Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Drew W27541 Franky fn42NC
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State of North Carolina Halifax County: On the 20th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid Solomon Drew a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States sometime early in the year 1781 or the latter part of 1780 in Halifax County North Carolina under Captain Henry Dawson commanded by General Hogan in the Line of the State of North Carolina Militia by them marched to Wilmington thence to Brunswick, thence to Brier-Creek thence to Guilford where he was in an engagement after the engagement he marched to the Iron works, thence to Hillsboro thence in a scouting party near the Blue Ridge and after some time and that service returned to Hillsboro and remained there some time after which he marched to Halifax where he received a discharge from Colonel Nicholas Long which discharge he has lost or misplaced he served within a few days of nine months. He is now living in Halifax County. 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 any agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above said.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court S/ M. H. Pettway, Clk S/ Solomon Drew, X his mark

I Joshua Drew do make affidavit and certify that I have been acquainted with Solomon Drew for more than sixty years and knew that he was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and that he entered in service in the latter part of the year 1780 or the forepart of the year 1781. I saw him whilst in the service in which he remained sometime between eight or ten months -- I. lived near him now in Halifax County where he has lived ever since his return from the service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me in open Court S/ M. H. Pettway, Clk S/ Joshua Drew, X his mark

I Jesse Powell, a clergyman, residing in the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I am acquainted with Solomon & Joshua Drew who have subscribed to the foregoing declarations, that I believe them to be more than 65 years of age -- that they are reputed and believed in the neighborhood where they resided to have been soldiers of the Revolutionary War -- and I concur in that opinion.

S/ Jesse Powell

[fn p. 5: on July 7, 1855 in Halifax County North Carolina, Franky Drew, 57, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Solomon Drew; she states she married him in Martin County in 1830; that they were married by one F. Lowe, JP; ; that her name prior to her marriage was Franky Barnes; that her husband died in Halifax County in October 1737 or 8; that there is no public or private record of her marriage as far as she knows and believes.]

[fn p. 16: on November 19, 1855 in Halifax County North Carolina, Mrs. Franky Drew, 57 filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Solomon Drew, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$28.33 per annum; that she married him in 1830 in Martin County North Carolina; that they were married by Figures Lowe, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Franky Barnes; that her husband died in the third week of October 1837.]

[fn p. 39: Frankey Drew was still living in 1866 in Halifax County and was then aged 70 at which time she applied for the reinstatement of her pension as a widow of a revolutionary war veteran.]