

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Freshour (Freshower) W7607 Margaret Freshour VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Ross County } Ss.
State of Ohio }

On this 12th day of Oct 1832 personally Appeared Before the Judges of the Court of Common pleas John Freshour a resedent of the county and state afore said Aged 76 years on the 13th Day of may last past who being duely sworn according to law Doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefits of the provision Made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he served two tours [as] a Militiaman in the American Continental [sic] service, first as a Volunteer of three months under Cap'n. Scott of Militia second as a Draft for 12 months under Cap'n. Steen [sic: John Steed] a regular officer in the American service

from my Fathers record from which I have have taken this as a copy I was Born in Fredrick [sic: Frederick] County State of Maryland the 13th Day of may in the year 1756 and when I was 14 years old my Father moved to Virginia Berkly [sic: Berkeley] County, and in the year 1776 then I was about 20 years old there was three Volunteer Companys raised of which I was one of Cap'n. Scotts Company to go a three months tour to our Army which then lay in their winters quarters at Morrowstown in the Jerse State [sic: Morristown NJ] Cap'n. Thruston from Winchester was the Cap'n. of one of these Companies and another Cap'n. from Sheppertstown [sic: Shepherdstown] I forget his name was the Cap'n. of another Company. And Cap'n. Scott from Martinsburgh [sic: Martinsburg] to whose Company I belonged was the third one about Christmass we started from Berkly county Virginia and about the Middle of January [We] arrived at our American lines it was then in the Dead of the winter no fighting wa[page torn] we on Both Armies the American and the English were in their winters quarters nothin[page torn] there to do for us, we were the Billeted to houses about in the country. there we [page torn] first day of march we had an Engagement with the English at a place called Miscataway in the Jersey State near Bonbrook and Middlebrook [sic: skirmish at Piscataway NJ near Bound Brook and Middlebrook, 1 Mar 1776] the snow being half a leg Deep the English were in an open field and we in a Middleing large piece of woodland we stood fire perhaps an hour and a half and we had to give way they were more in number than us they had cannons and we had none one of Cap'n. Scotts Company to which I belonged was left Dead on the ground another of our company who had received a Dangerous wound Died soon after Lu't. Cample [Lt. Campbell?] in our Company had his Arm shot off Cap'n. Thruston from winchester also had his arm shot off we then staid yet tell the last Day of March then was Discharged and went home

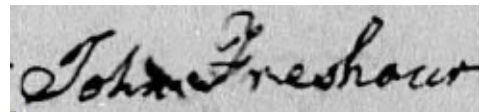
In the year 1778 in the Month of March my Cap'n. of Militia was called upon to Draft three men of his company and have them redy [page torn] be sent on a Certain Day to Martinsburgh which was our County town, and from [the]re to be sent on to our Continental Army to serve a tour of 12 Months as a Draft [page torn] the Continental Service, – this caused a great Dread on the most of the company then I and some more of the company made a proposal to the Cap'n. and the Company that we would throw in 2 Dollars a piece and if every one of the company would do so we would stand no Draft But let 3 of the company take that mony and serve the tour of 12 months as a Draft in the Militia Servise, – and in a little time they were all agreed to do so then I and two more of the company took the mony Bought our seves some good Cloaths and went to Martinsburgh where all the Drafts had to meet on a Certain Day in the Month from there we started the last week in March or the first in April for the army which then lay at the Vally forge on Scoolkill [sic: Valley Forge near Schuylkill River] 12 mile on this side of philadelphia we arrived at our Army about the Middle of april the English army then lay in philadelphia and vacated philadelphia the 18 of June that same year 1778 and made for New York. I had then been laying 3 or 4 weeks under the Doctor sick, Washington immediatly with his whole Army followed the English Army, all the sick in the Army were Carried in wagons in the country about to farmers Barns orderly men and

Doctors were appointed to nurse and take care of the sick; Washington with his army overtook the English Army at Monmouth in the Jersey and there had a Battle [28 Jun 1778] I could hear the Cannons from where I lay sick in the hospital which was about 23 mile then the English Army went on to New York, and our Army Crossed the North river and went on to the white plains in York Government as it was called then perhaps 25 or 30 mile above the City of New York, about the Middle of July all them that were in the hospitals, which had got able to travel of which I was one about this time had been sick about one month & 27 days, were collected out of the Different hospitals together and taken to our Army, which was then at the white plains, and many of us being very weak, it took us Between two and three weeks to get there, There we lay about 2 months then General Mulenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] with his Brigade to which I belonged at that time was sent up the North river and stationed on General Puttnoms [sic: Israel Putnam's] farm right on the Bank of the North River on the other side, there we staid till about the first of Dec'e'r. there I stood sentry at General Puttnoms Aple mill and cider press, there I and a great many others with some of our officers Crossed the North river to do a tour of 2 Days work at the fort called west point which lies pointedly on the Bank of North river on this side about 2 miles above General Puttnoms farm which is on the other side. Albany lies about 90 mile higher up the river, there the tidewater goes and comes every 24 hours [a]bout the first of Dec'e'r. we left that place went Down on the other side of the river how far I do not know then Crossed the river and came about 2 weeks travel south through the Jersey State to where there was a great piece of woodland there we struck our winters quarters and about Christmas we lived in our Cabins which we had Build and about the last of March or first of April all them that were Deaths[?] belonging to the Virginia troops were Discharged and sent home.

General Mulenburgh Brigade Gen'l
 Col Nevil of Reg't. [sic: John Nevill]
 Cap'n. Steed belonged to his company.

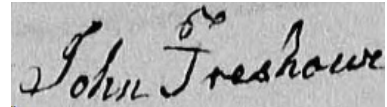
He continued after the War to reside in the western part of Berkeley County Virginia near Bath, now Morgan County Virginia, and from thence about 30 year [page torn] Fall he removed to Hocking in the State of Ohio where he resided for four [page torn] and removed from there to Parish[?] Creek in the County of Ross where he still resides

He received a discharge from Colo. Nevil, a discharge from Capt Steed, and like wise a discharge from Capt Steed all of which have long since been lost or destroyed by time and accident. That he has no documentary evidence to prove the facts stated in this declaration and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure. he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present, that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



State of Ohio }
 Ross County ss } Be it known that the above named John Freshour who made his Declaration in the Court of Common Pleas for said County on the 12th day of Oct'r 1832 for the purpose of obtaining a Pension under the act of the 7th of June 1832, did this tenth day of Oct'r 1833 personally appear before me Peter Patterson a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and make oath in due for of law, that he served a full tour of three months in the Militia in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary War under Capt. Scott, which tour commenced on or about the 25th of Dec'r 1776 as stated in his declaration — that in the last week in March 1778 he again entered the service of the United States in the Militia, in the Revolutionary War, on a tour of twelve months, as a Drafted soldier, and was attached to the Company of Capt Steed, who was a Captain in the regular Army, that he serve out his full tour of twelve months under said Captain, as stated in his declaration, with the exception of about two months; during which two months, or nearly that time, he was sick, leaving a ballance of thirteen months actual service by him

performed, being the term for which he claims a pension under the act aforesaid – and further this deponent saith not.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Freshower". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTES:

On 22 Nov 1851 Margaret Freshower, aged 79 on 3 April 1851, applied for a pension stating that she married John Freshower on 27 Sep 1791, and he died 13 Oct 1841. The file includes a copy of the marriage record of John Freshower and Margaret Funkhouser in Shenandoah County officiated by Simon Harr. On 15 May 1855 her application for bounty land was certified by John Freshour, Jr. (as he signed).

On 2 Nov 1857 Matthew Waddel and his wife, Hester Waddel authorized the survey of the bounty land they inherited from her mother, Margaret Freshour, deceased.