

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Timberlake W19454 Nancy Timberlake f44NC
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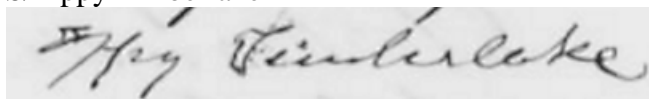
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State of North Carolina, Franklin County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term
1849

On this 11th day of September 1849 personally appeared in open Court Eppy Timberlake a citizen of Franklin County aged 66 years who having been duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 4th July 1836. That he is the son of Francis Timberlake a soldier of the Revolutionary War – that his father made an application once, he believes, for the stipend due him, and he has frequently heard him speak of his tours of service in the Light Horse of North Carolina; and he has often heard him say he served for upwards of two years; the names of his officers were Captain Hill [William Hill], Lieutenant John Robertson and several others, not now remembered by this declarant – That he was in the service, and the first, and in the latter part of the Revolutionary War – proof of which is herewith submitted. That his father intermarried in the year 1779 with Nancy Poindexter, proof of which is also furnished along with this declaration; that his father the said Francis Timberlake died in Franklin County on the 10th day of June 1830 and that his mother the said Nancy Timberlake (formally Nancy Poindexter) died in said County on the 10th day of July 1841. The declarant therefore makes this application in behalf of himself and his sister Judith Layton. The proof of all which, has been submitted to the said court.

S/ Eppy Timberlake



[p4: Copy of marriage bond of Francis Timberlake, x his mark, and Jesse Bird, for the marriage of Timberlake to Nancy Pointdexter; given May 31, 1779 in Franklin County, NC]

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Franklin County, State of North Carolina July 12th 1781
This is to Certify that Francis Timberlake a Soilder [sic]
in The light horse have Ser'd his Tower of Duty
According to Law is therefor Discharg'd by
Order off [sic]--

S/ Swan Troughton, Lt.

Franklin County, State of North Carolina July 22th 1781
This is to certify that Francis Timberlake a Soldier
in the Light horse have ser^d his term of Duty
According to Law is therefore Discharg^d by
Order of the Court — Swan Troughman Lt.

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State of North Carolina, Franklin County

This day came John Hunt and John Norwood Jr. before us two of the Justices of the peace for the said County and made oath that Francis Timberlake of the County and State aforesaid did serve with them as an eighteen months Continental light Horse Soldier of the line of the State under William Hill Captain and John Roberson Lieutenant of the County and State aforesaid which officers are now dead, and that the said Francis Timberlake was lawfully discharged by Major Loc de kezer [sic, Lehancius De Keyser, also spelled Dekeyser] at Augusta town in the State of Georgia in February in the year 1778.

Sworn to before us this 10th of August 1792.

S/ Jos. Norris, JP

S/ Joshua Perry, JP

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that I do not find in this Office any muster rolls of the Light Horse, that served in the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war.

Given under my hand this 9th October 1849

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the Journals of the Legislature of this State of June 1776, that William Hill was appointed a Lieutenant of the County of Bute to command the Militia of the Halifax Brigade.

Given under my hand this the ninth of October 1849.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State.]

To the Honorable J. L. Edwards Commissioner of Pensions

In the case of Eppy Timberlake who has filed his Declaration for a Pension for the Military services of his Father Francis Timberlake rendered during the Revolutionary War, the evidence of service, is of a Character, which makes it clear & conclusive. He proves upon Josiah Perry & Joseph Norris two of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Franklin North Carolina by the act of John Norwood and John Hunt that he served with them 18 months as an 18 months

Continental Light Horse Soldier under William Hill Captain & John Roberson Lieutenant and that he was discharged by Major Lee Dekuzier [sic, Lehancius De Keyser] at Augusta Georgia on his way Home in the year 1778. This Testimony was had on the 12th of August 1792 and made for the Patriotic purpose of showing to his countrymen & his posterity how he had served his country. There could have been no temptation for any other object because as to a Pension it was never dreamed of. On the contrary his pay as a soldier was only given him in a vastly depreciated currency. He was only then animated by the Laudable & Patriotic desire that a knowledge of his services should be perpetuated for the sake of Honorable Fame. Under these circumstances it is not to be doubted but that the evidence of service is strictly true. The discharge given him by Major Lee Dekyzier he had lost, and by the evidence of his two companions in arms John Hunt & John Norwood he was enabled to perpetuate the knowledge of this service. The next evidence of his service is a discharge granted him by Lieutenant Swan Trouton for a Tour of Light Horse Duty dated July we 12th 1781. This second evidence of service, was for the twofold purpose of showing that he had not only done his duty by the performance, but that his friends and fellow citizens should have further evidence of his Patriotism. Pecuniary compensation in the way of Pension could never have entered his head; for such a state of things at those periods were not complicated. So far from it; the poor soldier was not even paid in good money his stipulated compensation, for his arduous services & great pride nations. The evidence thus so disinterestedly established showing the military services of Francis Timberlake cannot be doubted. Far different would it, or it might appear, if that evidence had been procured, and laid by, to achieve a promised object in the way of a Pension. Then the question arises how much service did Francis Timberlake perform as a Light horse Soldier. By the first evidence certainly 18 months: and by the last, a Tour, which was either 3 – 6 – or 12 months. They were either (but you must take one) and added to the 18 months and you arrive at the quality of his service & the amount of his Pension. I knew Francis Timberlake well, and for nearly 30 years, and he had the reputation traditionally of having been a brave old soldier who served his country faithfully during the greater part of the Revolutionary war. And the Commissioner ought to allow him the Pensions set apart for him by the Gratitude of his Country. I have the honor to be most respectfully
Oct. 25th 1849

S/ Jno. D. Hawkins

[Facts in file: Francis Timberlake died June 10, 1830; his widow, Nancy, died July 10, 1841 survived by two children, Eppy Timberlake and Judith Layton.]

[Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum based upon her husband service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia. The pension was subsequently increased to \$87.50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 and ending July 10, 1841 when she died.]