

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Freeman W8833

Judith Freeman

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Caldwell Circuit & County

Be it remembered that there appeared before me Benjamin Shackelford Judge of this 7th Judicial District of this State, Aaron Freeman a Citizen of said County and an indigent Soldier of the Revolution claiming the benefit of the Law of March 18th 1818 for the relief of certain persons engaged in the revolutionary War and relinquishing all pensions or claims to pensions before granted by the United States made & subscribed the following Statement --

That on the first of August 1781 he enlisted with Captain Thomas Armstrong into the Continental Army in Dobbs County North Carolina, & marched to Fayetteville, from thence to the High hills of Santee, where he joined the 2nd North Carolina Regiment of Continental Troops, that being sick he was removed to Cambden [Camden] Hospital and when recovered he was ordered to do duty there as a Guard & did Sergeant's duty from Camden he marched to Salisbury in North Carolina where after being 12 months in the Continental Service he was discharged at Ashley Hill which discharge he has lost.

That now being in reduced Circumstances he needs the Assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Aaron Freeman



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State of Kentucky Caldwell County to wit

In the record of proceedings of the County Court of said County among others all the following

Be it remembered "At a County Court begun and held for Caldwell County at the Court house in the Town of Princeton on Monday the 26th day of July 1819 the following proceedings were head to wit

"On motion of Aaron Freeman it is ordered that the following affidavit or statement in writing be recorded and certified which was sworn to hear in open Court, to wit "Commonwealth of Kentucky Caldwell County at a County Court held at Princeton in & for said County on Monday, 26 July 1819 personally appeared Aaron Friedman age 62 years resident in this County who being 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 services of the United States in the Revolutionary [War]". That the said Aaron Freeman Enlisted in Dobbs County North Carolina for the term of one year on the 1st day of August 1781 in the company Enlisted by Captain Thomas Armstrong for the 2nd North Carolina Regiment commanded by Archibald Lytle and as well as he recollects, in the line of said State on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until August 1782 when he was discharged from service at Ashley's Hill [Ashley Hill] in the State of South Carolina, That he does not recollect ever having been mustered that having been taken sick soon after he Joined the Army at the high hills of Santee he was removed to Camden Hospital and when recovered he was ordered to duty with the guard at Camden where he did Sergeant duty. That he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except what will be forwarded, And the court being satisfied that the said Aaron Freeman did serve in the Revolutionary war as stated in his declaration against the common Enemy for the time of 9 months or more at one time in the Continental Establishment and also that the said Freeman needs the assistance of his Country for support order of these proceedings recorded and that they transcript thereof be forwarded to the secretary of the department of war pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned act of Congress."

And again to wit at a County Court Continued and held for said County at the Court house aforesaid on Tuesday the 27th day of July 1819, the following proceedings was head to wit "On motion of Aaron Freeman the following affidavit of Arthur Brown is recorded to wit "Arthur Brown an old revolutionary soldier on the pension list under the act of March 18th, 1818 in open court testified and says that he was in 1781 & 1782 when in the Continental Army well acquainted with Aaron Friedman the present applicant for a pension that he knew him as a Continental soldier enlisted for one year and that they frequently did duty together subscribed and sworn to in open Court July 27, 1819.

S/ Arthur Brown"

Which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War & accompanied the transcript and record & certificate of said Freeman's application for a pension at the present term.

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County

In the Record of proceedings in the County Court of Caldwell aforesaid among other things all the following

Be it remembered that "At a County Court begun and held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse in Princeton on Monday, 24th July 1820" the following proceeding were head to wit "On motion of Aaron Friedman he produced here in Court his affidavit which being Sworn to in open court by said Freeman was ordered to be recorded and Certify according to law.

State of Kentucky Caldwell County: On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County Aaron Freeman age 63 years resident in Caldwell County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, in the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line and that he made application for a pension on the 26th day of July 1819 and that he has received a pension Certificate No. 15625 – And 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, my property consist of 150 acres of poor land worth \$200 one horse worth \$30 3 sows and pigs worth \$15 farming utensils worth \$5. My family consist of my wife aged 62 years very infirm one son named Alexander aged 41 has been a cripple from dead palsy 25 years as is a great charge -- 2 daughters with small children one son aged 15 years small of his age & sickly, named Hardy -- all of whom are unable to render me any assistance of consequence and my occupation which is that of a farmer at which from age and debility I am very little able to work.

S/ Aaron Friedman

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County

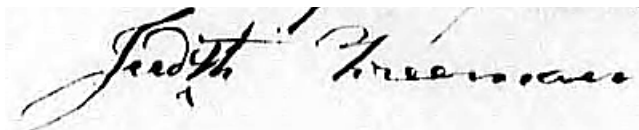
On this 13th day of August 1839 personally appeared before Benjamin G. Rice one of the justices of the County Court, in & for the County and state aforesaid Judith Freeman, aged 80 years, a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836: That she is the widow of Aaron Freeman who was a private in the 2nd North Carolina Regiment Continental establishment, in the Army of the Revolution, commanded by Archibald Little [sic, Lytle]; that he entered the service under Captain Thomas Armstrong on the first day of August 1781 in Dobbs County, North Carolina, or the term of one year, and was discharged on first August 1782 at Ashley Hill South Carolina; that during his service, he was taken ill & remained a while at Camden in the Hospital, and after his recovery, he did duty as a Sergeant in the guard at Camden. This is in substance but she knows of the service of her husband: nor does she know of any person living who could prove it. One Arthur Brown,¹ if living could do so, but she supposes he is dead.

She further declares that she was married to the said Aaron Freeman, on the 9th day of September 1777 in Bertie County North Carolina; that her husband, the said Aaron Freeman, died on the 26th day of November 1821 in Livingston County, Kentucky; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before.

S/ B. G. Rice, JP

S/ Judith Freeman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judith Freeman". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 6: Elizabeth Stevenson, 82, of Caldwell County, Ky., gave a supporting affidavit dated February 28, 1840. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 11-16 extensive family record: the first page of which is illegible in both the Fold3.com and Ancestry.com versions]

The aforesaid Aaron Freeman & Judith Fleetwood was married the 9 of September 1777

¹ [Arthur Brown S39222](#)

Alexander Freeman son of Aaron & Judith Freeman was Born April 23rd 1778
 Elizabeth Freeman Daughter [do] was Born September 15th 17[last two digits are illegible]
 John Parker Freeman Son [do] was Born June 21, 1781
 The Sd John Parker Freeman died Tuesday the 18th April 1786 Between Sunset & Dark
 Edmund Freeman Son [do] February 12th, 1785
 The Sd Edmund Freeman Died on Tuesday the 16th March 1790 at 12 Clock in Morning
 Ann Freeman Daughter [do] October 22nd, 1787
 Christian Freeman Daughter [do] March 22nd, 1790 about Midnight
 John Parker Freeman Son [do] February 25th, 1792
 Polley Freeman Daughter [do] December 2nd, 1794
 Delilah Freeman Daughter [do] November 3rd, 1796
 Jarsey Freeman Daughter [do] October 16th, 1798
 Patsey Freeman Daughter [do] September 4, 1800
 Henry Freeman Son [do] June 7, 1802
 Hardy Fleetwood Freeman Son [do] September 29th 1804 about 8 in the Morning
 The above named Elizabeth Freeman Daughter [do] Departed this life on Thursday Night the 4th
 of November 1805 in the 27year of her Age
 The above named Patsey Freeman Daughter [do] Departed this Life on Friday Evening the 29th
 of November 1805 in the 6th year of her Age
 Aaron Freeman Son John Freeman and Ann Freeman his Wife was Born January the 30th
 1758—And Departed this life Nov. 26th 1829[last digit unclear] Being 63 years 8 Months and 26
 days Old Born in N. Carolina Bertie County lived and died in K. S. Levington County and
 Entombed at Mr. Jas. Neelley's
 William Evans & Christian Freeman was married 27th March 1810 by Esqr. Baker
 Daniel Wormarlsdorff² & Ann Freeman was married 17th May 1810 by Isaac Baker Esqr.
 Mary Luisey Wormarlsdorff Daughter of Daniel & Ann his wife was Borne December 20, 1810
 Mathew Stepenson and Delilah Freeman was Married June 18th 1818, by James Rucker Preacher
 of the Gospel
 William Lessenton Freeman Son of Jersey Freeman was Born 22ns of March 1818
 Henry Wormarlsdorff Son of Daniel Wormarlsdorff and Ann his wife was Bron June 8th 1812
 Morgan Wormarlsdorff Daughter of Daniel Wormarlsdorff and Ann his wife was Born March 4th
 1814
 Hariett Wormarlsdorff Daughter [do] was Born February 10th, 1815
 Emeline Connier Wormarlsdorff Daughter [do] was Born 19th May 1818
 Tilgath Pelnezer Son [do] was Born 7th of Nov. 1820
 Matthew Stephenson Freeman Son of Mary Freeman was Born in the year of our Lord 1819
 April 24th
 Alexander Freeman was Born
 Alexander Freeman Son Aaron Freeman & Judith Freeman his wife was Born April 23rd 1778
 And departed this life May 28th 1829 Being 51 years 1 month and 5 days Old Borne in No.
 Carolina Bertie C. & died in K. C. Ct. and Entombed at Abr. Jas. Neeleys.]

[Facts in file: Judith Fleetwood was born February 21, 1759 and was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Fleetwood]

² The War Department read this name as being spelled "Wormarlsdorff." Several places it looks to me more like "Wormarlodorff" or "Wormarlidorff."

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 26, 1819, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum for her husband's service for one year in the North Carolina line.]