

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Zimmerman W8374
f109VA

Judith Bourne¹

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[Note: Since there is no application in this file by either the veteran or his widow, I have elected not to transcribe the application filed by the heirs of the veteran's former widow, but rather to quote the Department of the Interior's letter summarizing the contents of the file.]

June 27, 1926

[Addressee]

Sir:

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W. 8374, it appears that Frederick Zimmerman marched from Culpeper County, Virginia and was in General George Rogers Clarke's Expedition to the Wabash country, and helped to capture Vincennes and Kaskaskia, and served about two years, a part of the time he was under Captain Leonard Helm. It is also stated that he had other tours in the Virginia Troops, no officers given, and there is no specific dates of any of his service.

He married in June 1784 (license issued June 14, 1784) in Culpeper County, Virginia, Judith, daughter of Andrew Bourne. Soldier died December 10, 1804 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and his widow Judith married in 1808 George Bourne, who died May 12, 1836. She died June 29, 1844 in Jessamine County, Kentucky.

Children of Frederick Zimmerman and his wife Judith:

Sarah or Sally married Andrew Bourne, she was nearly seventy years old in 1854 and living in Jessamine County, Kentucky; William Zimmerman, nearly sixty-eight years old in 1854 and living in Anderson County, Kentucky, is stated that he was in the War of 1812 in Captain Jacob Ellison's Company of Kentucky Militia; Morton Zimmerman, fifty-seven years old in 1854 and living in Jessamine County, Kentucky; Polly, wife of John Lessly; Jane P., wife of Thomas C Jennings; Fanny, wife of Robert Dinwiddie; Augustis Zimmerman; Nancy, wife of John Coiner; Judith, wife of Francis H Combs.

The pension due their mother was allowed the following children: Sarah or Sally Bourne, William Zimmerman, and Morton Zimmerman.

The heirs at law of Thomas C Jennings and wife Jane P.: Berrymen Jennings; Maryanne, wife of Morton M. Carver; Huldah, wife of Simpson S. White; and Theodore Jennings.

The heirs at law of Robert Dinwiddie and wife Fanny: Jane, wife of ___ Profit; Elen

¹ Former widow

Dinwiddie; and William Dinwiddie.

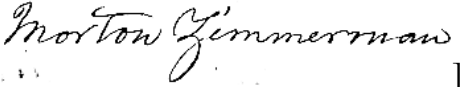
The heirs at law of Agustis Zimmerman: John B Zimmerman; Ambrose D Zimmerman; James Zimmerman; Frederick A Zimmerman; Riland T. D. Zimmerman.

The heirs at law of John Coiner and wife Nancy: Martin Coiner; James B Coiner (his heir at law – Catharine Coiner); Elizabeth Coiner; Robert Coiner; and Archibald Coiner.

The heirs at law of Frances H Combs and wife Judith: Georgeann, wife of Green Seay.

Respectfully, etc.

[Morton Zimmerman filed the claim on belief of the heirs.

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[p 84: Is an affidavit given on February 18, 1854 in Jessamine County Ky by Elijah Bourn, 84, in which he gives the same information regarding the marriage of the veteran and Judith Bourn; their heirs and the reputation of Zimmerman's service as set forth in more detail by John Lowen in affidavits transcribed below.

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Jasmine County Kentucky Sct.

John Lowen of said County aged 80 years being sworn says that from his infancy he was well acquainted with Frederick Zimmerman a Soldier in the Virginia Line War of the Revolution.

That soon after the close of the War of the Revolution he was present at the marriage of said Frederick Zimmerman to Judith Bourne in Culpeper County Virginia

That he remembers very distinctly that his father was then a widower and went to the wedding and took him behind him on his horse he then being a boy

That he knew the above named Frederick and Judith from their marriage up to the time of the death of said Frederick and during all that time they lived together as husband and wife and were so reputed by all their neighbors and acquaintances that he was their neighbor. That the said Frederick was thrown from his horse and killed in Fayette County Kentucky on the 9th day of December A.D. 1804 as I well remember, leaving said Judith a widow who afterwards married one George Bourne in Jessamine County Kentucky A.D. 1808 the month nor day of month he does not recollect he having gone to Virginia, that said George Bourne died in Jessamine County Kentucky either the 1st or 2nd day of May A.D. 1836 leaving said Judith again a widow after which she never again married and died in Jessamine County Kentucky on the 29th day of June A.D. 1844 leaving at her death the following surviving and only surviving Children of said Frederick and Judith wants his wife Viz.

1. Sarah wife of Andrew Bourne
2. William Zimmerman
3. Morton Zimmerman
4. Polly wife of John Lessly

He further states that in addition to the above named children said Frederick left others who were the children of said Frederick and Judith who died previous to the death of the said

Judith Viz.

1. Jane wife of Thomas C Jenning
 1. Berryman Jenings
 2. Maryanne wife of Morten McCarver
 3. Huldah wife of Simpson S. White
 4. Theodore Jenings
- 2nd Fanny wife of Robert Dinwiddie
 - 1st Jane wife of __ Prophlet [?]
 - 2nd Elen Dinwiddie and 3rd William Dinwiddie
- 3rd Augustis Zimmerman
 1. John B. Zimmerman
 2. Ambrose Zimmerman
 3. James Zimmerman
 4. Frederick Zimmerman his unknown heirs
 5. Riland T. D. Zimmerman
4. Nancy wife of John Coiner
 1. Martin Coiner
 2. James B. Coiner his heirs at law Catharine Coiner
 3. Elizabeth Coiner
 4. Robert Coiner
 5. Archibald Coiner
5. Judith wife of Francis H. Combs
 1. Georgeann wife of Green Seay her unknown heirs at law

That the above named includes the children of the said Frederick and Judith, who died after his death and previous to the death of said Judith also the names of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and that he was personally acquainted with all of them more or less.

The above named Frederick Zimmerman Served in the Revolutionary War according to my recollection of what I have always heard and believed three years in said war, under Captain Leonard Helms (probably all the time) under General George Rogers Clark all the time and he swears he is disinterested.

Given under my hand and seal this 20 day of February 1854

S/ John Lowen, X his mark

Witness

S/ J. D. Hill Jasmine County Kentucky

S/ James Barkley Lexington Kentucky

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Jassmine County Kentucky Sct.

I John Lowen of said County aged nearly 81 years do certify that in my childhood in Culpeper County Virginia I was well acquainted with one Frederick Zimmerman also of Said County who served in the Service of the United States in Clarke's Expedition to the Wabash Country in the War of the Revolution (viz.) I remember very well when he returned from this Expedition both from seeing him frequently, and hearing it spoken of in our neighborhood as we lived only about four miles apart.

The said Zimmerman I remember went out again in the Service of the United States in

said War but I do not now remember how long he was gone or whether he were in the Militia or Regulars. One Rueben Finney [sic]² was with him this last trip. Mrs. Betsy Finney widow of said Rueben lived in this County about ten or twelve [years] ago and as such received a pension and died afterwards in Missouri. If there be any record of the service of said Finney it will also probably Shew the last Service of said Zimmerman. I was present at the marriage of the above named Frederick Zimmerman and Judith Bourn in Culpeper County Virginia in the month of June A.D. 1784 and Saw them married by one John Leland a Baptist preacher.

I afterwards went to school to the above named Frederick Zimmerman and was intimately acquainted with him during the rest of his life. –

I have frequently heard said Zimmerman Say that he Served in Clarke's Expedition as above named: and my present recollection is that he told me that he was in that Service two or three years (Three I think) and that he was at least a portion of the time under Captain Leonard Helm: I have frequently heard him say that he was present at the capture at Vincennes or Old Post and Kaskaskia in said Service and I have also heard said Zimmerman say that he was entitled to Land Bounty on account of this service.

The Statements of said Zimmerman mentioned above were always believed to be true among his neighbors and acquaintances Viz. I never heard the truth thereof disputed or called in question by any one and his reputation was in accordance with the above statement.

The above named Frederick and Judith during the lifetime and up to the death of the said Frederick lived together as husband and wife and were so reputed to be among their neighbors and acquaintances. –

The said Frederick Zimmerman died in Fayette County Kentucky on the 10th (or 11th) day of December 1804 as I well remember although I have no written memorandum to refer to.

He lived in Jessamine County but had gone to Lexington in Fayette County and got thrown from his horse and Killed at date above stated; and I was at his burial in this County next day.

The above named Judith Zimmerman remained a widow of said Frederick a few years when she married one George Bourn in this County. The said George Bourn died in this County on (or about) the 12th day of May 1836 as I well remember leaving said Judith again a widow after which she never married again but remained a widow of said Bourn until her death which took place in this County on the 29th day of June 1844 –

The following named persons or the present Surviving and only present Surviving children of the above named Frederick Zimmerman and Judith Zimmerman his wife (Viz.)

1. Sally Bourn (a widow) Jasmine County Kentucky
2. William Zimmerman Anderson County Kentucky
3. Morton Zimmerman Jasmine County Kentucky

and I also further state that I am a disinterested witness.

Witness my hand in Jessamine County Kentucky on the 28th day of December 1854

I have heretofore written my name but for several years passed on account of infirmity of age and failure of my eyesight I have to make my mark.

S/ John Lowen, X his mark

witnesses

S/ Jeeliu Zimmerman [?]

S/ Geo. S. Mitchell, Jasmine County Kentucky

² [Reuben Finney W10024](#)

Frederick Zimmerman
Geo. S. Mitchell

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Jasmine County Kentucky Sct.

I Morton Zimmerman SAID County aged past 57 years do make the following statement (Viz.)

That I am one of the sons of Frederick Zimmerman and his wife Judith Zimmerman both now deceased (Viz.) the said Frederick Zimmerman's died in Fayette County Kentucky on the 10th day of December 1804. I have no memorandum of the date of his death. I remember it very well and the date of it is from tradition and recollection of his acquaintance especially of John Lowen who knew him well –

I have always heard and believed that my parents above named were lawfully married in Culpeper County Virginia soon after the Revolutionary War and that the name of my mother before said marriage was Judith Bourn. For the date of their marriage I depend on tradition and recollection of the above named John Lowen as we have no Family Record of their marriage or of the births of their children except the date of my own birth which I have made Since I was grown and that was from tradition and from and inscription on a rock in Madison County Kentucky made at the time of my Birth.

My sister Sally was their oldest child and she is nearly Seventy years old. My brother William Zimmerman was their second child and he is nearly 68 years old and lives in Anderson County Kentucky –

He was a soldier in Captain Jacob Allison's [referred to in another document as Capt. Jacob Ellison] Company Johnson's Regiment Kentucky Militia War of 1812 and as I am informed has received a Land Warrant under Act of 28th September 1850 and I refer to the rolls of said Company for proof collaborative of his age.

The above named Frederick Zimmerman at his death left my mother above named his widow and she so remained a few years when she married one George Bourn and this County: who died in this County on the 12th day of May 1836 leaving said Judith again a widow after which She never married again but remained a widow and died in this County on the 29th day of June 1844.

I have no written memorandum of the dates of the death either of said George or Judith Bourn but the records of our County Court will Shew when the will of each was recorded (That of my mother, how I look was not recorded until some months after her death) but I remember the date of her death distinctly.

My father the above named Frederick Zimmerman according to what I have always heard and believed was a soldier in the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution: and that he was in Clarke's Regiment in the Expedition to the Wabash Country against Vincennes and Kaskaskia and that he was in said service two or three years. I can remember hearing my father tell men about this service. I have frequently heard my mother the above named Judith speak of it, and have always believed that he Served as above referred to. For period of Service, names of officers etc., etc. I refer to the rolls of said Expedition as I do not Know of any one living by whom I can prove any of his service. The affidavit of the above named John Lowen to accompany this or be filed hereafter is the best proof that I can offer in the case. There was one Elijah Bourn who could have stated in substance about the same but he died recently –

I made an application as administrator of the above named Judith for pension last winter or spring, and the affidavit of the above named Elijah Bourn accompanied said [document ends here]

[The heirs of the veteran's former widow were granted the pension to which she would have been entitled had she applied for a pension. The rate of the pension was \$72.25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 and ending 29th of June 1844.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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Department of War
Bounty Land All fish
July 20, 1838

Sir,

In answer to yours of the 3rd instant, I have to inform you that, the name of Frederick Zimmerman, is not returned on the list of Revolutionary Officers on filed in this Department, among those entitled to bounty lands from the United States –

From an official list, in this Office, of the Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the Illinois Regiment, and the Western Army, under the command of General George Rogers Clarke, who are entitled to a bounty in land from the State of Virginia, it appears that Frederick Zimmerman, a private in that Army, is returned on said list as entitled to bounty land from said State for his services for “during the War”; the claim for which bounty, refers itself solely to the Executive Department of the State of Virginia – at Richmond –

The men who served under General Clarke, were not Continental, but State line troops, and were not included in the Resolutions of Congress providing bounty lands

Respectfully your obedient Servant
S/ Wm Gordon

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Carrolton, June 25, 1839
Green County
Illinois

Dear Sir in compliance with the Request of the Secretary

State in his letter of the 27 May 1839 I hear with transmit the Letter of Mr. Wm Gordon Esquire Clerk War Department Washington City, I am Sir

Your [text too faint to discern]
Obedient Servant

Executive of the State of Virginia

S/ Erin Cahorn

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Hon. David Campbell Govnor
State of Verginia
Richmond

[post marked Carrolton, IL. Aug. 3]

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Hn. Fredk. Zimmerman
(Illinois Soldr.)

Asking information in relation to land bounty
Rec'd Nov. 3, 1838

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Carrolton Green County Illinois
August 2, 1838

To the executive of the State of Virginia}

Dear Sir as a legal Representative of the Late Frederick Zimmerman who served as a member of the Illenois Regiment of the Western Army Under the Command of General George Rogers Clark [sic] who Commanded State line Troops and ware not Entitled to Bounty Land from the United States but from the State of Verginia I take this method of Requesting you to in form me what Land is allowed or what I must do to get Land which he was Entitled to and if a pattent is Reddy pleas fore ward it to me at this place or if it is a warrant for Land pleas transmit by male Soon as practicabl you will please in form me on this subject and much obliege your friend

S/ John Cainer

Hon. David Campbell

P. S. I am in formed by the War Department at Washington City to apply to the Executive of the State of Virginia

S/ JC

Hon. David Campbell

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We the Heirs of Frederick Zimmerman (Deceased) Morton Zimmerman, William Zimmerman and John Coiner husband of Nancy Zimmerman Would Respectfully Represent to his Excellency the Governor of the State of Verginia that we are entitled to a bounty in Lands and probably money from the State of Verginia owin to the Military Services of the said Frederick Zimmerman under the Authorities of the State of Virginia and commanded by General George Rogers Clark [sic] [remaining text too faint to discern with only odd words being visible throughout the remainder of the document. The signatures, if any, of the petitioners are not legible.]