Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Frick W23063 Elizabeth Frick f60NC Transcribed by Will Graves 1/10/09 rev'd 6/23/15

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State of Illinois Union County

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Thomas C. Browne Judge of the Circuit Court of Union County & State of Illinois, now sitting, Jacob Frick a resident of the County & State aforesaid & aged about 81 or 82 years having no record of his age except his own memory, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an 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. This applicant states that at the time of his entering the service he resided in Rowan County North Carolina. That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, he does not know the month or year, he volunteered under one Captain Windle Miller [sic, Wendell Miller] & was marched immediately to join what was then called the South Army, then lying at a place named Ninety Six. That from this place shortly after his arrival he was marched under the command of the said Captain Miller in pursuit of a large body of Tories who were going to join the Cherokee Indians. That about daylight of the 2nd morning after they left the Army they rushed upon the Tories, surrounded them & made 221 or 2 of them prisoners their head-man or commander having made his escape. They took from them several wagons into which they put the guns taken from them as well as 7 or 8 barrels or kegs of powder which they found in their possession. That on the morning they took possession of their prisoners it commenced snowing & continued snowing all that day, as they returned to the Army & delivered them up to the head General whose name he has forgot. That a short time after this, his three months tour having expired he returned home & was discharged. That he left this his first discharge, as well as those which he obtained afterwards, in South Carolina, when he removed from that State, & does not know what has become of any of them. That about 3 or 4 months after his return home, he again volunteered under one George H. Barrier [George Henry Barrier] as Captain, to march against the Cherokee Indians, that they were commanded by Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] as General. That thus commanded he went against the towns of the Cherokees & destroyed & burnt 12 or 13 of them. That during this expedition of 3 or 4 months they waded many rivers & met & encountered all the difficulties & hardships incident to such Campaigning. That after this expedition he again returned home & was regularly discharged as before. That he volunteered a third time, & marched to Fayetteville under the command of Captain Barrier & General Rutherford as before. The object of this expedition was to subdue the Scotch who had risen in that part of the country during this tour they had no battle

with them but continued to observe their movements & to keep them awed & subjected. That when this three months term of service ended, he again returned home & was discharged as usual. That his 4th expedition was, either to Chatham or Randolph County, he does not recollect which, for the purpose of again subduing the Tories, that began to trouble that part of the country. That he was commanded in this expedition by one Osborne [James Osborn] as Captain & one Scriviner [Benjamin Scrivner] -- Lieutenant, both of whom had been chosen by themselves as their officers. That on this tour they took some 10 or 12 of the head men or leaders of the Tories & brought them back to Rowan County where they were put in the Salisbury jail it being the County Seat. That these prisoners was either let out or broke out themselves and that they set fire to & burnt up the house of Lieutenant Scriviner, together with the list or muster roll, by which accident they obtained no pay for their services. That he was discharged at Salisbury after his return from the Chatham or Randolph expedition & again returned home. That after this he served a tour under one Captain John Bullin & General Davidson or Davison [William Lee Davidson] against the British who had possession of a town called McLainburg [sic, Charlotte in Mecklenburg County], who when they heard an Army was coming against them abandoned the Towns and retreated, by which means they had no battle with them. Here they quartered for the following winter when he was again discharged & returned home finally. That he was acquainted particularly with no other officers than those above named. That he resided in North Carolina all his life, previous to his removal, in the year 1824 or 5, to the County of Union, State of Illinois, where he has resided ever & now resides. He further states, that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed this first day of October 1832.

S/ Jacob Frick, X his mark

S/W. Davis, Clerk

[Daniel Spence, a clergyman, and John Whiteaker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The affidavit Jacob Frick made this 24th day of May 1833, supplementary to an affidavit or declaration made by said Frick on the 15th of October 1832, in the matter of an application for a pension, in the Union County Circuit Court, Illinois, before the Honorable Thomas C. Brown Judge of said Court.

State of Illinois Union County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a justice of the peace of the County & state aforesaid, Jacob Frick who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise time or length of his service but according to the best of recollection he served not less than the periods below mentioned & in the following grades:

For one year & three months in all or five tours of about three months each, commencing in 1775 or 6, the dates of the service not recollected further. I served as a private, & for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Jacob Frick, X his mark

May 24, 1833 S/ W. P. W. McCall, JP [p 25] Also the answer to certain interrogatories prescribed by the pension law of June 7th 1832 Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Bucks County Pennsylvania in the year 1751 or 2.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: none, it having been lost.

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Rowan County North Carolina where I lived until 1823 or 4 when I removed to Union County Illinois, where I now live.

How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I volunteered in the first expedition ever called for men in my part of the state & ever afterwards every tour.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: General Rutherford is all the high officer I now recollect. We were marched to the South Army by our inferior [officers] but by whom it was commanded I have forgot.

S/ Jacob Frick, X his mark

[p 9: On September 6, 1843 in Union County Illinois, Elizabeth Frick, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob Frick, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband served in the State of South Carolina under General Sumter; that her husband died in Union County Illinois January 27, 1839; that she was married to him in the month of September 1788 in Rowan County North Carolina. She signed her application with her mark. The maiden name of Elizabeth Frick does not appear in any of the documents in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]