

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Trent R10695      Jane

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Magistrates Office 12th day of June 1834

On this 12th day of June 1834 personally appeared before me John Mitchell an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Alexander Trent a resident of Hawkins County Tennessee aged 75 years as well as he can now ascertain, not having any record of his age nor there never was one, as he now knows of, 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. This Applicant states that he was born in Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia in the year 1759 on the 25th day of March as well as he can ascertain, not having any record of his age, as he has before stated. This Applicant further states that he was living in Bedford County Virginia when he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Soldier, under Captain Terrell [perhaps Capt. Peter Terrill] in the spring of the year 1778 or 1779 as well as he can now remember, not having any documentary statement to guide him in his declaration. That the Company to which he belonged rendezvoused at the house of one Ward on Dann [Dan] River here they remained a short time & from thence were marched in the Halifax County at the New Court House, here they remained a short time & from thence they were marched to Salisbury where he in North Carolina, here they joined other Companies & at this place they remained a few days & from thence to Savannah where they remained near that place & in its neighborhood for some time, till after the siege of Savannah that he was at the taking of Savannah from the British & was under the command, as well as he can now remember of General Lincoln that he thinks after the taking of Savannah, his term of service, for which he was drafted, which was six months expired at Savannah or near there, and the Company was dismissed & permitted to return home, without receiving any written discharge this Term of service lasted six months. This applicant further states, that in the year 1781 as well as he now remembers, he again entered the service as a drafted Soldier under Captain Thomas McCannal<sup>1</sup> [?] that they rendezvoused in their own County, Bedford, that from thence they were marched to Manchester where they remained some time and from thence to Norfolk at which place they were stationed during the remainder of the time for which he was drafted, that in Norfolk the Company was dismissed from the service & permitted to return home. That from this Term of service he did not receive a written discharge. This Tour of service lasted six months. This Applicant further states that he is now unable from bodily infirmities, to travel & therefore is

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department read this name as Thomas McCunel. The only militia officer from Bedford County that I could find that might be the officer referred to, is Lt. Thomas McReynolds.

unable to attend Court & that owing to the laws of his memory he is unable to state any other circumstances of his service than what he has stated that he cannot name any of the regular officers that were in the service about the places where he served for he thinks they were mostly Militia forces that served with him, he further states that he has forgotten the names of other officers under whose command he served. This Applicant further states that although he cannot now name all his Officers & state the particulars of his service, yet he can swear safely to the length of time he served which was not less than the periods above stated making in all 12 months & for which service he claims a pension. This Applicant further states that since the Revolutionary war he has lived in Virginia & Tennessee & that he now lives in Hawkins County Tennessee where he has lived for the last 28 years. This Applicant further states that he never received a commission & he further states that there is no Clergyman now living in his neighborhood. This Applicant further states, that he does not know of anyone now living by whom he can prove his services, but that he is well known in his present neighborhood to Enoch Ausbern & Samuel Trent who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services during the Revolutionary War. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Virginia. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ J Mitchell, JP

S/ Alexander Trent, X his mark

[Enoch Ausbern and Samuel Trent gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: SS

On this 4th day of August 1840 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for the said County of Hawkins personally appeared Alexander Trent who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Thomas Read in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Davis as well as he now remembers (being now upwards of ninety years of age) in the Service of the United States, That his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Tennessee aforesaid at Jonesboro Agency. That he is now, still, resides in Hawkins County in State aforesaid, where he intends to remain, but wishes his pension to be payable at Knoxville Tennessee in future. The following are his reasons for the change. It is very inconvenient to send for his money to Jonesboro there being better communication between this County & said town of Jonesboro besides he has always been paid in paper instead of species. At Knoxville he has understood the Pensions are paid in silver – besides the stage runs to Knoxville three times a week and there are private, safe opportunities of sending every week to Knoxville – he therefore prays the transfer of his name from the Jonesboro agency to the Knoxville agency – Sworn to & subscribed before me this day & year above mentioned.

S/ Alexander Trent, X his mark

[f p 8: On May 17, 1843 in Hawkins County Tennessee, Jane Trent, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Alexander Trent, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the year 1792; that her husband died May 17, 1841. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p 9: On May 17, 1843 in Hawkins County Tennessee, John S Wells, 68, gave testimony that

Alexander Trent married Jane Trent formerly Jane Burton in the year 1792 in Grayson County Virginia.]

[facts in file: the veteran and his wife were married by the Reverend Vincent Jones, a Baptist Minister; the file contains no reference to any children of the veteran and his wife.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for nine months in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was not allowed a pension on her application.]