

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Trammell S32022

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State of Georgia, Elbert County

On this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in Open Court before his Honor William H. Crawford Judge of the Superior Courts in and for the Northern Circuit State of Georgia, now sitting, for Elbert County, William Trammel a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged 73 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 the seventh 1832.

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

That he volunteered into the service of the United States as a Private in the County of Rutherford State of North Carolina on the 11th day of May in the year 1779 for three months under Captain Benjamin Harden marched from Rutherford County to Charlotte in North Carolina and there joined Colonel McDowell's Regiment of Militia all commanded by General John Butler, marched from Charlotte to Horse Creek opposite to Augusta in the State of Georgia on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River from thence to Moore's Bluff below Augusta where he joined General Lincoln, from Moore's Bluff marched in pursuit of the British came up with them at Stono River near Charleston in the State of South Carolina and on Sunday the 20th day of June 1779 engaged the British at that place, after the battle, we marched back to camp, and after serving three months was discharged as a Private on the 11th day of August 1779 near Stono in South Carolina, that he served with the Continental Regiments and Companies then under the command of General Lincoln but does not recollect them by the name.

That he also volunteered into the Service of the United States in the County of Rutherford State of North Carolina (then the place of his residence) for two months as a Sergeant Major in the year 1780, the day or month he does not recollect, under Captain Lewis in a Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel James Miller, marched from Rutherford to the Valley Towns of the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina (now Tennessee) after remaining there for some time returned to the settlements and then was discharged in the year 1780, the day or month he does not recollect, after having served two months as a Sergeant Major in the Army of the United States, and that he served with no other troops but the Regiment of Militia to which he belonged.

That he also volunteered into the service of the United States in the County of Rutherford State of North Carolina (then the place of his residence) for three months as a private in the year 1781 (the day or month he does not recollect) under Captain Newell Lampkin, marched from Rutherford County to the High Hills of Santee in the State of South Carolina, and there joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army, and was attached to Colonel Mattberdies [? Malmedy's ?] Regiment of Continentals after the battle at the Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina which was fought in September in the year 1781 was sent as one of a party to guard some prisoners from General Greene's camp to Salisbury in the State of North Carolina, that he guarded the said prisoners as far as Charlotte where they were delivered to another guard, and the company to which he was attached was disbanded and sent home, having served three months as a Private, in the year 1781, but he does not recollect the day or month, when disbanded, making in all at the different periods six months service as Private and two months Service as a Sergeant Major in the United States service during the Revolutionary War, that during the last Tour of duty which he performed he served with the American Army, commanded by General Greene composed of Continentals and Militia Regiments, but he does not recollect them by the name at this late date, and that he knew you General Greene, Colonel Washington, Colonel Williams, Col. Campbell and Colonel Mattberdie Regular Officers, And that he has no documentary evidence,

and that he knows of no person whose evidence he can procure, who can testify to his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He says that he was born in Fairfax County State of Virginia in the year 1760, that he has no record of his age, and does not know if there ever was any; that he lived in Rutherford County State of North Carolina when he volunteered into service each time that he lived in Rutherford County State of North Carolina until the year 1783 then removed to Elbert then Wilkes County, in the State of Georgia where he now lives, and has resided there ever since; that he volunteered into the service each time. He states that the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where he served were General Lincoln, General Greene, Colonel Mattberdie, Colonel Washington, Colonel Williams and Colonel Campbell that he served the first Tour of duty with the Continental and Militia Regiments commanded by General Lincoln, but does not recollect them by the name, the second tour of duty he served with none but the troops of his on Regiment, the third and last tour of duty he served with the Continental and Militia Regiments commanded by General Greene but he does not recollect them by the name at this late date. He says that he received a Written discharge for the first tour of duty given him by General Butler which was taken from him by the Tories during the Revolutionary War for the last two Tours of duty which he performed he was verbally discharged or disbanded after the expiration of each term of service.

He states the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are the Honorable Wiley Thompson, James Davis, Thomas Maxwell, Thomas Oliver, Simpson Oliver, James Oliver and Samuel Bentley Esquire.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. S/ William Trammel, X his mark
Test: S/ Benajah Houston, Clk SCEC

[James Davis, a clergyman, and Amos Richardson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[This applicant made substantially identical applications in Elbert County, one on January 22, 1833 before the Inferior Court, supported by James Davis, a clergyman and Thomas Oliver; and the other also in Elbert County, dated September 25, 1835, before Garnett Andrews, Superior Court Judge, supported by Thomas Hearn, a clergyman, and Benjamin Smith. There is not apparent reason for this applicant having to file 3 substantially identical applications.]