years old, 1 Cow and 1 heifer, 2 Chests, 1 folding walnut Table, 1 Common D'o without leaves, 6 Common Chairs, 1 pine Cupboard, 1 dutch Oven, 1 pot, 1 Cutting axe, 1 pr Iron Wedges, 1 old Handsaw & 3 Augers, 1 Skillet, 1 Grid Iron ½ Dozen Knives & forks, ½ Dozen Pewter Spoons, 1 old Saddle, 1 pr Steelyards, 1 plough & gear & 2 Hoes

My family are my wife Nancy Franklin very infirm and aged 63 yr. my daughter Mary Franklin aged 27 years I am engaged in agriculture and afflicted with disease and not able to provide a support for myself my wife and Child, my daughter has no trade. John Franklin Jr
which property is valued by the Court at sixty five dollars

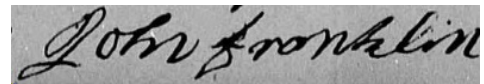
State of Virginia }
County of Prince William to Wit }

On this 7th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Prince William, being a court of Record, John Franklin a resident in the County aforesaid and state of Virginia aged eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States for one year in the month of September in the year 1775 with Captain William Talifaro and served in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia line.

The said John Franklin also was draughted in the county of Stafford and state of Virginia in the year 1781 a short time before the seige of York Town [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] in said state, and served under Captain George Mountjoy three months.

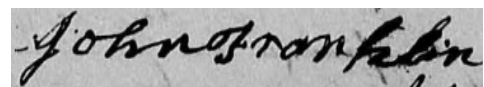
John Franklin in his enlistment heretofore stated, served under Captain William Talifaro and Colonel William Woodford of the 2nd Virginia Regiment, he enlisted in the County of Stafford Virginia in the month of September 1775 and was discharged about the last of August 1776 for which he received a certificate of discharge from the said Col. William Woodford, which discharge he gave to the Hble. Charles F Mercer some years since and has never got it from him. the said Franklin was placed on the Pension Roll in consideration of the above service he thinks in the year 1820 and remained thereon until the year 1821 when he was stricken from the Roll in consequence of his not having served on the Continental line for a sufficient time to entitle him to a Pension under the Law of 1818 [see endnote], that in this enlistment he marched to the City of Williamsburg Virginia, thence to Norfolk at which time it was burnt by the enemy [1 Jan 1776], and at which time he was in several small skirmishes with the enemy, in one of which Captain Fordice of the English Troops was killed, thence he returned to Williamsburg Virginia where he received his discharge.

John Franklin at the time he was draughted lived in the County of Stafford Virginia, which took place in the year 1781 a short time before the seige of York Town he served under Captain George Mountjoy with whom he marched to York Town in said state and was there during the seige of Cornwallis, at which time he was taken sick and remained in the Hospital for a considerable time, from which he was discharged by the surgeon of the Hospital, – he has no perfect recollection of any other officer under whom he served except Captain Mountjoy & Gen'l. Washington, nor has he a distinct recollection of the time for which he was draughted, but feels confident that he was in service at least three months – He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension, or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state except what he has heretofore stated from which he has been stricken off. Sworn to and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid



State of Virginia,/ County of Prince William viz.

On this 2nd day of September 1833, before me the Subscriber one of the justices of the Peace in the aforesaid County, personally appears John Franklin of said County and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he was drafted in the month of July 1781 he thinks about the middle of the month, to serve a Tour of duty of three months, and that he march'd under Captain Montjoy who commanded his Company, from Stafford Court House, to Williamsburg, where and in that Country, he remained until the Siege of York, when he joined the Grand Army, and was there the whole seige, serving as a Soldier, until about three or four days before the Surrender of Cornwallis, when he was taken suddenly ill, and was sent to the Hospital, where he remained three or four weeks, until he was sufficiently recovered to return home. That he served the full term of three months in this Tour of duty, for which he has never received from the Government on cent of compensation



NOTES:

In his declarations of 1818 and 1820 Franklin did not mention his service in 1781, probably because it was in the militia and would not have counted under those pension acts.

It is not clear why Franklin would have been struck from the pension roll under the acts of 1818 and 1820, since he claimed to have served longer than the required nine months.

On 17 July 1842 Ann Franklin, 83, applied for a pension stating that she was married to John Franklin in 1789 by Rev. William Frister, and her husband died 28 Oct 1837. Her statement was certified by William H. Franklin, 63, who stated that the maiden name of Ann Franklin was Ann Toulson, and that he lived with the family at the time of the marriage. A letter dated 23 Sep 1842 stated that Ann Franklin was in the care of her daughter, Mary Franklin, having been bedridden for many years.