

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John France W7327 Catharine France VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 26 Feb 2014.

[Capitalization partly corrected.]
State of Virginia

County court of Richmond On the 13 day of April in the year 1818 before the County Court of Richmond being A Court of Record Personally appeared in open Court John France aged about sixty years resident in said County who being first sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by a late Act of Congress entitled Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united states in the Revolutionary War

That he the said John France some time in the year 1781 enlisted in the County of Richmond under Colo Leroy Peachy [sic: Leroy Peachey] for the term of three years in the United States service of Virginia line he was by said Peachy delivered up to a Capt Wise & with other recruits was marched to Four Mile Creek [Fourmile Creek at Deep Bottom] on James River and there joined a Regiment commanded by Colo Thomas Gaskins. After he was commanded by Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne at the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] from thence he was marched to Cumberland Court House and was in the regiment commanded by Colo. Febecer [sic: Christian Febiger] and by him delivered up to a Colo. [Thomas] Posey who marched to Georgia and was there under the command of Gen'l. Waine [sic: Anthony Wayne], who went to Savanna Town [sic: Savannah GA, 11 Jul 1782] there he and others were furlough'd to return to Richm'd in Virginia in order be discharged, & before they met there Peace was proclaimed having served the whole of his term
The said John France declares he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his Country.

☞ Colo. Leroy Peacy was the Colo. of Militia in Richmond County and we Recruits were placed under his direction and were by him delivered up to Capt Wise &c as stated above &c this information received from the information of John France himself this 18th day of May 1819.

State of Virginia
Richmond County to wit

On this 4th day of Sept'r. 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record agreeably to the Laws of the State of Virginia. John France aged about fifty nine years resident in the County of Richmond in said state who being first sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, as follows; In the 10th or 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment commanded first by Colo. Thomas Gaskins, 2^{ndly} by Colo. Febucer, and last by Colo. Posey in a company commanded by Capt. Morse and was at the Siege of York in Virginia afterwards in North and South Carolina, and was discharged at Cumberland (Old) Courthouse in Virginia as will more fully appear by a reference to the original declaration filed in the War Office, dated the 13th day of April 1818 on which a pension Certificate was granted the sixteenth day of June 1819 Number 11.990 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.
no Real estate of any kind. Rents Land at \$20 p Annum

Personal estate, 9 Head of Cattle of Large and Small 17 Small hogs & pigs

House hold property supposed to be worth \$20

Himself aged about 58 or 59 years old very infirm for years with a sore Leg and not able to pursue his calling as a farmer

His Wife aged about 50 or 51 years a very sickly feeble woman, 4 children residing with him, 3 Girls 1 - 18 years old 1 - 16 years & 1 - 8 years old. the 2 former able to support themselves, 1 Boy 14 years old able to support himself

Signed by John Frances

NOTES:

On 3 June 1843 Catharine France, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married John France in 1788, and he died on 26 Dec 1842. On the same day John W. Belfield and Catharine Pullen stated that they had examined the family record in a Bible and found the following entries for children of John and Catharine France: Nancy France the first child was born 2 Oct 1788; Polly France the second child was born 11 July 1793; that seven other births were recorded, the last on 24 October 1813; and "that eight of them (the whole number [sic]) are now living." A document dated 25 Aug 1843 certifies that John and Catharine France obtained a marriage license in King George County on 7 Feb 1788, but that John France's name was misspelled, and also that Catharine France lived in Richmond County less than three miles from the courthouse of Westmoreland County. The file includes a copy of a power of attorney signed by John France, son of John France, Sr., who was presumably the pensioner.

The above transcription and notes were compiled from the HeritageQuest images, because the Fold3 images were largely illegible. There are more illegible images on Fold3 that might include additional information.

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France John

VA
(Catherine)

W7327

Transcription by FA Weyler

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Virginia certificate 11990

John France

Of Richmond, private

Colonel Peachy

3 years

Issued 10June1819 @ \$8/month

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State of Virginia

County court of Richmond. On the 18 day of April in the year 1818 before the county court of Richmond County, a court of record, personally appeared in open court John France aged about seventy years resident in said county. Who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by a late act of congress entitled Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war.

That he the said John France some time in the year 1781 enlisted in the County of Richmond under Col Leroy Peachy for the term of three years in the United States service of Virginia line headed by said Peachy delivered up to a Capt Ural Smith [?] Other generals was marched to Jones Mala [?] Creek on James River and there joined a regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Gaskins. After he was commanded by Genl Wayne at the siege of York. From thence he was marched to Cumberland Court House and was in the regiment commanded by Col Febicer [Christian Febiger] and by him was delivered up to a Colonel Posey who marched to Georgia and was there under the command of Gen. Wayne [?] who went to Savannah Town. There he and others were furloughed to return to Richmond in Virginia in order be discharged. Before they met there peace was proclaimed having served the whole of his term. The said John France declares he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his country.

[county certification

George Saunders, clerk]

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State of Virginia

Richmond County to wit:

On this 4th day of Sept 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record agreeably to the laws of the State of Virginia John France aged about fifty nine years resident in the County of Richmond in said state. Who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: In the 10th or 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment commanded first by Col Thomas Gaskins 2nd by Col Febiger and last by Col Posey in a company commanded by Captain Morse and was at the siege of York in Virginia afterwards in North and South Carolina and was discharged at Cumberland

Court House in Virginia as will more fully appear by a reference to the original declaration filed in the War Office dated the 18th day of April 1818 on which a pension certificate was granted the sixteenth day of June 1819 number 10990. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress "entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818" and that I have not nor has any person for me in trust any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

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No real estate of any kind. Rents land \$20per annum, personal estate 9 head of cattle of large and small, 17 small hogs & personal household property supposed to be worth \$20.

Himself aged about 58 or 59 years old, very infirm for years with a sore leg and not able to pursue his calling as a farmer. His wife aged about 50 or 51 years a very sickly feeble woman, 4 children residing with him, 3 girls, 1 18 years old, 1 16 years old, & 1 8 years old, the 2 former able to support themselves. Boy 14 years old able to support himself.

Signed by

John France

[county certification by George Saunders, clerk]

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Catherine France

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Partially legible 03June1843 Richmond County Virginia declaration of Catherine France
Probably the widow of John France for a widow's pension

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Virginia certificate

Catherine France, widow of

John France, private in Virginia

Issued 16Jan1844 @ \$80/annum