Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Fraser S13080 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 28 Feb 2014.

State of North Carolina Montgomery County

Personally appeared before me Joseph Parsons Chairman of the Court of pleas & quar[text missing at edge of page here and elsewhere marked *] of said County John Fraser who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty [*] deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a Soldier in the regular service of the United States in or about the year 1776 in the fourth Virginia regiment commanded by Colo. Robert Lawson who is now dead, that he received a severe wound in the leg a[*] the Battle of Germanton [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] that he so far recovered of that wound as to r[*] his regiment and continued to do his duty untill he was duly discharged – That he has since lost his discharge – that he is now old and very infirm and his infirmities increased by the said wound he further states that he has occasionaly been unable to labor from the effects of said wound for many years past – that his only occupation and means of subsistance is by his labour. That the reason he never applied sooner was his having resolved niver to apply for relief or throw himself on his Country so long as he was able to work – That the only surviving officers of his regiment which he knows of is Colo. John Holcomb [sic: John Holcombe] now residing as this deponent believes in Campbell County, and Major James Morton residing in Prince Edward (Virginia) that when this Deponent enlisted Colo. Holcombe was a Lieutenant and afterwards Captain of the Company in which he served and Major Morton was the Ensign. Sworn to & subscribed this 18th of September 1813

Daniel Easly [pension application S6810] also appeared before me and being duly sworn deposeth & saith that, He was a soldier in the same regiment with John Fraser at the Battle of Germanton – that to his knowledge the said John received a severe wound in that engagement in the leg – that he fully believes he remained in the service untill he was duly discharged.

Nov'r. 29th 1813

This is to Certify that John Frazier enlisted under me in the year 1776 in the 4th Virginia Reg't in the army of the United states for two years and served his time faithfully – he was wounded in the action of German Town – I have no doubt but he is entitled to the pratonage of his Country – let it suffice for me to say that a better soldier was not in the army at that day.

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[John Holcombe] Capt in the 4th Virg'a Reg't at that time

Doctor James W. Craig also appeared before me and being duly sworn dep[part missing at edge of page] & saith that he has examined the w[*] of John Fraser the aforesaid Deponent that in his opinion the said Wound m[*] make that leg infirm and render [*] much the less able to labour – That [*] of no other practising Physician in the county except himself Sworn to on the day & year aforesaid James W. Craig

NOTE: George W. Davidson and Richmond G. Davidson stated that they had often seen John Fraser's leg swollen and heard him complain of it.

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Fraser John VA S13080 (Frazer)

Transcription by Fred Weyler

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[p2] North Carolina certificate
John Frazier
Pvt
Cap^t Holcombe C^o 4th Virginia Reg^t
Ratio of disability three fourths
Commencing 16th Nov 1814
At \$3.75 cts per month.

[p3] State of North Carolina, Montgomery County

Personally appeared before me Joseph Parsons, Chairman of the Court of pleas & quarter sessions of said county, John Fraser. Who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of almighty, _ deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a soldier in the regular service of the United States in or about the year 1776 in the fourth Virginia regiment commanded by Col. Robert Lawson who is now dead. That he received a severe wound in the leg at the Battle of Germantown. That he so far recovered of that wound as to rejoin [? Left margin frayed] his regiment and continued to do his duty until he was duly discharged. That he has since lost his discharge. That he is now old and very infirm and that his infirmities increased by the said wound. He further states that he has _____onally been unable to _____ from the effects of said wound for many years past. That his only occupation and means of subsistence is by his labour. That the reason he never applied sooner was his having resolved never to apply for relief or throw himself upon his country

[p4] so long as he was able to work. That the only surviving officers of his regiment which he knows of is Col. John Holcomb now residing as this deponent believes in Campbell County and Major James Morton residing in Prince Edward Virginia. That when this deponent enlisted Col. Holcomb was a Lieutenant and afterwards Captain of the company in which he served and Major Morton was the Ensign.

Sworn to & subscribed

John Fraser

This 8th of September 1813

[certification and confirming affidavits

Joseph Parsons, chief magistrate

Daniel Early, compatriot soldier

James W. Craig, doctor

John Coleman, doctor

John Holcombe, commanding captain 4th Virginia Regt.

William F. Smith, clerk

Richmond G Davidson, neighbor

George W Davidson, neighbor

John Lewis Taylor, chief justice of NC

John Forrest, clerk of superior court