

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Freeman S9336

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State of South Carolina Laurens District

On this Sixteenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Samuel Freeman a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged 67 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered under the command of Capt. William Irby in this District and went out a tour under the command of Col. Fair [William Farr] who marched down & stationed at Ancrum's ferry, from there they marched down and reconnoitering about the lines of Charleston while that place was in possession of the British. At the end of this tour three months he was dismissed. The next summer he was drafted in Capt. Irby's company & served this tour under Col. Fair but the Captains drew for the command and Capt. Tinsley [perhaps Isaac Tinsley] commanded our company in place of Capt. Irby this tour. During this tour he was stationed at Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River near Charleston when this declarant was taken sick & sent home -- this was a tour of 3 months also. After Declarant got well and to the end of the War was frequently ordered out on small tours & held himself in readiness to go on any expedition when required, but was not called into anymore regular service. These services declarant thinks were in 1780 & '81.

Was born in Ireland County Antrim, came in about 5 years old, but has no record of his age. Was living in Laurens District then Craven County South Carolina when called into service & have lived in same District ever since. He volunteered the first tour & drafted the 2nd & went afterwards when his officers requested him. Have stated all the officers with whom he was in immediate connection -- never received a written discharge.

Parson Kirkpatrick & John K. Moore can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Garlington, Clerk

S/ Samuel Freeman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel Freeman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a vertical line that serves as a separator.

[Alexander Kirkpatrick, a clergyman, and John Calhoun gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]