

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

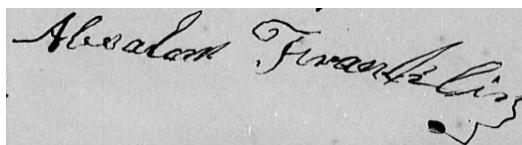
Pension Application of Absalom Franklin W8830 Margaret Franklin VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 27 Feb 2014.

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky }
Christian County Sct } On this 28th day of October 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Christian County Absalom Franklin a resident of Christian County Kentucky aged sixty nine years the 4th day of August 1833, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the county of Albemarle state of Virginia in the year 1764 August the 4th. That he volunteered in May 1781 and was attached to the Company of Capt Kirtly [probably Elijah Kirtley] of the Regiment Commanded by Colo Alcock, Major Welch [sic: Nathaniel Welsh] was in Command of Battallion in the same Regiment under Genl [Peter] Muhlenberg, that he was marched through Williamsburg to York where he was discharged at the end of two months at which time he was discharged and returned home. That about the first day of September 1781 he again substituted in the room of another name not distinctly recollected but thinks it was Snell, was in the Company Commanded by Capt Stubblefield of the Regiment Commanded by Colo Dark, under Genl [Edward] Stevens that he was at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and continued in the service two months when he was marched up as a guard to carry prisoners to Winchester Barracks where he was discharged, and he then moved to East Tennessee where he again volunteered and served under Capt Baker as an Indian Spy on the Frontiers of Tennessee for the term of two months. He then removed from Tennessee to Franklin County in the State of Georgia, where he again volunteered as an Indian Spy under Capt Bowen and continued in this service for the term of two months. He would remark from his advanced age and infirmity he cannot state the month or year in which he entered the service as an Indian Spy either in Tennessee or Georgia, But he well recollects the time & severity of the service. He will further state that he has long since lost all the discharges and has to rely on his memory now very frail for all particulars in relation to this matter. He states further that at the time he volunteered first as aforesaid, he resided in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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

Where and in what year were you born?

In Albemarle county Virginia on the 4th day of August 1764.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

If any record is in existence it is probably in Virginia where I was born

Where were you living when called into the Service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

I lived when called into the Service in Culpepper County Virginia. I lived since in East Tennessee, part of the time in Georgia, and part of the time in Christian County Kentucky where I now live

How were you called into the Service, were you drafted did you volunteer, or did you substitute and if a substitute for whom

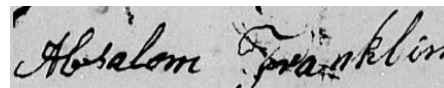
In the first term of two months I volunteered. In the second I substituted for a gentleman if I recollect right of the name of Snell, in the two last named terms of two months each as an Indian Spy I volunteered State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such

Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service I will name Genl Lafayette, Genls Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], [Anthony] Wayne & [Daniel] Morgan, Col Alcock, Col Dark, from my age & infirmity and the great lapse of time I cannot recollect much of the regiments either Continental or militia, or any particulars of the general service

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom, and what has become of them I received four discharges but the whole of them have been lost, and from my age & frailty of memory I cannot recollect who signed the discharges

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution

I will name Micajah Fort, James S Moore & Richard P Dawson as persons who reside in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution and an Indian Spy



NOTE: On 3 May 1852 James McGee, administrator of the estate of Margaret Franklin, applied for a pension stating that Absalom and Margaret Franklin were married on 26 May 1787, and that Margaret Franklin died on 14 Sep 1847 leaving the following children: Sarah McGee, Elizabeth Ezell, Absalom Franklin, Milly Blakey, Philadelphia Elliott, and Pheraby Durham. The pension was to commence on 3 Sep 1835, the date on which Absalom Franklin was thought to have died. With the application was an original family record transcribed below, which Gillam and Elizabeth Ezell stated was the family Bible of Margaret Franklin that came into their possession after her death at their home.

BIRTHS.

Absalom Franklin Sennuer Was Born August the 4th Day in the year of our Lord 176[?]

Marget Franklin was Born March 3rd in the year of our Lord 1766

Salley Franklin the D. was Born august 13th in the year of our Lord 1789

Elisabeth Franklin Was Born the 3 Day of March in the year of our Lord 1791

Mary Franklin was Born the 11th Day Apriel in the year of our Lord 1793

Absalom Franklin jr was Born the 5th of Apriel in the year of our Lord 1795

Milley Franklin Born january the 10th 1799

Stephen Franklin Born May 23rd in the year of our Lord 1801

Delphey Franklin Born 11[?] Day Febuary 1804

Barth of Rahadia Franklin 12 June 1808

Barth of Rollen Franklin March 1st 1812

John Franklin Was Born the 10th Day of January in the year of our Lord 1787

Presilley Franklin was Born the 18th March in the year of our Lord 1797

Zebedee and Pharibe Franklin Born April 20th in the year of our Lord 1806

DEATHS. [sic]

John Elliott was Born jan the fifth in the yar of our lord 18205

Elizabeth Franklin was Bone february the 13th in the yar of lord 1824

Luize Franklin the Dauter of Stephen franklin was Bon 30th of November 1825

[The following entries down to MARRIAGES are formatted as in the original.]

BIRTHS.

John Franklin
the son of A Franklins

Presiller Franklin
Dr

Zebedee Franklins

DEATHS.

Death the 12 November
1787

Death September 26
1801

Death 25 July 1807

Wiely Franklins Death the 20 of December
Barth the 23 september 1812
in the year of our Lord 1811
1811

Death of Stephen Franklin 16 March 1827

the son of Absalom Franklin senyer

Death of Mary the Darter of

Absalom Franklin

Shalton June 24 1832 Senur

Stephen Franklin Senr

Departed this life

September 3rd 1835

MARRIAGES.

Absalom Franklin and Marget his Wife Was Married May 26th 1787

William McGee and Sarry his Wife Was Married Aprile the 12th 1810

Gillam Ezell and Elizabeth his wife was Married the 24th Febuary 1814

Absalom Franklin Junior Married December 16 1817

Stephen Franklin Married January 12th 1823

Pharebe Franklin married 16th June 1830

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Franklin Absalom

VA
(Margaret)

W8830

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Kentucky certificate 25452

Absalom Franklin of Christian County

Private under Captain Kirtly, Col Alcock 6 months

Issued 11Jan1834 @ \$20/annum

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State of Kentucky

Christian County sct: On the 28th day of October 1833 personally appeared before the county court of Christian County, Absalom Franklin, a resident of Christian County Kentucky aged seventy nine years the 4th day of August 1833. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the county of Albemarle State of Virginia in the year 1764, August the 4th. That he volunteered in May 1781 and was attached to the Company of Capt. Kirtly [William Kirtley] of the Regiment commanded by Col^o Alcock, Major Welch was in command of battalion in the same regiment under Genl Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. That he was marched through Williamsburg to York where he was discharged at the end of two months at which time he was discharged and returned home. That about the first day of September 1781 he again substituted in the room of another name not distinctly recollected but thinks it was Snell. Was in the company commanded by Capt. Stubblefield of the regiment commanded by Col^o Dark [William Darke] under Genl Stevens [Edward Stevens]. That he was at the siege of York and continued in the service two months when he was marched up as a guard to carry prisoners to Winchester Barracks when he was discharged. And he then moved to East Tennessee where he again volunteered and served under Capt. Baker as an Indian spy on the frontier of Tennessee for the term of two months. He then removed from Tennessee to Franklin County in the state of Georgia where he again volunteered as an Indian spy under Capt. Bowen and continued in the service for the term of two months. He would remark from his

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He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Absalom Franklin

[routine support and certification]
Dudley Williams, clergy, Trigg County
Micajah Fort, neighbor
James S Moore, neighbor
Richard P Dawson, neighbor
Abraham Stiles, [Stites?] clerk

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Kentucky certificate 9263
Margaret Franklin widow of
Absalom Franklin
Issued 18Aug1852 @ \$20/annum