

Pension Application for Michael Fransisco or Francisco

S.13088

State of New York

Yates County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of September in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Yates aforesaid Michael Francisco a resident of the town of Middlesex in the said County aged sixty nine years on the 12th day of January last past, who being first 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 7, 1832.

That eh entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the autumn of the year 1778 he was a volunteer from a company of Militia to which he belonged at Schaghticoke District in the (then) County of Albany and State of New York and enrolled in a company commanded by Capt. Woolsey and in the said company forthwith marched to Fort Edward in the same state where he served as a soldier in the said company and in Col. Yates, Regiment about two months when he was dismissed and returned home.

In the Spring of the following year (1779) but in what month he cannot state he was again called into service as a soldier and marched from Schaghticoke aforesaid under the command of Capt. Henry Vanderhoof to Fort Edward aforesaid and served in garrison at that Fort according to the best of his recollection one month when he was again dismissed.

In the autumn of the same year he was again called into actual service as a soldier, marched to the same place above stated, under the same officer and served about the period, when he was again dismissed.

He was also called into actual service at another period and marched to Crown Point in the State of New York under Capt. Vanderhoof. He is entirely unable to state from his recollection the month or even the year in which such service was done but he knows that the company to which he belonged was part of a body of troops commanded by Gov. George Clinton which marched in pursuit of Sir John Johnston [Johnson] and a body of Indians led by him.

The said expedition under Gov. Clinton, crossed Lake George and proceeded to Crown Point, according to the best of his recollection he was in actual service as a soldier in the said expedition six weeks.

He subsequently enlisted to serve as a soldier in the State Troops, as he thinks of the State of New York for the term of nine months, and was mustered in a company commanded by Capt. Silas Gray in Col. John McKinstry's Regiment, and was stationed at Saratoga till the term of such enlistment had nearly expired.

A short time before the expiration of his said term of enlistment, he re-enlisted for the term of three years or during the war with Lieut More, a recruiting officer at Saratoga and served the same company and Regiment in pursuance of his said last

enlistment till he was regularly and honorably discharged at or about the close of the Revolutionary War.

He is unable to state from recollection the time of his said last enlistment, or the period of time he served under the said enlistment, but according to the best of his present recollection it was about two years previous to the close of the Revolutionary War that he so enlisted.

The said deponent further saith

1st that he was born at Horseneck in the State of New Jersey on the 12th January 1763.

2nd That he has no record of his age.

3rd That he lived at Schaghticoke District in the State of New York when he was called into service as aforesaid.

4th That he was a volunteer uniformly when in service.

5th He well recollects the officers above named, but was not acquainted with any others which he now recollects.

6th He received a regular discharge from service under his last enlistment from Col. John McKinstry—which was signed by him and was by deponent delivered to his brother John Francisco for safe keeping—who informs the deponent that the same is lost.

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.

He has since the War of the Revolution resided in Pittstown, in Wells, in Amsterdam, in Gorham, and in Middlesex all in the State of New York and that he has resided for about eight years last past in the said town of Middlesex in the County of Yates where he now resides. (Signed) Michael Fransisco

Subscribed & sworn the day and year aforesaid. Thomas J. Nevins—Deputy Clerk.

Letter in folder dated November 15, 1934, written in response to and inquiry.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.13088, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Michael Fransisco.

Michael Fransisco was born January 12, 1763, at Horseneck, New Jersey; the names of his parents are not given.

While residing with his brother, John, in Schaghticoke District, in what was then Albany County, New York, he volunteered in the autumn of 1778 and served two months as private in Captain Wiltse's company, Colonel Yates' New York regiment. He volunteered in the spring of 1779, served one month as private in Captain Henry Vanderhoof's New York company. He again enlisted in the autumn of that year and served about one month under the same officers. He served another tour of six weeks, as private in Captain Vanderhoof's New York company on an expedition to Crown Point in pursuit of Sir John K Johnson and the Indians, date of this tour not stated. About two years before the close of the war he volunteered for nine months in Captain

Silas Gray's Company, Colonel McKinstry's New York Regiment, stationed at Saratoga; just before his term of enlistment expired, he reenlisted for a term of three years, or during the war under the same officers, and was discharged at the close of the war.

After the Revolutionary War, the soldier resided in Pittstown, Wells, Amsterdam, Gorham and Middlesex, New York.

Michael Francisco was allowed pension on his application executed September 28, 1832, while a resident of Middlesex, Yates County, New York, where he had lived eight years. The soldier signed Michael Francisco.

No reference was made in the claim of Michael Francisco to wife or children.

In 1832, soldier's brother, John Francisco (as his name appears), was a resident of Gorham, Ontario County, New York.