

Pension Application for John Francisco

S.13095

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this thirteenth day of August in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before me Chester Loomis, One of the Judges of the County Court of the County of Ontario aforesaid John Francisco, a resident of the town of Gorham in the said County and State aged eighty three years 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 7th 1832.

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

In the month of September or October of the year 1776 he marched to Fort Edward in the State of New York from Schaghticoke district then in the County of Albany in the same State in a company of Militia of the said State in a company of Militia of the said state under the command of Captain Henry Vanderhoof, Nathaniel Ford Lieut and Jacob Hallenback Ensign, In Col. John Knickerbockers Regiment of which Daniel Bradt was Lieut Col. and Derick VanVechten was Major.

The said company was engaged on the said expedition about one month and returned—soon after their return they were again called into service and marched under the command of the same officers up the Hudson River into the vicinity of the same places to which they had before been called, and on such expedition they were again engaged about one month.

The said deponent saith that previous to the first expedition above stated, he had been appointed a serjeant [sergeant] of the said company and that he served as a soldier in that capacity during both of the expeditions to Fort Edward as above stated and also in all his subsequent services as a soldier until near the close of the war of the revolution when he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the same company of militia and received a commission as such.

In the year 1777 in the month of May or June the said deponent with the company of Militia to which he belonged as aforesaid were again ordered into service and deponent marched under the same officers and in the same regiment to Lake George in the said state where they joined a part of the army then retreating from Ticonderoga.

After serving with the army subsequent to having so joined it about two months—one half of the regiment to which he belonged was dismissed and returned to their homes secure the harvest then ripe and deponent was dismissed and returned with them.

In the Autumn of the year 1778 the said deponent with the same company before stated and in a regiment of Militia of the said State then commanded as he believes, by Col. Peter Yates, and Major John Groesbeck was again ordered into actual service and marched to Saratoga, where deponent was stationed three weeks and the time occupied in the said expedition was more than one month.

In the Autumn of the year 1779 the said deponent was again called into service with the same company of militia then commanded by Capt. Woolsey and Ensign VanderCook and marched to fort Edward at which place and at Saratoga deponent did duty at that time two months—when he was again dismissed.

The said deponent further saith that according to his recollection in the early part of the summer of the year 1780 he was again ordered into service with a part of the same company of Militia under Ensign VanderCook and marched to Fort William Henry at the head of Lake George where the company to which deponent belonged joined the detachment of troops under the late Gov. George Clinton. A call was there made for volunteer to Cross the Lake, an deponent entered as such and was engaged in the said expedition about two months.

The said deponent further saith that in the years 1775 and 1776 he was almost constantly engaged in the service of the Committees of Safety of Schaghticoke District aforesaid and acting under their orders-(whenever he was not absent in actual military service with the army -) in arresting disaffected persons, and tories, and that as a serjeant under their orders with a file of militia were under his command he was actually occupied and engaged in such services almost daily during the summer season of those two years, when not on other military services has herein before stated.

He further saith that he was ordered by his aid commanding officer, with a number of men placed under his command to guard certain public roads in the County of Albany to prevent Tories and disaffected persons from pillaging and carrying off the property of the inhabitants in the night time and that he was frequently so engaged during the first two years of the revolutionary War.

1. The said deponent further saith that he was born in the town of Pacounet in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on the 3rd day of July 1749.
2. That he has no record of his age except a memorandum thereof in his family Psalm Book.
3. That he lived in Schaghticoke District then in the County of Albany and State of New York when he was called into service as aforesaid—where he continued to reside till about five years since, where he removed to the town of Gorham in the County of Ontario aforesaid where he now resides.
4. That he uniformly went as a volunteer when in service as aforesaid.
5. That he recollects Gen. P. Schuyler as in command of the Army on its retreat from Lake George as before stated.
6. That he never received any written discharge whatever and that his warrant as a serjeant and his commission as a Lieutenant as aforesaid were lost many years since and he supposes them not to be now in existence—and that he has no documentary evidence whatever.
7. That Cornelius Francisco, Levi Francisco, Michael Francisco and Abraham Garrison are persons now living who as he believes are persons

to whom he is known and who can testify of their knowledge to his said Services or to some part thereof.

He further saith that he has long been in feeble healthy and unable to leave his own house.

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 in any state. (Signed with his mark) John Francisco

Sworn and subscribed this 13th day of August 1832 before me. Chester Loomis. One of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Ontario aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated February 1, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

The data pertaining to John Francisco which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.13095, based upon his service in the War of the Revolution.

John Francisco was born July 3, 1749 in Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey, names of his parents not stated.

While a resident of Schaghticoke District, then in Albany County, New York, he served in 1775 and 1776 as sergeant in service of Committee of Safety of Schaghticoke District, length of this service about one year. He served from sometime in 1776 until sometime in 1780, at various times as a sergeant in the New York troops, under the Ensign Vandercook, Captains VanderHoof, Wiltse, Colonels John Knickerbocker and Peter Yates, marched to Fort Edward and Lake George, length of service nine months. He was promoted to lieutenant, towards the close of the war, no further details of his service given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 13, 1832, at which time he was living in Gorham, Ontario County, New York, where he had lived about five years. He died December 31, 1832.

It is not stated that the soldier, John Francisco, was ever married.

Reference was made in 1832 to Cornelius Francisco of Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York, to Michael A. Francisco of Gorham, New York and to Levi Francisco, and to Michael Francisco. It is not shown that they were related to the soldier, John Francisco, that they were related to each other or that the Michael A. & Michael Francisco were the same person.