

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Francis S39542

VA

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State of Virginia

Augusta County, to wit,

On this 23rd day of October in the year 1820, in open Court (being a Court of record of Augusta County in which proceedings are had according to the course of common Law; which has unlimited jurisdiction within said County in civil actions, has the power of fine and imprisonment and has all its proceedings duly registered) personally appeared William Francis aged about Eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to Law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said William Francis enlisted for the Period of three years on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt Thomas Bell, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. [William] Grayson, in the line of the State of Virginia, in the continental establishment; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Princeton [3 Jan 1777] Trenton [26 Dec 1776], and that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the [blank] day of 1779 when he was discharged from the said service at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, and that he has no other evidence now in his power except his own oath. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, 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 other 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. that I am by occupation a farmer; but rendered unable from age and infirmity to follow it, and that my wife whose age I do not know is unable to contribute toward my support, and my children who were able to work have left and —

Schedule of the property of William Francis

1 Oven 1 Pot and skillet 2 knives and forks 2 Ten cups and saucers 2 Chairs

(signed) William hisXmark Francis

Augusta County to wit

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County Smith Thompson [pension application S38438] and made oath that he was personally acquainted with Wm. Francis during the war of the revolution, that said Francis enlisted (as set forth) with Capt'n. Thomas Bell and that he served until and was discharged in the year 1779 and that he has resided in this County from and since the conclusion of the revolutionary war. Given under my hand this 26th day of Jan'y 1821

Jno Waugh

[The following is found in the file of James Hamilton (S25128):]

Copy of William Francis pension

Warrant

I do with the advice of the Council – hereby certify That Wm. Francis aged 48 years late a private in Graysons Regiment appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the united states as to entitle him to the sum of eight pounds yearly – Which allowance is accordingly made him to Commence from the first day of January 1781

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 13 day of

January 1787.
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Edm. Randolph

I certify the above to be a duplicate of a Pension Certificate granted by the late Governor

Edmond Randolph Esquire to Wm Francis

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 4 day of
July 1794

Beverly Randolph

[The following is among [pension applications in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

At a Court held for Augusta County Feb'y 17th 1789

Ordered that the Sheriff pay unto William Francis Eight pounds – his Pension for 1788 allowed him as
appears by the Governor's certificate Teste J. Lyle jr. D.C.