Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Marjorum VAS487 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

State of Virginia Augusta County to wit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Smith Thompson¹ a citizen of said County aged 85 years & upwards and being first duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith. That he was a regular Soldier in the War of the revolution and was in the northern service until January 1780 and in the South afterwards. He was taken prisoner at the Siege of Charleston [May 12, 1780] – and made his escape and returned to Virginia & was afterwards at the Siege of York – and Affiant further states that he was by trade a barber and very frequently waited on the officers of the Army particularly the Virginia officers – & he well recollects of seeing Captain Henry Marjorum who was a Captain of Artillery in command at that time – Affiant frequently saw said Marjorum with the French with some of the French officers – Affiant recollects that the French officers were very fond of Captain Marjorum. Affiant never saw Captain Marjorum after the periods mentioned. Given under my hand & seal this 29th May 1834.

S/ Joseph Brown, JP

To the executive of Virginia

Your petitioners Hannah Weeks and William Weeks her husband – and Rachel Riley and John Riley, they being citizens of Prince William County in the State of Virginia and that the said Hannah and Rachel being the sole heirs at law of the late Captain Henry Marjorum, beg leave respectfully to state that the said Captain Henry Marjorum who resided in the County of Prince William they believe was commissioned in the Virginia Continental Line as a Captain of Artillery sometime before the siege of York, and that he was attached to the artillery commanded by the Count Rochambeau, until they went back to France – and that he still continued in commission to the close of the War – Your petitioners respectfully asked that such a land bounties and money pay as the said Henry Marjorum may have been entitled to me now be awarded to your petitioners & that the same may be paid to such authorized attorney in then as may present forms duly authenticated for that purpose, and [image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

State of Virginia Prince William County to wit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for said County John Sullivan² a citizen of said County, aged 76 years & upwards, and being first duly sworn deposeth & saith – that he was well acquainted with Captain Henry Marjorum of Prince William County & State aforesaid, when he became an officer (& was styled a Captain) of a company of men raised chiefly in Prince William

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¹ Smith Thompson S38438

² John Sullivan S38410 In his own application, Sullivan referred to this officer as "Capt. Henry Margan"

County aforesaid and attached to the French Artillery under the command of Count Rochambeau – And that the company under the command of said Captain Marjorum proceeded to & joined the said French Artillery at Little York in the said state – and from thence in the year 1782, about the first day of July, marched with the said French Artillery to Boston from whence the said French artillery embarked for France – And the said Affiant further states that he was one of the men who enlisted under the said Captain Henry Marjorum in the said County – and remained in said service for 12 months – Affiant does not know of any actual service performed by said Marjorum after December 1782. And is under the impression that he was discharged at that time as a supernumerary. Affiant states that he knows the fact that said Marjorum was discharged as a supernumerary. He was well acquainted with him & lived in the same neighborhood with him afterwards – And further this affiant saith not. Given under my hand this 6th May 1834

S/ Thomas Nelson [JP]