

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mordecai Franklin R3759

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State of Indiana Owen County: Owen Probate Court February Term 1834

On this 10th day of February 1834 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Honorable John Dunn sole Judge of the Probate Court of Owen County in the State of Indiana Mordecai Franklin a resident of the County in the State aforesaid Aged 76 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted in the service of the United States in Stokes County at a place called Old Richmond in the State of North Carolina in the year 1781 (applicant believes it was in the spring season of that year, but from distance of time and loss of memory he cannot be very positive). That \_\_\_ Hickman [Edwin Hickman] was Captain of the company to which he belonged and \_\_\_ Lock [sic, Francis Locke] was the Colonel who commanded the Regiment to which said company of Captain Hickman was attached that they rendezvoused at a very short time at Old Richmond, and was from thence marched to near Wilmington, and was joined to the Main Army under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at a place called Pine tree,<sup>1</sup> and continued in the Army last aforesaid killed a few days before the battle at Eutaw Springs,<sup>2</sup> when from much exposure applicant was taken sick and put in charge of what was then called the flying Hospital by his comrades whether that was the real name or not he does not know about this time his term of service expired, but having recovered applicant was again joined to his Company, which under the command of Colonel Locke was sent to guard the prisoners taken in the battle of Eutaw Springs before of alluded to Salisbury, the number of prisoners as well as he now recollects was three hundred British and about one hundred Tories. Applicant was then and there informed that General Greene had only ordered said Company to be used as such guard till the expiration of their times of service, but that Colonel Locke detained them for 3 weeks longer, when Colonel Locke was called to General Greene and the company discharged. That the term for which he was drafted as aforesaid was 3 months, that during said term of service he was in no battle, that his said services was performed in the State of North Carolina, the length of which was 3 months and 3 weeks. That the discharge which he received he retained for many years and it was lost or destroyed he don't recollect which.

That after his return home, he was frequently called out on the minute service under the command of Captain Venable to disperse bands of Tories, and restore peace to the neighborhoods

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<sup>1</sup> Also known as Camden, SC

<sup>2</sup> September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

after the Tories had created alarm, the number of times he left home under the command last aforesaid he cannot now state, nor the precise number of days he was employed but he is certain that time he was actively and actually employed in this last named service could not be less than 5 weeks, that for his said last named service he never received any discharge.

That he was born in the year 1757 near Old Richmond in North Carolina where he continued his residence still in the year 1827 when he removed to his present residence in Owen County aforesaid, He has no documentary evidence of his age, his father's record being destroyed by fire.

That he has never received one cent for his services in either of the above employments.

Applicant served as above stated 5 months in all and for that time he claims a pension as a private in the Army of the Revolution.

He has no documentary evidence of his service, and knows of no person whose testimony he can now procure to prove them other than his own declaration.

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

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the \_\_ day of February 1834.

S/ Mordecai Franklin, X his mark

[Aaron Brannum and John Franklin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Owen County

On this 26th day of March 1834 personally appeared before Isaac Heaton a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, at his office in the town of Spencer Mordecai Franklin aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1834 [sic, June 7th, 1832].

That he entered the service as stated in his declaration heretofore in this behalf made, and placed on the files of the War Department Pension Office March 8th 1834 as seen by the Letter JL Edwards Commissioner of Pensions, and served as therein stated: That in said declaration there is two amendments necessary to be made in order to present the whole of applicant's service, the 1st occasioned by D. R. Eckels Esquire who drew up the declaration the other by the failure of applicant's recollection. The mistake first alluded was this that after the battle of Eutaw Springs as stated in the former declaration and detailed applicant informed said Eckels when writing the former declaration, that they were by the agreement of themselves and their officers detained 2 weeks after that time their services expired and was employed in guarding the soldiers at Eutaw and on the way to Salisbury -- and that by the order of Colonel Locke under whose command they were marched who was to have discharged them on their arrival at Salisbury but that he failed to do so and detained them for 3 weeks afterwards, when they were discharged by order of General Greene, making 5 weeks instead of 3 that they served; that when said declaration was read to him he did not discover the mistake and verily believed he had claimed for 5 instead of 3 weeks on this account. That in addition to the minute service in his former declaration mentioned he had when he made out the former declaration forgotten to state 2 weeks service which he performed under the command of Colonel Shepherd [William Shepherd] that this tour was performed in the interim between his minute service in his former declaration mentioned that they were marched out North from Stokes County North Carolina to disperse a band of Tories that when they went the Tories were not to be found, nor they could get no trace of them, that they were on the waters of Tarrat and Little Adkin [sic, Yadkin River], and

when they ascertained they could not be found they were again marched back home and discharged. That this last named service had entirely escaped his mind and the time he make [made] his former declaration and is not computed in the 8 weeks minute service therein stated -- that his memory is impaired much by reason of his age, and that from this cause alone was omitted in his former declaration.

His services then for which he now claims and which he actually performed our bees to wit

1st His 3 months tour 1st in his former declaration mentioned

2nd Five weeks time which he was detained in the service after he should have been discharged

3rd Eight weeks minute service as stated in his 1st declaration on file as aforesaid.

4th Two weeks additional minute service in the command of Colonel Shepherd above alluded to making together in the war of the revolution three months and fifteen weeks or one hundred and ninety-six days.

That a pension for the above time he believes is his just and hard earned view, and that therefore he claims it by this his Amended declaration, the government never having paid him anything for his services.

Signed and sworn to in the presence of S/ D. R. Eckels and  
S/ John Franklin, X his mark

S/ Mordecai Franklin, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of March 1834

S/ Isaac Heaton, JP