

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Samuel Franks W21160

[FN 57]

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

On this 18th day of October personally appeared in open court before his Honor Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting Samuel Franks aged 69 years a resident of Laurens District South Carolina 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, Viz. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as by him stated. That he volunteered in the militia Service about the year 1781 under Captain Lewis Duvall, Colonel Kilgore in the State of South Carolina & marched through Spartanburg, Union & Laurens Districts & the whole of the upper part of the State, & continued to do service between two & three years. That he was taken prisoner by the Tories in Laurens District & severely treated. He received no written discharge from the service. He was a resident of Craven County now Lawrence District South Carolina when he entered the service, & have lived here ever since. He has no documentary evidence of his services. Charles Allen, Esq. can testify as to my revolutionary Services – I was born in Charlotte County Virginia, I have a record of my age, I am 69 years of age the 4th day of last May.

I never received a commission.

I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. -- the Reverend Gabriel Philips & Charles Allen¹ are persons acquainted with me in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for Veracity & good behavior –

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clk. L. Dist.

S/ Sam Franks

I do hereby certify that I solve said applicant Samuel Franks in the Service of the United States & that I was with him in service for about the time of one year under the officers sit forth in his declaration.

Sworn to and The subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Chas Allen

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

[Gabriel Phillips and Charles Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On January 20, 1849, Polly Franks filed for a widow's pension stating: she is 82 years of age; that she is the same person to whom a widow's pension was granted under the 1838 and 1842 Acts; that she married Samuel on June 29, 1788; and that Samuel died November 30, 1845.]

[Family Bible records filed with application]

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| Wesly Franks was born in the year of our Lord | 1790 March the 27 th |
| Allen Franks “ | 1791 October the 13 th |
| Laurecy Jones Franks “ | 1793 April 27 th |
| Charles Garner Franks “ | 1794 November 22 th |
| Edny Jones Franks “ | 1796 August 16 th |
| Elijah Franks “ | 1798 December the 7 th |
| Susan M. Franks “ | 1802 November 22 |
| Emila Franks “ | 1804 August the 15 [could be 18] |
| Matilda G. Franks “ | 1807 February the 19 |
| Sally Franks “ | 1809 June the 2 |
| William Franks” | 1811 May the 2 |

Samuel Franks “

1813 January the 6

Polly Franks “

1817 March the 11th

I Marshall Franks was born in the year of our Lord 1810 December the 27th

State of South Carolina, Laurens District: Amendment of Samuel Franks Declaration

The applicant states that he volunteered in the fall of 1779 (and not in 1781 as stated in his original Declaration) under Captain Lewis Duvall, Col. Kilgore & General Pickens. That he was in actual service until the latter part of the year 1781 part of which time he was commanded by Colonel Hayes, Col. Casey and General Greene.

That his services were performed in the upper part of South Carolina in Laurens, Abbeville, Union, Richland, Spartanburg & over on the North Carolina line. That he was at the siege at Ninety Six. That the Country was ranged and plundered by both British & Tories at that time, & that there were no Republicans engaged in agriculture or any civil pursuit. That he performed in actual continuous service for at least Eighteen months. That he was engaged in occasional service for one year in scouring the country of the Tories, but was a part of the time engaged at home in making a crop. South Carolina, Laurens district: Personally appeared Samuel Franks before me who being duly sworn says that the above amendment to his original Declaration is.

Sworn to before me October 29, 1833.

S/ Samuel Franks

S/ W. R. Farley, I. L. C.

State of South Carolina, Laurens District: Amendment to Samuel Franks Declaration

The Applicant states that he volunteered [in] the fall of 1779 in Laurens District South Carolina under Captain Lewis Duvall, Colonel Kilgore and General Pickens that he was marched to Broad River in North Carolina remained there some time and was marched back through the upper part of South Carolina and down to Ninety Six, and that he performed at least six months service and received no discharge. That he did not return home but entered service again and was commanded by Captain Duvall, Colonel Kilgore and a part of the time by Colonels Hayes & Casey. That he was marched through Abbeville, Laurens and Greenville and was stationed on the North Carolina line and performed service at least six months – received no written discharge. That his other services were performed under the above named officers and a part of the time under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] – and in the State of South Carolina – But was engaged in service only at such times as emergencies required when the Country was invaded by the British, or inroads made by the Tories and that at all other times he was engaged at work at home.

South Carolina, Laurens District: Personally appeared Samuel Franks before me and being duly sworn as the Laws requires on his oath says that the above amendment is correct and true.

Sworn to before me March 6th 1834

S/ Samuel Franks

S/ W. R. Farley, I. L. C.

[Charles Allen gave an affidavit that Polly Franks, widow of Samuel Franks, was the sister of his wife]
[Polly Franks' maiden name was Polly Garner]