

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Francum S39552

f17SC

Transcribed by Will Graves

1/17/09 rev'd 8/23/14

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[State of South Carolina, Charleston District]

On this 14th day of December 1824 personally appeared in open Court Francis Francum aged about seventy-four 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 Act of Congress of the 18th of March A.D. 1818 and the 1 May 1820, -- viz. -- that he the said Francis Francum enlisted for the term of 3 years in the Spring or Summer of the year 1775, in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Peter Horry of the Regiment commanded by Col. Moultrie [William Moultrie] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment -- that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of the said term of 3 years (day or month not recollected) when he was discharged from the said service in Charleston in the State of South Carolina. That he enlisted a second time in April or May 1779 for the term of sixteen months in the company commanded by Capt. Carroway Smith [John Carraway Smith] of the Regiment commanded by Col. Thompson [William Thomson] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment at Col. Thomson's plantation in said State, & continued to serve in said corps until he became a prisoner with his Regiment at the capitulation of Charleston in May A.D. 1780. That having shortly afterwards made his escape he was for some time occasionally employed in militia service, until the formation of Maham's [Hezekiah Maham] Cavalry attached to General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Brigade, when he again enlisted in Stephens Parish of the said State in the aforesaid Regiment commanded by Col. Maham for the term of one year some time in the month of say on 10th July 1781 & continued to serve in said corps until Capt. Carraway Smith until the 10th July 1782 when he was regularly discharged on Pedee River at the conclusion of the expedition against Gainey's [Micajah Gainey's also spelled Micajah Ganey's] loyalists. That he was at the Battles of Fort Moultrie [June 28, 1776] and Stono [June 20, 1779] in both of which he was wounded -- (the scars of which are still visible) -- 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 otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 -- In conformity with the above requisition I swear that I possess no property of any kind except

apparel principally of my own manufacture, bedding of the same description and a few small iron pots plates and household articles of the immediate necessity, which would be worth nothing to any other person. That I live on land of a religious congregation by its charitable permission entirely alone, that I have no family except a son & daughter both married and removed to considerable distances where their circumstances would not allow them to extend me any support if so inclined -- that I formerly followed weaving as a trade, but can now barely supply myself in necessary covering & that my subsistence is entirely derived from the charity of others, particularly from the commissioners of the Poor for St. John's Parish (Berkeley) who have allowed me the sum of \$20 per annum for 6 or 7 years past as a pauper -- That Deponent further states that he hath no evidence in his possession of his services and a very imperfect recollection of dates he being unacquainted with the use of letters and not having preserved his several discharges: and there is no surviving officer known to him except Col. Jervis H. Stevens and scarcely any person living in his neighborhood whose recollection extends to the period of his services.

Sworn to before made this 14th day December 1824

S/ J. H. Stevens, Q. U. Ex. R. P. 4 District aforesaid

S/ Francis Francum, X his mark

State of South Carolina Charleston District

I do hereby certify having examined the Pay Roll of the Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Hezekiah Maham of State Troops and raised by order of General Green [Nathanael Greene] during the revolutionary War, that on said Roll, Francis Francum was enlisted as a private Dragoon for one year from 10 July 1781 to the 10 July 1782 which time he served faithfully, did his duty & was regularly discharged - he was attached to the 1st Troop then commanded by Captain John Carraway Smith, that the pay due to F Francum, amounting to 50 pounds Sterling was duly paid to him from the Treasury as certified by the Auditor General for that purpose -

Given under my hand at Charlestown this 3rd day of July & in the 48th year of the sovereignty & independence of the United States of America

S/ J. H. Stevens, late Lieut. & adjutant
in Lieut. Col. H. Maham's Regiment of Cavalry

St. John's Parish, Charleston District South Carolina

I hereby certify that the Bearer Mr. Francis Francum resides in my neighborhood, that he has born an upright character, that he is old and infirm & wholly dependent on Charity for his support - that he has marks of a severe wound or contusion upon his Leg & that there is no doubt from the concurrence of traditionary testimony he was an active Soldier throughout the Revolutionary War & the particulars of his affidavit may be entirely relied upon -

S/ Saml Dubose, Chairman of the Board
Commissioner [of] Poor

November 24, 1824

[Note: The certificates of J. H. Stevens and Samuel Dubose transcribed above are certified as being true copies thereof from the records in the district clerk's office as of December 15, 1824.]

[Applicant filed a substantially identical claim in May 1825 to which was attached the following] Schedule required to be annexed

I Francis Francum of St. John's Parish Berkeley in the District of Charleston and State of South Carolina do solemnly swear that I possess no property either real or personal. That I now reside and have resided in a Building belonging to the Baptist Congregation in said parish contiguous to the Church, which I take care of, without receiving any further compensation than permission to occupy the premises without rent That from age and infirmity my ability to labor extends only to weaving the principal part of my own wearing apparel & necessary furniture -- That I resided entirely alone having no wife living and my surviving children having removed to the Westward, the nearest settling in the District of Barnwell in this State, near the State of Georgia -- that none of them are as I believe in circumstances to afford me any assistance, nor have I heard anything of them for several years -- That I have no other relative near a except a Granddaughter who is boarded out as a pauper for the benefit of the Free School by the Commissioners of the Poor for the parish in which I reside -- she is 9 or 10 years of age -- That I am and have been for several years entirely dependent upon charity and the parish provision for the poor, being allowed \$20 per annum by the Commissioners of the Poor for said Parish.

Sworn to before me the 9th May 1825.

S/ Francis Francum, X his mark

S/ Thos. Lee, Dist. Judge So. Ca.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 9, 1825, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]