

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Frazer W24241 Mary fn52Ga.
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[Hq. p. 3]

Prince Georges County [Maryland]

I hereby certify that it appears from the Records of Prince George County Court that the marriage license was granted to certain John Frazer and Mary Lanham on the 24th day of October A.D. 1789.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed the seal of Prince George County Court this 8th day of August A.D. 1838

S/ Aquila Beall, Clk.

[hq p. 4-5]

[Last Will and Testament of John Frazier of Prince Georges County, Maryland; he names son, John Lanham Frazier; daughter Mary Frazier; daughter Amelia Frazier; beloved wife, Mary; five children, George Lanham Frazier, William Frazier, Mary Frazier, John Lanham Frazier and Amelia Frazier; the will is undated but on December 18, 1820 two of the witnesses, Walter Fenley and Thomas Jones testified that they saw John Frazier sign the will as his last will and testament.]

[hq. pp. 7- 8]

State of Maryland Prince Georges County

At an orphans court being a court of record held in and for said County on the 13th day of August 1839 personally appeared in open court John L. Frazier administrator on the estate of his late mother Mary Frazier who makes the following affidavit and declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act of Congress of 7th July 1838 forgiving pensions for 5 years to the widows of certain officers and soldiers of the revolution to wit, That so far as comes within his knowledge and belief his late father John Frazier was an Ensign and Lieut. of the Georgia line of the Army of the revolution, the precise time of his commencement or the rank which he held or the battles in which he fought he knows not neither does he know the time of his leaving the service, all of which was therefore his intermarriage with deponent's mother neither does he know what became of his commissions or whether he ever had one, he has never seen or heard of one of them nor any other document or papers pertaining to the same, his said father dying when he was only about 24 or 5 years of age , that his late mother (Mary Frazier) departed this life 23rd July 1839 of which a record is made in their family Bible and that his late father John Frazier has been dead about 18 or 20 years that they always from the time of their marriage lived in the immediate vicinity in which they died . Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 13th day of August 1839.

Test: S/ [illegible signature, but clearly not the signature of John L. Frazier]

District Of Columbia Washington County: In the matter of Mary Frazier deceased Widow of John Frazier

Be it remembered that and Orphans Court held in and for the County aforesaid on the 15th day of October A.D. 1839 application is made to the Court in the matter of Mary Frazier deceased, widow of John Frazier reputed to have been an officer of the Army of the revolution, and satisfactory evidence is obtained [?] by the oath of John L. Frazier & William Callagham [sic] to prove that the said John Frazier departed this life on the 12th day of January A.D. 1820; and that Mary Frazier his widow survived him until the 23rd day of July in the year 1838 when she departed this life; that she did not contract any marriage after the death of the said John Frazier as aforesaid; but was still his widow at the time of his death on the date last aforesaid: that she left living at the time of her death children of her and the said John Frazier the 3 following named and none others, to wit -- William Frazier, John L. Frazier and Amelia commonly called Milly Frazier: and that they are all free still living all which facts being proven to the satisfaction of the Court are certified accordingly on the day and year first above written.

Test:

S/ Ed: A Roach Reg. Wills

State of Maryland Prince George's County to wit

On this 20th day of December 1833, personally appeared Basil Hatton¹ the revolutionary Soldier about 74 years old a man of truth and First respectability in the neighborhood where Lieut. John Frazier lived when he left Maryland and entered in the revolution in the Georgia line; and made oath before me a justice of the peace in and for said County, on the holy evangelist of Almighty God that the cause of Lieut. John Frazier's entering in the Georgia line was that Capt. John Jarrott opened a rendezvous in Halifax County Virginia at a village called Newgate perhaps now Centerville for the purpose of enlisting man for the Georgia line and offered to give a commission to him That would enlist most men & he the said Lieut. John Frazier went and contracted with the said Capt. John Jarrott to enlist so many men and he was taken in the service as Ensign in 1777 about the last of February or first of March of that year to enlist men to go to Georgia; he went into the Georgia line and served in a Regiment No. 3 commanded by Col. James Erwin; and that Lieut. John Frazier was wounded by the British when acting as an officer in the Georgia line & he had his shoulder & collarbone broke so that he could not used his arm after that time and that he the said Basil Hatton enlisted under the said Capt. John Jarrott and served as a private in the same company and Regiment No. 3 with Lieut. John Frazier and Further declares that he knows John L. Frazier to be the son of the aforesaid Lieut. John Frazier and believes him to be an executor of his Father; on the same day personally appeared John [last name illegible] a revolutionary soldier about 74 years old who is a man of truth and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Lieut. John Frazier and declares that the facts stated by Basil Hatton was the cause of said Lieut. John Frazier's leaving Maryland and going to the Georgia line, that he is well acquainted with John L. Frazier and knows him to be the son of Lieut. John Frazier who served in the Georgia line, and on the same day personally appeared Joseph Bryan near neighbor to John L. Frazier and made oath on the holy evangelist of Almighty God that the said John L. Frazier is the son and executor of Lieut. John Frazier who served in the Georgia line, to the best of their knowledge & believe.

Sworn before S/ Geo. T. Brown

[fn p. 19: testimony by John L. Frazer that he, William Frazier, Emelia [sic] Frasier and James Gipson Robinson, the grandson of Lieut. John Frasier, are the only heirs at law of said Lieut. Frasier.]

¹ FPA S8665

[facts in file: Mary Frazier, widow of Lieut. John Frazier died at about 3 o'clock PM July 23, 1838 after being very ill.]

[fn p. 49]

State of Maryland Prince Georges County

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Bazel Hatton [Basil Hatton] a revolutionary soldier and pensioner and personally known to me and who I hereby certify to be a man of great truth and personal respectability and integrity of character who being duly sworn according to law saith some time in the month of March 1777 he deponent enlisted at a place now called Centerville in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. John Jarrott of the 3rd Georgia Regiment. That at the same time and place John Frazier whom he was then intimately acquainted with entered as an Ensign in the said company and Regiment that they were marched with much expedition to Georgia where Capt. Jarrott was killed by the enemy on a march from Augusta to Savannah late in the spring or summer of said year and the said Ensign John Frazier became 2nd Lieut. -- and served in that capacity until captured by the enemy in the hospital at Savannah in 1778 and he deponent escaping being on board the row galley. The Regiment was commanded by Col. Screven who was killed near the Midway Church during the war. He knows not whether the said John Frazier had any commission or not but knows he was recognized as Ensign and Lieut. in the manner and times before stated he knows not how long the said Lieut. John Frazier was kept in captivity but says that as he understood was exchanged, and had returned home -- he knows that when he deponent returned home after his service expired which enlistment had been for 3 years the said Lieut. John Frazier had then reached home and as he understood had been for some time -- and he says that he was present at the marriage of the said John Frazier and Mary Lanham being Groom's waiter and was most intimately acquainted with both of them from that day to the day of their death they were being near neighbors not more than one or 2 miles distant the former died about 18 or 20 years ago and the widow about 12 or 13 months ago also he will name all their children, to wit William, John L., Emily and Mary deceased wife of James Alex [?] Robinson leaving one son now living aged about 12 or 15 years of age named James G. these are all now living there was one son named George L. who died many years ago without having children and further he saith not.

S/ Basil Hatton, X his mark

S/ Rich'd L. Jenkins, JP

This deponent being afflicted with the palsy, causes this inability to write his own name.

S/ R. L. Jenkins

[Eliel [?] Palmer and William Gallahan, 'aged citizens of Prince Georges County' gave corroborative evidence of the reputation of Frazer as a soldier, as well as evidence of his marriage to Mary Landham and the names of their children.]