

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Francis R3739

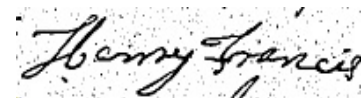
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In the Circuit court of the Said county of Johnson, September Term AD 1837

State of Arkansas }
County of Johnson }

Be it remembered that on this Twelfth day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty seven, personally appeared in open Court Henry Francis, a resident of the aforesaid County of Johnson, and state of Arkansas aforesaid aged, Eighty two years, on the 1st day of April last, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. viz.— I was born in the state of Virginia in the year 1755, but have no record of my age nor do I know where there is any such record. When I enlisted in the Service, as a volunteer I was living in the state of Virginia, Wythe County [sic: formed from Montgomery County in 1789] and since the Revolutionary War, have lived in the states of Kentucky and Missouri and now reside, in the aforesaid County of Johnson and State of Arkansas, and have lived in the last mentioned state for the last seven years. I volunteered in the war of the Revolution, with others, and the company to which I belonged, was a volunteer company, and commanded by Capt Isaac Campbell. In consequence of age and infirmity, and the partial loss of memory I do not recollect the time of volunteering, but I do distinctly recollect, that, I was in service for the Space of Two Years, and two or three months,— I was in the battle of the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin in North Carolina [14 Oct 1780], a fact known to John Ward of Wythe County Virginia, if he be now living, who was also in the same battle, and shot through the leg. My father [possibly Capt. Henry Francis, Sr.] was likewise in the same battle, and killed a few steps from me. I think the battle was fought sometime in the Year 1780, but from the Lapse of time, cannot be positive; yet the history of the revolutionary struggle will probably show the time. The whole of my service in the revolution I am positive and certain was more that two years as before stated. I do not recollect that the company to which I belonged ever attached to any Regiment, & No discharge was ever granted, to any of the Company owing to the fact that Capt Isaac Campbell our commander as previously stated, fled ignobly at the said battle of the shallow Ford,— left his men to preserve themselves by their own individual valor, or perish – and never dared to stand a trial by a Court Martial. I am personally known to Benjamin Clark James H Campbell, and David Ward who reside in the neighborhood in which I live, I further state that Major Joseph Cloyd commanded as Major at the battle of the shallow Ford, above mentioned and further I saith not. Signed, Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, the day and year aforesaid.



State of Arkans County of Johnson S.S.

Be it Remembered that personally appeared before Me a Justice of the Peace the under signed person and on oath deposeth and says that he when a small boy lived in Wythe County Virginia and my Uncle John Ward who he understood was in the battle of the Shallow ford of the Adkin [sic] in North Carroliona and when he return'd home was wounded by a ball being shot through his leg

Since I was in Arkansas Major Henry Francis hearing my name Enquired of me if I was related to a certain John Ward that was with him at the Battle of the Shallow Ford and repeated the circumstance of being behind the same tree and stated to me that my uncle was shot through the leg and his father was

killed a few steps off this statement was made without any knowledge of me before that time

Question by Major Francis what do you believe of my standing

Answer, I believe him to be a man of Veracity and every statement he makes on oath is to be relied on

[signed] John Ward

NOTES:

Fold3 has this file with pension applicants who served from Connecticut.

Militia tours in Virginia were never for as long as two years continuously. Francis's claim was suspended for further proof, which was apparently never provided.