

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Frankfort [Frankford] S41548

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Dauphin County SS

On this 24th day of November A.D. 1819

before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the court of common pleas in and for said county of Dauphin, personally appears Henry Frankfort aged Sixty five years resident in said county, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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;" that He the said Henry Frankfort about the year 1775 or 1776 went into the Service of his Country as a militia man; that he continued in that service of about one year; that soon after in the year 1776 or 1777, in the spring of the year, he enlisted in Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain Von Heer [Bartholomew Von Heer]¹ of the light Dragoons; the said Von Heer being the commander of General Washington's [George Washington's] life guard; that he belonged to the Pennsylvania line to the best of his knowledge; that he does not know that the company to which he belonged was attached to any regiment; but he thinks he Captain received his orders immediately from Genl. Washington's; that he continued to serve in the said corps, and in the service of the United States until after the Lord Cornwallis was taken in 1781 [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], when he was discharged from the Service in the said city of Philadelphia; that his discharge was signed by Col. Hamilton [Alexander Hamilton],² aid de Camp to Genl. Washington – That he was in the battles of Germantown [September 11, 1777], Brandywine [October 4, 1777], Long Island [August 27, 1776], and the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], and at the Capture of Cornwallis – that he was taken prisoner at Long Island, and soon after made his escape – That he was an enlisted soldier in the service of the United States about four years – that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and he has long since lost his discharge aforesaid; and that he has no other evidence of his services now in his power except the papers hereunto attached.

Sworn & declared before me

the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Bucher

S/ Henry Frankford, X his mark

¹ [Bartholomew Von Heer BLWt2275-300](#)

² [Alexander Hamilton W13402](#)

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I certify that the name of Henry Frankforter [sic] is among others in a list or memorandum in the Office of the Auditor General of Pennsylvania, headed "List of Pennsylvanians in Captain Von Heer's Light Dragoons" – that there is an endorsement on the said list in the handwriting of John Nicholson formerly Comptroller General of Pennsylvania (with whose handwriting I am well acquainted) in the following words.

"Depreciation settled by the United States – final settlements all delivered out" –

Witness my hand and seal of said Office this 13th day of January 1820

S/ Geo. Myar A. G.

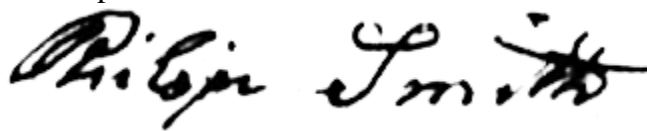
Berks County SS

Personally Came before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Berks Philip Schmith [sic]³ whom was duly Sworn according to Law and Saith that he new [knew] Henry Frankford [sic] was in Listed [enlisted] in Captns Ballemow Vanhere [Captain Bartholomew Von Heer's] Company [Company] trup [troop] of horse for three years and served his time and was this Changedd [discharged] on the first day of August in the year on Thousen & Seven hundred and Eighty on [1781] to the best of Memerey. Sworn and Subscribed this 15th day of Dcember [December] 1819

Before me

S/ Matthew Kaler [?]

S/ Philip Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "S/ Philip Smith".

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dauphin County SS

On this 26th day of June 1820 personally appeared (in Open Court) in the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Dauphin aforesaid being a Court of Record Henry Frankfort aged about Sixty seven years, resident in Hanover Township, in said County of Dauphin, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit,

He was first out in the Flying Camp & with the militia about 13 Months, and about the year 1778 or 1779 he enlisted in the Company commanded by Captain Bartholomew Von Heer, which Company was the life Guard of Gen. Washington, and not Attached to any regiment, as far as he knows. He continued in this Company about three years till after the taking of Lord Cornwallis, and was discharged in Reading Pennsylvania as appears by his original declaration dated November 24, 1819 made for the Purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Provisions of the Act of Congress, passed the 18th day of March 1818, under which Act of Congress he has received a Certificate of pension from the War Office dated May 6th, 1820 which Certificate is numbered with the number 16, 842 and upon which he has not yet drawn any money.

And I the said Henry Frankfort 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

³ Philip Smith W6097. His pension application is not in this database because he states he was discharged in August 1781 which would have been before the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in October 1781. Veteran must have lived or served in the South to be included in our database.

manner whatever 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

Subscribed, declared, & sworn to ye

June 26, 1820 and Open Court of

Common Pleas of Dauphin County

S/ John Machesney, Prot.

S/ Henry Frankfort, X his mark

Schedule of all my property

I have One Cow, two beds, three pigs, two pots, one dozen plates, 6 T Cups, Coffee Pot, 3 Chairs, One Table, One Chest, One Axe, One Scythe, One Dung fork, One hoe,

I am a day labourer, but am so old and infirm as not to be able to longer to support myself thereby. I have a Wife and four Children viz. two daughters, Betsy aged 19 years, & Catherine age 16 years, & two Sons, Henry aged 15 years, and John aged 13 years, all of whom live with me in a small rented House belonging to Peter Ranch, for which I pay him \$30 a year. I with my two sons, work for the neighbors, when we can get any employment by this means, & the Assistance of my neighbors, I support myself and family.

S/ Henry Frankfort, X his mark

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State of Pennsylvania

Lebanon County} SS

Before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Lebanon in the State of Pennsylvania aforesaid Personally appeared Christian Dentzler⁴ and on his solemn Oath taken according to law depose and saith that he is acquainted with Henry Franckford [sic] that the said Henry Franckford enlisted in Captain Bartholomew Von Heer's Company Troop of Horse on the Continental establishment in the year 1778 for three years that the said Henry Franckford entered into and continued in the service of the United States in the said Troop of Light Horse or Cavalry for the term of three years at one time and was discharged at Reading in Pennsylvania. That this deponent served in the said Troop during the said [paper damaged and text obliterated] three years and did duty with the said Henry Franckford on many Occasions.

Sworn & subscribed

the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ John Glomnger

S/ Christian Dentzler, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 24, 1819 for service as a private in the Pennsylvania Continental line.]

⁴ Christian Dentzler W3134. His pension application is not in this database because he states he was discharged in August 1781 which would have been before the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in October 1781. Veteran must have lived or served in the South to be included in our database.