

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Franklin S15432

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State of Kentucky Anderson County

On this 29th day of October 1833 personally appeared before me, Andrew McBrayer [?] Justice of the peace for Anderson County, Stephen Franklin a resident of the United States in the County of Anderson, State of Kentucky aged 72 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 viz. Colonel Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor], Lieutenant Garland Berley [Garland Burnley] he entered the service under these officers some short time previous to the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] Orange County Virginia, say twelve months or thereabouts but does not recollect the precise date or year. In this instance he was drafted & served six months under Colonel Taylor, but was in no engagement & during that time marched from Orange County to Albemarle where he aided in guarding Burgoyne's men at the Barracks near Charlottesville, he resided in Orange County State of Virginia: when he entered the service, Subsequent to the Battle of Kings Mountain, previous to & at the same Battle, he served, having been drafted he July previous to that Battle & served near two years under Colonel Benjamin Cleveland & Captain Larkin Cleveland. During the services under the above mentioned Officers he was in two Battles one on Catawba River & the other New River, at its head, he marched through parts of Virginia North Carolina South Carolina, he served in Cleveland's Regiment, 45 years ago he emigrated to Kentucky, where he was a spy in the Indian war, he was born in Orange County Virginia, but does not recollect the year, having no record of his age, it having been lost, he now lives in the County of Anderson State of Kentucky: old & almost helpless, not being able to walk in consequence of an attack of palsy, under which he is now laboring, he was well acquainted with Colonel William Sumpter [sic, Sumter] He got a discharge from Colonel Benjamin Cleveland & Captain L. Cleveland, which has been lost, he is known to Bennet Elders [?Siders, Leders, Suders ?]¹, & Francis Long, he relinquishes his every claim whatever to any other pension than the one under the Act of 1832 June 7th the declarant says that he has no documentary evidence of his age, discharge &c.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 29th day of October 1833.

S/ Andrew McBrayer, JP A. C.

S/ Stephen Franklin, S his mark

¹ *Siders.*

[John H. Walker, a clergyman, and John Jordan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
[Nicholas Long also gave a supporting affidavit as to his conversations with the applicant concerning applicant's services in the Revolution.]

[Dr. F. J. White, M. D., also gave a supporting affidavit as to the physical condition of applicant.]

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Fayette County Kentucky September 2nd, 1832

I do Certify that I have known Steven Franklin for at least 40 years and I am witness that he served a tour of duty at the mouth of Kentucky River as a spy under Captain Rhodes Thompson and Bartlett Collins.

S/ Benjamin Robinson²

Scott County Kentucky 27 of September 1832

I do Certify that I was ordered (as a Captain) (by General Scott) to command a company as a guard at the mouth of the Kentucky River in April 1791 to serve two months or till we should be discharged; and we did not get relieved till sometime in July following; I also state that Stephen Franklin (now of Anderson County) served under me as a Soldier, the whole of that time; given under my hand this 27 of September 1832

S/ Rodes Thomson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodes Thomson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Rodes Thomson".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]

² Probably the same man as [Benjamin Robinson S16516](#)