

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Day W6956

Jane

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the seventh of July 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows"

State of North Carolina Person County: On this 6th day of March 1843 personally appeared before me Clement H. Jordan a justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Jane Day a resident of said County aged seventy-eight 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows." That she is the widow of Francis Day late of this County who was a revolutionary soldier; That he the said Francis Day belonged to a volunteer Regiment formed in Granville [County] which was commanded by Col. Archibald Leightle [sic, Archibald Lytle]. That said Regiment met at Granville Court-house now the town of Oxford in said County in this State that she is not certain who is Capt. was. She believes this enlistment was for six months: that her said husband marched from Oxford to Hillsboro from thence to Greensboro or Guilford Court house, from thence to Salisbury and thence to Meclenburg [sic, Mecklenburg] Court-house all in this State where they remained but a short time and were thence marched into South Carolina. She further states that he served in another tour in the State of Georgia and she now believes under Col. Thomas Farmer who was an own cousin of hers, she is not certain as to the length of this tour but is confident it could not have been less than three months and might have been six. She is of opinion one of these tours were served in 1778 and the other in 1780 or 1781 but of the dates she cannot be certain having no record of them.

She further declares that she was married to the said Francis Day by John Womack Esquire in the year 1787 and that the said Francis Day died on the 20th day of February in the year 1816, That he [sic, she] was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated. She further states that upon her oath that her husband never received any pension in his lifetime.

Sworn to and subscribed day and date above written in presence of
S/ C. H. Jordan, JP

S/ Jane Day, X her mark

[John Bumpass, 75, a justice of the peace and John Hicks, 67 testified that they both knew Francis Day and Jane Farmer before they were married and after they were married; that they knew them as man and wife for 50 years or upwards and that notwithstanding no record can be found of their marriage they have no hesitation in saying that they were legally married.]

State of Virginia Halifax County to wit: On this 19th day of January 1843, appeared before me

William L. Owen a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, John Fitts,¹ a Revolutionary Pensioner, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath saith that, he was acquainted with Francis Day, late of Person County North Carolina, who was a Soldier of the Revolution. That he knows that the said Day he was in the service. That he saw him in service in the Army both before and after the battle of Guilford. That he does not know the length of time that he served, but is of opinion that he served a nine months tour. He is also of opinion that he served under Capt. William Gill as they lived near each other and as he knew them to be very intimate.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written
S/ Wm L. Owen, JP
S/ John Fitts, X his mark

State of North Carolina Person County: on this the 27th day of February 1843 personally appeared before me Clement H. Jordan a justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County above named John Wilkerson² a revolutionary pensioner aged 82 years a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath state that he was acquainted with Frances Day late of this County, who was a revolutionary soldier. That he the said Day belonged to the same Regiment to which the said Wilkerson belonged he states that he is of opinion that he enlisted as he himself did believing that tour was to last but five months but says they were out six months: they were commanded by Col. Archibald Leightle [sic, Archibald Lytle] and formed a part of the volunteer Regiment made up at Granville Court house in the fall of the year 1778. From Granville Court house they marched to Hillsboro from thence to Guilford Courthouse and from thence to Salisbury and to Mecklenburg Court house where they were stationed a short time; they were then marched on to South Carolina and stationed at the Ten Mile House, which is ten miles on this side of Charleston, here they remained some two or three weeks and were then marched to Purrysburg on Savannah River in consequence of receiving information that the British had reached Savannah in the State of Georgia.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and date above written in presence of
S/ C. H. Jordan, JP
S/ John Wilkerson, X his mark

[fn p. 40: Abisha Slade, Clerk of Caswell County, NC, court certify that he had checked the records in his office and could not find any record of the marriage of Francis Day to Jane Farmer.]

¹ [John Fitts W9439](#)

² FPA W26042