

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Micajah Frost S31043

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State of Kentucky, Rockcastle County

On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Rockcastle County Court being a Court of record, Micajah Frost a resident of said County aged 70 years past who being sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That he volunteered in the service of the United States service in the revolutionary war against the Cherokee Nation under Captain William Elliott, the year he does not recollect, but it was during what was called the Warm Winter; he rendezvoused on Holston River – then marched to the Nation & joined Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] – they chased the Indians over the Country occasionally coming in contact with them – took several of their towns – Captain Elliot was killed in a little engagement with the Indians on the Hiwassee River, a fork of the Tennessee – he also received a wound during the engagement from an Indian arrow – we had shot across the River and broke an Indian's thigh and Captain Elliot rode over to scalpe him thinking he was dead – the Indian had squatted in the sage grass and as Captain approached he shot him in the head – after this we scoured the Country – were marched back and discharged having been in actual service as he believes upwards of three months. He volunteered again in the year 1780 as he believes against the British & Tories under Captain Finley, and marched to the lead mines on New River and was stationed there as a guard and there came an express for us to march to King's Mountain and we immediately marched there & joined Colonel Campbell [William Campbell]. He states he was in the battle – that James Cuney [?] a Sergeant was shot through the bowels and the night after the battle he carried water to him in his shoe and attended to him until he died which was just before day – a Mr. Blackburn was also killed & four men by the name of Edmondson [Edminston, Edmundson] (with whom he was well acquainted) were also killed and Colonel Williams was killed likewise – with him he had no acquaintance. Sometime after he was discharged having served out his tour of three months & being in actual service all the time. In 1782, as he believes, he was drafted and went out under Captain Tremble and marched to the frontiers Castle woods on Clinch River and was stationed there to guard the frontiers for two months during which time he served as a spy – He again volunteered in the same year under Captain Dorton and marched to the same place and served as a spy two months and again and was very near being caught by the Indians several times. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service. In answer to the interrogatories put by the Court, he says: he was born in Bedford County Virginia, 3 miles from Lynchburg in the year 1762. He has no record of his age. He lived when he entered the service in Washington County Virginia and lived there during his service and until the year 1795 when he moved to Tennessee, where he lived until 1828, when he moved to Kentucky, Rockcastle County where he now lives. He received four discharges, but they are all lost. He volunteered every time except one, he was drafted. He was not personally acquainted with any of the regular officers. He is acquainted with the Revd Richard Coyles & James W. Anderson, Esq. who can testify of his character – He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State whatever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Micajah Frost