

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Marshall¹ W6793 Sarah Marshall f64VA
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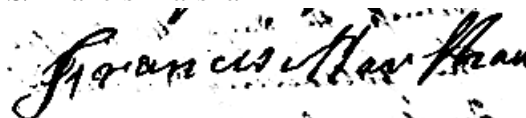
State of Tennessee Sumner County: On the 7th day of September 1832 Personally appeared before Joshua W Talley an acting Justice of the Peace for said County Francis Marshall a resident of Sumner County and State of Tennessee aged eighty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served three Tours of duty three months each tour in the state of Virginia first time he entered the Service under Captain Thomas Harris who is now dead. He served the second Tour under a Captain Kindreth [?] commanded by General Lawson [Robert Lawson] & Colonel John Archer he served the third Tour as a volunteer under the command of Captain George Williamson General Lawson still commanded and Colonel Parker & Major Duval. He is unable to state the exact time he entered the service. He was in a partial action at Gwinns Island [Gwynn Island] was sationed [stationed?] a part of his time at York Town and at Suffolk & Williamsburg Virginia. He knows of no person at this time that was in the service with him who is alive and living near enough to him to be procured as a witness. He says his Certificates of Discharges are lost or mislaid. The following Questions have been propounded to him

Question the first where & in what year were you born. Answer I was born in the year 1750 November the 8th in the County of Cumberland State of Virginia. Question 2nd have you any Record of your age and if so where is it. Answer I have it now in the family Register of my Father (which was produced) Question 3rd where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live. Answer. I lived in the County of Chesterfield when I served the first tour and in the County of Mecklenburg when I served the other two tours. He remained in the last named County 30 years and then moved to his present place of residence in Sumner County Tennessee. Question 4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute. Answer I was twice drafted and once I volunteered. Question 5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect. Answer. I cannot recollect the number of the Regiments and I have already stated the names of all the principal officers I can at this time Recollect. Question 6th State the name of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can Testify as to your Character for Veracity and their Belief of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Answer I am personally known to General William Hall our present member to Congress and to John T Carr Esquire who can certify to my Character &c. There is no Clergyman living directly in my

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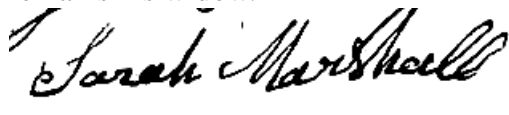
neighborhood and this deponent states he is not able to go to Court as it is a Distance of twenty miles and He is very infirm. And is the reason of his making his affidavit before a Justice of the peace. He hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to any Pension or Annuity except the present and declares his name is not On the pension roll of the agency of any State whatsoever. Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Francis Marshall



[General William Hall, a member of Congress, and John T Carr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 17: On May 31, 1853 in Macon County Tennessee, Sarah Marshall, 78, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Francis Marshall, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Smith County Tennessee in 1813 (month and and day not recollected); that they were married by Andrew Greer, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Jacobs; that her husband died at his residence in Sumner County Tennessee January 23rd, 1836 and that she remains his widow.



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[p 15: On July 13, 1855 in Macon County Tennessee, Sarah Marshall, about 80, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Francis Marshall stating that she married him in 1813 in Smith County Tennessee; that they were married by Andrew Greer, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Jacobs; and that her husband died in Sumner County now Macon and referred to her family register for the date of his death.]

[p 10: Family register reading:

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[Facts in file: the veteran married Sarah Jacobs August 2, 1813 in Smith County Tennessee; in 1866 when applying for the reinstatement of her pension following the American Civil War, she stated that she resided "on the waters of the middle fork of Goose Creek in Macon County Tennessee and was being cared for by her daughter Sarah H Jacobs; in addition to the record relating to the death of the veteran, the following family data also appears in this file:

Thomas Thompson born January 29, 1823

Nathaniel Thompson born May 29, 1824

James Thompson born January 17, 1826

The relationship, if any of the above named Thompson children is not stated in the file.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]