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Pension Application of John Franklin W3796

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State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 5th day of October, 1838, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Agness Franklin aged 69 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows"

That she is the Widow of John Franklin late of Charlotte, County, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. That being a woman, and not in service, she does not pretend to know any thing of the services of her late husband, except what she has heard from him in life time, and the statements made by old soldiers who served with him: she therefore, refers to the Army Records of the period, and accompanying certificates, for the particulars of his service, length of service, the Rank, line and Regiment to which he belonged, and officers commanding: all of which she prays may be taken and considered a part of this her declaration.

She further declares, that she was married to the said John Franklin on the 12th day of April 1787; that her husband, the aforesaid John Franklin died on the 29th day of May 1820; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, Seventeen hundred and ninty four; to wit, at the time above stated. Agness herXmark Franklin
[James Franklin certified the date of death given in the above declaration.]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [20 Oct 1838]

I do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with John Franklin late of Charlotte, and know from personal knowledge that he served two tours of duty in the militia: the first tour under Capt. John Harvey and marched to Petersburg, Va: the second tour, marched under Capt Wm. Morton [William Morton] to North Carolina and was at Guilford Battle [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. He was a good soldier. How long he served, I cannot say. I am a pensioner of the Untied States, and aged 78, and was a soldier of the Revolution. Benjamin hisXmark Marshall [pension application S5728]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [20 Oct 1838]

I Thomas Harvey of Charlotte, do hereby certify, that John Franklin late of Charlotte, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war for the space of six months in the Militia service, as coming within my personal knowledge. He was drafted in the militia under Capt Williams, for three months, and marched to Camden and was engaged in the battle first fought at that place in August, 1780 [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. He served the said term of three months faithfully. He was then drafted the second time under Captain Morton, and marched to North Carolina, for three months, and was engaged in the battle of Guilford in March, 1781. He served the said term faithfully. I have understood from old soldiers, that he served elsewhere, and for some time in the militia service, but where, and for what length of time, I am unable to say. I am in the 79th year of my age, and was a waggon master in the Revolutionary war – in 1780 and 1781. Thomas hisXmark Harvey [pension application R4715]

NOTE: On 29 Apr 1843 and on 1 July 1848 Agness Franklin applied under later pension acts.