Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Coldrup Freeman S37941 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Georgia } Superior Court

Clark [sic: Clarke] County } September Term 1818 [22 Sep 1818]

Before me Christopher B Strong one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of said State, presiding at said court personally came, Coldrup Freeman & made oath that in October early in the commencement of the Revolutionary war but in what year he cannot now certainly recollect, he enlisted into Captain John Winstons company [John Winston's company raised in Hanover County] of the fourteenth Virginia Regiment in the continental establishment, commanded by Col William Davis [sic: William Davies]. That he was enlisted by Leut. Geo. Holland [George Holland]. That he enlisted for the term of four years. That he served the full term except about at fortnight & soon after the battle at Stony point [storming of Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779], he enlisted into Captain Parkers company, in the Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col Richard Parker, for during the war, in which regiment he served nearly three years, & was finally discharged at Albemarle barracks in the State of Virginia where he was stationed in the detatchment to guard Burgoyne's prisoners [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781]. That at this last place he received a discharge, on what date he cannot recolect, signed by Col William Davis. That in moving to the State of Georgia, he had it ruined & rub to pieces, by it's getting wet, & it is now lost. That he has never been placed upon any pension list that he knows of, never having received any pension. That he is now very old, & so reduced in his circumstances as to stand in need of the aid of his Country for support in his old age

Coldrup hisXmark Freeman

Georgia Wilkes County [21 Oct 1819]

Personally appeared before me Richard Worsham [pension application S38478] esquire and after being first sworn saith, That he the said Worsham was a first Lieutenant in the fourteenth Virginia regiment on Continental establishment, that he the Deponent was well acquainted with Coldrup Freeman who was a Soldier in Captain Garlands [Edward Garland's] company of the same Regiment early in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven and that he continued in the said Reg't. until late in the fall of 1778 at which time he enlisted with me for during the war that then marched to the Southward in Capt'n. Parkers company and in the Spring of 1779 he this Deponent went on to Charleston where he met with the said Freeman, and where we were all captured by the British army on the 12 May 1780 that he this Deponent has just reason to believe that the said Freeman made his escape from the British and reported himself to me after my exchange, at Cumberland Courthouse Virginia and that he continued in the Service until the close of the War and was discharged I believe by Colo Oliver Towls [sic: Oliver Towles]. and further this Deponent saith not

Georgia } In the Superior Court of said County

Clark County } October Term 1820 before the Honorable Augustin S. Clayton Judge thereof On this 7th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record according to the Constitution & Laws of Georgia Coldrup Freeman aged sixty six years resident in the said County of Clarke who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. viz in Captain Alexander Parker Company of the first Virginia Regiment commanded when he Enlisted by Col. Richard Parker that he is now a pensioner under the act of congress of the 18th March 1818. that his original declaration bears date as he believes in September 1818 to which refer the same being in the war department for the particulars of his service that his certificate

is numbered 16.295 sixteen thousand two hundred & ninety five & bears date at the war office of the United states on the 6th day of January 1820. and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. viz

1 Bed 1 pot 1 oven ½ dozen knives & forks a few other inconsiderable articles not worth two dollars Coldrup hisXmark Freeman

The above property is worth about twenty dollars A. S. Clayton/ Judge I also declare & swear that by occupation I am a miller to pursue which my ability daily decreases that I cannot labor hard on account of an injury done to my wrist joint by the wheel of a cannon carriage at the fall of Charleston that I have in family a wife upwards of sixty years old who is also a cripple. that I have living with me occasionally two grand children one eight & the other five years old.

Coldrup hisXmark Freeman

[The following is from <u>Bounty-Warrant records in the Library of Virginia</u>. The page is damaged at places marked *.]

I do certify that Coldrup Freeman a Soldier in the 11[*] Virg'a. Reg't. enlisted the 4th March 1777 served until Dece[*] 1779 when he Reinlisted for during the War & was given A furlough for three months & I marched him to Virg'a. afterwa[*] Joind the Army in Col. Parkers regt marched to the South where he was taken prisoner at the fall of Charles Town after the course of some months the s'd. Freeman came to in Vir[*] & informd that he made his escape from the British I gave him a furlough for farther Orders when he shud be call[*] on, Which I did & he went with me to Philadelphia [one or two illegible words] months afterwards returned [several illegible words] always behaved him self as a good faithful soldier

Given under my hand this 4th day Jan'y. 1785 Rich'd. Worsham Lt/ 1st Virg'a Reg't. a Coppy/ Marks Vandewall Feb'y 27 85 William Davies

Gentlemen Please to deliver unto the bearer Wm. H Whitlock the Depreciation also any land warrant as he has my Discharge and oblige yrs. &c. Coldrup hisXmark Freeman

The Auditors

State Virg'a. A Copy 18th Feb'y. 1785