

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Martin Frey [Fry] W9435

Nancy Frey

f42SC

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State of South Carolina Richland District: SS

Personally appeared before me Langdon Cheves one of the associate Justices of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions for the State aforesaid, Philip Martin Frey who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith That he enlisted in the 2nd Regiment of South Carolina Continentals commanded by Col. William Moultrie, and was among the earliest Recruits of that Regiment in Capt. Peter Horry's Company. That after the period of his first enlistment (three years) had expired he enlisted in the same Regiment for & during the war & served out the whole time except such time as he remained a prisoner of war.

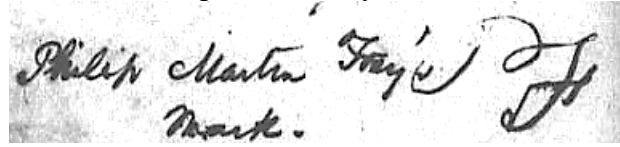
That he fought alongside of an Eighteen pounder in Fort Moultrie[,] at the attempted storm of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779] where he received a ball through his left thigh that in all his service he acted as Drummer except in the Defense of Fort Moultrie where we made noise enough without the Drum for Sir Peter Parker. He further deposes that for a long time after the War he employed himself actively on his farm & did pretty well having married & raised five sons, one of whom laid down his life for his Country in the Campaign against the Creek Indians under the command of General Jackson [Andrew Jackson], his son Michael Frey having volunteered in Tennessee where he then lived. That he this Deponent & his wife are now growing old & unable to help themselves, that this Deponent has been for many years nearly blind & still continues so & is also lame from the effects of the wound which at some times affects so much as to disenable [him] to walk. If the pay Roll of his Regiment any where exists he knows his name will be found on it but laments that time hath swept away most of the officers whom he served under Captains Horry [probably Peter Horry], Gray & Warley [probably George Warley] at different periods of his service but there is now living of Privates in said Regiment (near Columbia) Bartholomew Turnipseed -- William Miller & Daniel Halliday¹ whose testimony will establish the above facts as this Deponent verily believes. He further swears he is incapable from his Blindness & his Decrepitude, by the wound & by age from supporting himself & therefore believes he is fully entitled to the bounty proposed by law of Congress to the Disabled & worn out soldiers of the Revolutionary War

Sworn to before made this 22nd of December 1818.

S/ Langdon Cheves

¹ This MAY be the veteran [Daniel Holladay \(Holiday, Holliday\) S10867](#) who claims in his application to have served under William Moultrie.

S/ Philip Martin Frey, PF his mark



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South Carolina District of Columbia

On this day the 25th day of June 1821, personally appeared in the Court of equity being a Court having the power of fine and imprisonment for the District aforesaid, Philip M. Frey aged Sixty Seven, resident in said District, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: in the 2nd Carolina Regiment Col. Moultrie: after him Col. Motte [Isaac Motte], Capt. Peter Horry, after him several Captains whose names, he does not remember except the last, Capt. George Warley. The time of the first declaration was in the year 1819, at what time he does not particularly remember: that he received one pavement of a pension (No. 7272) that he served as drummer. 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 otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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

1 Cow & yearling	\$7.00
Some plantation tools	4.00
House & kitchen furniture	4.00
12 Fowls	1.50
3 Jugs	3.00
2 old chests	2.50
1 Shot gun barrel & 1 musket barrel	2.00
1 old Hhd [hogshead?] and 2 meal Barrels	2.00
1 old coffee mill	1.00
A small mare bought by part of Pension money already rec'd	<u>20.00</u>
	\$57.00
1 old sifter omitted above	<u>1.00</u>
	\$58.00

Sworn to and declared 25th day of June 1821 in open Court

S/ Thomas T. Willisson

S/ Philip M. Fray²

The declarant further makes oath, that he is a farmer but from his age, and infirmities can work but little for his support that he has one son aged about 20, but who gives him no assistance whatever.

Sworn to & declared in open Court, June 25, 1821.

² Clearly not the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the body of the document itself.

S/ Philip M. Frey

S/ Henry Wm DeSaussure, Judge of Equity

[p 38: A second application under the 1818 and 1820 acts, this application dated April 10, 1822 given in Lexington District South Carolina by the veteran and stating his age as 68. He restates his earlier application transcribed above and adds to the schedule of his property a pension at the rate of \$96 per annum awarded to him by the state of South Carolina.]

[p 25: Letter dated May 30, 1822 from J L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions to the veteran indicating that his name had been dropped from the federal pension list because he was receiving a pension of \$96 per year from the State of South Carolina and that the receipt of such pension disqualified him from receiving a pension under the federal law of 1818.]

[p 5: On May 30, 1844 in Lexington District, SC., Nancy Frey, upwards of 90, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Philip Martin Frey, a pensioner at the rate of \$96/annum; that she married him 'about the close of the War;' that he died June 7, 1833. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 22, 1818. See the letter dated May 30, 1822 abstracted above. Veteran was later pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending June 7 18 33 when he died. He was credited with 2 months service as a Drummer in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ³ relating to Philip Martin Frey	pp 12
Audited Account No. 2579D	
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[p 2]
The petition of Philip M Fry [sic] praying to be put on the pension List
Pensions
Granted
Captain Thomas

[p 3]
To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate
The humble petition of Philip Martin Frey Respectfully Sheweth that during the Revolutionary War, he served his Country in the Capacity of a drummer, that when others applied to the Legislature of their Country for Compensation and Aid, he did not, because it had never been his good fortune to have rendered any very signal services, which would have put his claim to the Bounty of his country on indisputable grounds, but as he has a family, is very poor, and has no means of supporting himself, except the charitable donations of the benevolent and

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

humane, he humbly hopes your Honorable body when you take his case into consideration and Remember that in addition to his poverty and his helpless family, he is now completely deprived of his eyesight, will order him to be put on the pension list, or will make some such other provision for him as to your Honorable body may seem proper.

S/ Phillip M. Fry



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Report

on the petition of Philip M Fry praying to be placed on the pension list
in the Senate December 14 1813

Resolved that this House do agree to the foregoing report – Ordered that the same be sent
to the House of Representatives for their concurrence

By order of the Senate

S/ J Murphy, C. S.

In the House of Representatives

December 17 18 13 Resolved that this House do Concur in the within Report – ordered
that the same be returned to the Senate

by order of the House

S/ R. Gantt C. H. R.

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The committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip M Fry praying to be put on the
pension list –

Report

that they have taken the same into consideration & recommend that he be placed on the pension
list, not on account of being wounded in the Revolutionary war, but because he was a regular
Soldier in the said war & conducted himself with propriety & has since had the misfortune to
lose his Eye sight which has reduced him to Extreme poverty

S/ John Hopkins, Chairman, Committee Pensions

[p 6: Receipt dated January 5th, 1816 in the amount of \$21.42 payable to Philip M Frey
[signed with his mark]

[p 8: Receipt dated December 21, 1820, in the amount of \$60 as the annuity payable to Philip
Fry acknowledged by his mark]

[pp 9-10: various receipts in the amount of \$60 per annum some of which are signed by the
veteran and others of which are signed with his mark. His signature appears variously as follows:



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Petition of Nancy Fry [sic], praying that the arrears of a pension due to her late husband may be paid to her and that she may be placed on the Pension list of this State
Quattlebaum

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South Carolina Lexington District}

To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina –
The Humble Petition of Nancy Fry, respectfully shows that her late husband Philip M Fry, now deceased, was in his lifetime, and at the time of his death a Pensioner of the said State for Revolutionary Services at the rate of sixty dollars per annum, commencing in 1813, at which time he was placed on the Pension Roll – That your Petitioner and her said husband were married during the Revolutionary War and continue to live together till the time of his death which took place in June, 1833. That the said Philip M Frey received his pension up to December 1832, but after that time, no part thereof was paid to him, in his lifetime, nor to your Petitioner, or any other person since his death – That consequently there remained due him at his death about thirty dollars – Your Petitioner further shows that she has not again married since the death of her said husband but is now his widow, That she is now very old and feeble, and can only be removed from place to place by the assistance of her Son with whom she lives. That she is very poor, as are also all her family, all of whom have large families – Your Petitioner therefore prays That the arrears of the pension due her husband at the time of his death, with interest, may be paid to her, and that She may be placed on the pension list of this State, and receive such a [the document ends at this point]