

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Franks ¹ W21160 Polly Franks
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State of South Carolina, Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

On this 18th day of October personally appeared in open court before his Honor Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting Samuel Franks aged 69 years a resident of Laurens District South Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, Viz. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as by him stated. That he volunteered in the militia Service about the year 1781 under Captain Lewis Duvall, Colonel Kilgore [Benjamin Kilgore] in the State of South Carolina & marched through Spartanburg, Union & Laurens Districts & the whole of the upper part of the State, & continued to do service between two & three years. That he was taken prisoner by the Tories in Laurens District & severely treated. He received no written discharge from the service. He was a resident of Craven County now Lawrence District South Carolina when he entered the service, & have lived here ever since. He has no documentary evidence of his services. Charles Allen, Esq. can testify as to my revolutionary Services – I was born in Charlotte County Virginia, I have a record of my age, I am 69 years of age the 4th day of last May.


I never received a commission.

I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. -- the Reverend Gabriel Philips & Charles Allen² are persons acquainted with me in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for Veracity & good behavior –

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clk. L. Dist.

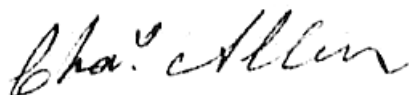
S/ Sam Franks



I do hereby certify that I solve said applicant Samuel Franks in the Service of the United States & that I was with him in service for about the time of one year under the officers sit forth in his declaration.

Sworn to and The subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Chas Allen



¹ BLWt35849-160-55

² [Charles Allen S17819](#)

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

[Gabriel Phillips and Charles Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On January 20, 1849, Polly Franks filed for a widow's pension stating: she is 82 years of age; that she is the same person to whom a widow's pension was granted under the 1838 and 1842 Acts; that she married Samuel on June 29, 1788; and that Samuel died November 30, 1845. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: Family Bible records filed with application]

Wesly Franks was born in the year of our Lord	1790 March the 27 th
Allen Franks “	1791 October the 13 th
Laurecy Jones Franks “	1793 April 27 th
Charles Garner Franks “	1794 November 22 th
Edny Jones Franks “	1796 August 16 th
Elijah Franks “	1798 December the 7 th
Susan M. Franks “	1802 November 22
Emila Franks “	1804 August the 15 [could be 18]
Matilda G. Franks “	1807 February the 19
Sally Franks “	1809 June the 2
William Franks”	1811 May the 2
Samuel Franks “	1813 January the 6
Polly Franks “	1817 March the 11 th
J Marshall Franks was born in the year of our Lord	1810 December the 27 th

[scroll down for image of the family record]

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

Wesly Franks, was born
In the year of our Lord
1790 March the 27th

Allen Franks was
Born In the year of our
Lord 1791 October the 13th

Lawrey Jones Franks
Born In the year of our
Lord 1793 April the 27th

Charles Garner Franks
was born in the year of our
Lord 1794 November 22th

Edmy Jones Franks was
born in the year of our
Lord 1796 August 18th.

Edmy Franks was born
in the year of our Lord
1798 December the 7th

J. Marshall Franks
was born in the year
of our Lord 1810

Deacon Franks was born
in the year of our Lord
1811

Susan M. Franks was
born in the year of our
Lord 1802 November 22nd

Emilia Franks was born
in the year of our Lord
1801 August the 15th

Matilda Franks was
born in the year of our
Lord 1801 February the 19th

Sally Franks was born
in the year of our Lord
1809 June the 2nd

William Franks was
born in the year of our
Lord 1811 May the 2nd

Samuel Franks was born
in the year of our Lord
1813 January the 5th

Polly Franks was
born in the year of
our Lord 1817 Mar

ch the 11th

State of South Carolina, Laurens District: Amendment of Samuel Franks Declaration

The applicant states that he volunteered in the fall of 1779 (and not in 1781 as stated in his original Declaration) under Captain Lewis Duvall, Col. Kilgore & General Pickens. That he was in actual service until the latter part of the year 1781 part of which time he was commanded by Colonel Hayes, Col. Casey and General Greene.

That his services were performed in the upper part of South Carolina in Laurens, Abbeville, Union, Richland, Spartanburg & over on the North Carolina line. That he was at the siege at Ninety Six. That the Country was ranged and plundered by both British & Tories at that time, & that there were no Republicans engaged in agriculture or any civil pursuit. That he performed in actual continuous service for at least Eighteen months. That he was engaged in occasional service for one

year in scouring the country of the Tories, but was a part of the time engaged at home in making a crop. South Carolina, Laurens district: Personally appeared Samuel Franks before me who being duly sworn says that the above amendment to his original Declaration is.

Sworn to before me October 29, 1833.

S/ Samuel Franks

S/ W. R. Farley, I. L. C.

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District: Amendment to Samuel Franks Declaration

The Applicant states that he volunteered [in] the fall of 1779 in Laurens District South Carolina under Captain Lewis Duvall, Colonel Kilgore and General Pickens that he was marched to Broad River in North Carolina remained there some time and was marched back through the upper part of South Carolina and down to Ninety Six, and that he performed at least six months service and received no discharge. That he did not return home but entered service again and was commanded by Captain Duvall, Colonel Kilgore and a part of the time by Colonels Hayes & Casey. That he was marched through Abbeville, Laurens and Greenville and was stationed on the North Carolina line and performed service at least six months – received no written discharge. That his other services were performed under the above named officers and a part of the time under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] – and in the State of South Carolina – But was engaged in service only at such times as emergencies required when the Country was invaded by the British, or inroads made by the Tories and that at all other times he was engaged at work at home.



South Carolina, Laurens District: Personally appeared Samuel Franks before me and being duly sworn as the Laws requires on his oath says that the above amendment is correct and true.

Sworn to before me March 6th 1834

S/ Samuel Franks

S/ W. R. Farley, I. L. C.

[p 13: On October 3, 1855 in Laurens District South Carolina, Polly Franks, 89, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; she states that she married Samuel Franks in Laurens District June 9, 1788; that they were married by one Sylvania's Walker, a Magistrate; that her husband died in Laurens District November 30th, 1845; that her name prior to her marriage was Polly Garner. She signed this document with her mark. Charles G. Franks (relationship, if any, with veteran not stated) and William R Farley gave a supporting affidavit as to the identity of the widow.

[p 22: Charles Allen gave an affidavit that Polly Franks, widow of Samuel Franks, was the sister of his wife. p 29: Susanna Allen gave testimony that Samuel Franks and Polly Franks were legally married in the month of June 1788; that she was present at the marriage; that the couple was married at the residence of the affiant's husband Charles Allen. She signed her affidavit with her mark]

[p 33: On August 3, 1846 in Laurens District South Carolina, Nehemiah Franks, relationship, if any, to the veteran not stated, gave testimony as to the marriage of Samuel Franks and Polly Franks saying that they lived together as man and wife prior to the year 1791.

nehemiah Franks

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[p 42: SC Comptroller General's certificate dated May 21, 1846 listing payments made to Samuel Franks during the revolutionary war for military services:

Comptroller Genl's office,
Columbia, S.C. May 21. 1846.

Book I, {
indent 478 } Issued 17th June 1785 to M^r Samuel
Franks for Thirty Two Pounds 17s
1²d Sterling for duty done in the mal-
itia ad pr. account audited.
Phil. L. 32: 17: 1²d. Ann. Int. L. 2: 5: 11d. =

Book I, {
Account 478 } Samuel Franks (in the account Samuel Franks)
For malitia duty as private
since the reduction of Charleston by
Anderson's Return. Sterling L. 32: 17: 1²d.

Book II, {
indent 596 } Issued the 15th July 1785 to Samuel
Franks for One pound 15s 8²d Sterling
for malitia duty pr. account audited.
Phil. L. 15: 8²d Int. L. 2: 5d.

Book II, {
Account 596 } Samuel Franks
For malitia duty as priv-
ate since the Reduction of Charleston by
Col^l Anderson's Return Sterling L. 15: 8²d.

I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this
office
For Comptroller Genl.
J^r Aug^r Black

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the South Carolina Troops. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Samuel Franks
Audited Account No. 2547
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³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[No.] 478 [Book] S

Mr. Sam^l Frank [sic] his account of Militia duty as private since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £230.0.0

Stg. [Sterling] £32.17.1 ½

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received ___ full satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 478 S per order

S/ Jonthⁿ Downes [Jonathan Downes]



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State of South Carolina

To Samuel Frank [sic]

Dr.

Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency £230.0.0

Stg. £32.17.1 ½

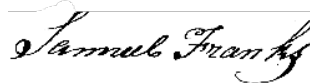
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State of South Carolina Lawrence [Laurens] County }

To the Commissioners of the Public
Treasury in Charleston

Gentlemen Please to Deliver to Mr. Jonathan Downs [sic] Esquire all and Singular my Indents and take his Receipt for the Same & you will Oblige Yours &c.

S/ Samuel Franks



Signed before

S/ Levi Casey, JP

February the 15, 1787

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[Book] U [No.] 596

15th July 1785

Mr. Samuel Franks his Account of Duty in the Militia as Private since the reduction of Charlestown Amounting to

Currency £12.10/

Stg. £1.15.8 ½

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State South Carolina Dr [Debtor] to Samuel Franks

For Duty per Colonel Anderson's return

£12.10/

Stg. £1.15.8 ½

Received 15th from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 596 U by an order

S/ A. Rodgers, Junr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Rodgers Junr." The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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Messers Blake & Boquet Treasurers Charleston

Please to Let the Bearer here of Andrew Rodgers Junior Have the Whole of My Indent in your Office
with the Specialty & you will Oblige Gentlemen your Humble Servant

S/ Saml. Franks

September 15th 1785

Certified before me

S/ John Rodgers, JP