

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Freeman W9437                      Rebecca Freeman                      VA  
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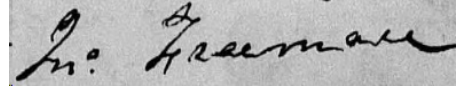
State of Kentucky,  
Laurel County Sct.

On this 4 day of November 1833, personally appeared before the County Court of Laurel John Freeman a Resident of the County aforesaid sixty nine years of age the fifteenth day of last march being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service as a private soldier in the month of December 1780 in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary War being drafted in Culpeper County in the state of Virginia for two months and was in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Hill and was in the Battallion Commanded by Major David Jameson who was detached with his Battallion from the Regiment and marched from Culpeper Court House to Hunters Forge on the Rappidhanock [sic: Rappahannock] River in Stafford County, near the Town of Falmouth to gaurd the Forge from the enemy he was in the Company Commanded by Capt. Wm. Saunton who gave him a discharge at that place for a tour of two months duty, he thinks that the other part of the Regiment was marched to Fredericksburg.

In the month of may 1781, he was again drafted for two months and was in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Alcock who marched from Culpeper Court House to Williamsburg and relieved a Regiment that was then out and joined the army there, from that a part of the army marched up the Country through the Countys of Hanover, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Orange and into Culpeper, thence through Orange, Albemarle and into Fluvana [sic: Fluvanna], there General Wayne joined with his command from the north [Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun 1781], from that down the country leaving Richmond to the right and on to the moving hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] on James River near Burwells Ferry. There Colo. Alcock's Regiment was Relieved by one other Regiment from same County, he was then in the Company Commanded by Capt. William Saunton afsd who gave him a discharge at that place for a two months tour of duty, Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] Commanded the Brigade that he was in. In Augst. 1781 there was another Regiment drafted in same County for two months Command by Colo. James Pendleton volunteers asked for to go on Horseback not of the same numbers that was drafted, a small Company volunteered which he was in Commanded by Lieut. Joel Early, and was attached to Colo. Pendleton who marched from Culpeper Court House to Williamsburg there Lieut. Earlys Command was detached from the Regiment and was placed at different places on York River above York Town and kept as spies and scouts untill about three days after the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] and then was discharged he got his discharge from Lieut Joel Early for a two months of duty at a place called Mount folly on the bank of York River about thirty miles above York Town.

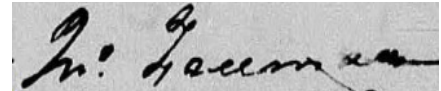
He herby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, sworn & subscribed this day & year afs'd. 1<sup>st</sup>. I was born in Forgquer [sic: Fauquier] County state of Virginia the 15 of March 1764 as informed by his parents.

2. No. [has no record of his age]
3. When caled in to service he lived in Culpepper County Va, and since he lived in Va untill 1794, when he moved to Ky where he has & does now reside.
4. He entered the service as drafted.
5. He has stated all he knows about his officers & the circumstances of his service.
6. He handed to his father in Va all his discharges who long since died in Va. He rec'd. no Commission
7. As to his character he refers to Jas McNeil [James McNeill] (surveyor of the County) Rev'd. David Weaver & Rev'd Thomas Robertson, and David Weaver the two latter (Clergyman)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Freeman".

At the Dec'r. County Court for Laurel County Ky on the 2 of Dec'r. 1833 the afs'd. John Freeman appeard in open Court & upon Oath made the following addition to the foregoing petition

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Was you in any battles. Ans. I was in no battles except I was at the Seige of York.
2. Do you recollect any of the regular officers & malitia Genls. Ans. I recollect Gen'l. Washington, Gen'l. Wayne, Colo. John Green, Maj'r. Decluman (French) [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman, Danish) Hardiman [sic: Henry Hardman] & Southall, who visited the Malitia a Maj'r. of the day. I saw Gen'l. Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben], not knowing wheather he was a regular.

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NOTE: On 27 Jan 1844 Rebecca Freeman, aged 71 on the following Feb 19, applied for a pension stating that she married John Freeman in Culpeper County on 15 March 1791, lived in Jessamine County KY for two or three years, then moved to Laurel County where her husband died on 5 Feb 1841. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 13 March 1792 by John Freeman, Jr. and Philip Lightfoot, Jr. for the marriage of Freeman to Rebecca Read "spinster daughter of John Read of the county of Culpeper." On 25 Sep 1844 Nathaniel C. Freeman of Fairfax County VA certified that the marriage occurred in 1792. A document in the file states that Rebecca Freeman died on 22 Feb 1848 and was survived by children.