

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Frost W23066 Anna Frost VA
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State of Illinois } SS.
Coles County }

On this 2nd day of June 1834 personally appeared in open court before Isaac Lewis Andrew Clark and James S. Martin Esqr's. County commissioners in & for the County & State aforesaid in County Commissioners Court Sitting at the Court house in Charleston Joseph Frost a resident of Coles County and State of Illinois aged eighty years six months and nineteen days who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

He states that he was born in the year 1753 in Amherst County and State of Virginia He states that he has no other record evidence of his age than a Memorandum thereof which he has at home on a piece of paper He states that he was living in Amherst County Virginia when he first entered the Service of the United States He lived since the revolutionary war in Washington County Virginia until 1834 he now lives in Coles Cy Ills. He entered the service as a Volunteer under Col. Joseph Cabbell [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell] and was marched down to Williamsburg where he was taken sick & was hauled home in a waggon but at what time he entered the Service under Col. Cabbel he does not recollect He recollects that he went down to Williamsburg with two companies one under the Command of Capt. Higginbottom [sic: Samuel Higginbotham] and the other under the Command of Nicholas Cabbel [sic: Nicholas Cabell] He believes that he served in this expedition at least four months before he was taken home as aforesaid Saith that he knows of no regular officers who were at Williamsburg at that time He states that he was verbally discharged as he has understood for he states that he was so unwell that he knew not the time when they placed him in the waggon to carry him home

He states that he next (and while a citizen of Amherst County virginia) was drafted to serve a three months tour of duty and was marched down to Richmond in Virginia where he remained in service according to the best of his present recollection three months & was then verbally discharged & sent home but at what time this service took place he does not recollect further than that it was in the time of the Revolutionary War He recollects that he was in this service commanded by Charles Talliaferro or Tolliver as they called him [sic: Charles Taliaferro] but what his rank was this declarant does not know He recollects that while on this expedition he was stationed part of his time at Richmond and part thereof at Rocket's landing [sic: Rocketts Landing] about a mile or thereabouts below He recollects nothing of any Regulars being stationed at Richmond or Rocket's landing while he was there he can therefore recollect nothing of the regular officers if there were any there

He states that he was in no engagement or battle while in the above mentioned campaigns

He afterwards Volunteered and went out under the command of Col. Wm Cock [William Cock] against the Cherokee indians and fought the indians at the Long-island flatts on Holstine river [sic: Battle of Long Island Flats on Holston River at present Kingsport TN, 20 Jul 1776] Immediately after which understanding that the indians were committing depredation on the Watauga Settlement He marched there & remained guarding the inhabitants three or four weeks He then marched to Bedford County in Virginia where he was employed in the service of the United States at the publick expence in purchasing beeves for the use of the army which was then forming to march to the Long Islands on Holstein river He then went back with the army to the Long islands with a drove of beeves and was then permitted to go home after having been in service between three & four months in this last mentioned campaign He does not recollect the time when this expedition took place

He recollects very well all of the above named campaigns were in the time of the revolutionary war He

was a citizen of Amherst County at the time of entering the service – in this last mentioned campaign But the Militia of Amherst County were not then called out and the reason why this declarant became engaged in the service was he a little while before had went on a visit to one of his brothers then living in Bedford County Virginia when he engaged in the service in this last named campaign This declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services that he knows of no person whose testimony he can obtain by whome he can prove the above services he further states John Parker & [blank] are persons living in his neighbourhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution

he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid Joseph hisXmark Frost

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Coles County } Personally appeared before me Nathan Ellington a Justice of the peace in & for the county & state aforesaid Joseph Frost who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and which services were as a private For four months I served as a private For three months I served as a private and For three more months I served as a private making in all ten months and for such services I claim a pension

Joseph hisXmark Frost

NOTE:

A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of Joseph Frost received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 30 Dec 1840.

On 25 July 1843 Anna Frost, age 86 since the previous September, applied for a pension stating that she married Joseph Frost about the middle of July 1784, and he died on 31 Dec 1840. On 9 Dec 1843 she gave the date of marriage as 20 July 1786.

The file includes a copy of the following: “Extract from the return of the Rev’d John Frost of marriages celebrated by him in the county of Washington in the state of Virginia. ‘This is to certify that I have joined together in the holy state of matrimony, Joseph Frost and Anne Brooks on the 20th day of July 1786. Given under my hand this 16th day of October 1786/ John Frost.’”