



David Guthrie - moved South before we left Virginia, and I have never heard of him since - went I think to one of the Carolinas - or Alabama

I remember a man by name of Abram Absher [sic: Abraham Abshire, pension application S6459] - he was in Service in there company with my said husband - he was our close neighbor and was an officer of some inferior rank - Corporal or Sergeant - We left home in Franklin County Virginia and have never heard of him since

The officers of the Mllitia of the vicinity were Thomas Arthur - called Colonel - I believe Thomas? Charter - called Captain I believe

I think it probable that my said husband served under one of these - or both of them.

I have heretofore made some effort to obtain a pension as widow aforesaid, but I believe that no papers have been filed I do not now remember that I made any declaration - Mr Franklin McKee of this County was about to undertake it.

I know of no one alive anywhere by whom I can prove this service or our marriage

I make this declaration for the purpose of applying for the benefit of any Pension law or laws that embrace the facts of my case and I hereby with full power of substitution appoint C H Barkley of Louisville Kentucky my agent in this behalf.

The brothers of my said husband were John [pension application R3795] and James - older than he was - and Hugh and Richard younger than he was these two last named are dead

John French moved to Illinois or Missouri - Missouri we think - about 30 years ago James French died [illegible word] in the State of Illinois many years ago I do not remember that either of his brothers were in the Army & Service - though they may have been

In regard to my age I will make this statement - I very well remember the commencement of Revolutionary War I remember going to School about the time

William Kandler my sister's husband was at the Siege of Cornwallis, and I was nearly grown then - I stayed with my sister for assistance and company for her

In the Second term of my said husband he was taken sick, and his brother Hugh went and brought him home - so that he may not have been gone from home fully three months - but if not, the reason of it was on account of the sickness contracted in the service in line of duty

I remember when he came home sick and that he was sick for some time after and that he was brought on visit to my fathers - hauled in a wagon - the Militia for this term had started into Carolina - and it may have been a six months tour that they started on and I am clearly of impression that it was his second tour - I do not now remember that he said that he was in any battle, but I remember that he said that he was very near the British several times - that they in turn drove or were in very close pursuit of each other

We have no papers of any kind, in any way relating to this Service - the papers of my said husband after his dease [decease?] went into hands of our oldest son - Mason French - now deceased - and his home was robbed and a box of papers - all that he had were destroyed - and if we had any relating to his service they were then destroyed - but I do not now remember ever seeing any of the kind

I have heretofore been able to write my name - even up to within a few years, and could possibly do so now, but make my mark on account of loss of eyesight

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1860      Ann herXmark French

NOTE: Ann French's application was supported by an affidavit by her daughter, Catherine Flanagan, age 62 on 5 March 1860, who stated that there had been five older siblings, the oldest being Sarah, deceased. The only other surviving sibling was David, four years older. William Flanagan, 35, added to his mother's affidavit.