

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cary Traylor (Traylor) R10670

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State of Kentucky County of Bath: SS

On this the 18th day of October 1850 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Bath, now sitting, Cary Traylor a resident of said Bath County, aged Ninety-Eight 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 7th 1832: – That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. –

That he entered the service of the United States in the early part of the year probably the month of __ in the year A.D. 17__ in Meclenburg County [Mecklenburg County] & State of Virginia, at or near the place where the South Key & State roads connect; under Captain Reuben Vaughn and served under him until he resigned, and afterwards was commanded by Captain John Daily in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis or Colonel Bluford; which one of them two he cannot now recollect, from the lapse of time & the infirmities of old age, but he knew them both while in service: The day of the month he does not remember in which he entered nor the day of the month he left the service: but his best reckollection [recollection] is that it was in the month of __ a D 17__. He states that the precise time he served he cannot now recollect: That he is certain that he was in the service more than two years: – that while he was in the service, a volunteer was called for to carry a letter to General Hopkins, – the Company was mustered and he volunteered to perform the Service, if he could be permitted to ride a certain black Horse, which was agreed to. He set out on the horse & did carry the letter to Hopkins – & returned in safely. The object of the letter was to let will give General Hopkins information of the then position of the British troops under Tarleton. –

After this, he was detailed with others to convey supplies of oats, flour & beeves to a Fort for the support of the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene], he drove one of the teams, – He was in no battle; but was in the hearing of the Army in the battle of Guilford was fought. – Him and

He knew General Hopkins, and conversed with General Washington at his tent. He knew General Green before & after the battle of Guilford.

The time during which he served as aforesaid he was not employed in any civil pursuit. – 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 states that he had and Honorable Discharge but it was destroyed by fire and that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his service: from the fact that he moved from Virginia to South Carolina and lived there several years and from there to Kentucky at or in which State he has lived ever since.

S/ Cary Traylor, X his mark

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. He states about 1762 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia State.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. None; There was one record in a Bible of my Uncle's, and one in the Bible of Davy Vandike, one in Virginia and the other in South Carolina

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: a short time in the County where I was born in a short time in North Carolina, then I went to South Carolina (where I married) and then came to Kentucky & settled on Strodes Creek in Clark County and then to Fleming County Kentucky I then came and settled in this Bath County where I have lived nearly forty-seven years & still live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served;

Ans. I have in my declaration all I recollect

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I did receive an honorable Discharge from my Captain Daily; and it got destroyed by fire, as before stated. –

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Elder J. F. Wilborn and George Coyle

S/ Cary Traylor, X his mark

[Elder J. F. Wilborn, a clergyman, and George Coyle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: I found no records on the Virginia State Library digital collection relating to a veteran of this or any similar name.]