

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Tribble R10700

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The State of Alabama, Jackson County

On the 12th day of August 1833 Personally appeared in Open Court now sitting the Honorable Thompson McRector Judge, it being the County Court of the County aforesaid – a Court of record, Elijah Tribble a resident of said County and State, aged Seventy nine years next January who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

To Wit: That he was drafted to serve a tour of duty in the North Carolina Militia – the State of North Carolina being then the place of his residence – that his Captain's name was Richard Allen and was to hold himself in a state of readiness to march at a moment's warning. This draft took place in the Spring of 1779 and was some months afterwards he thinks in the month of December following, marched through Wilkes County in said State of North Carolina through the County of Rowan and to Charleston in the State of South Carolina and at which place he Company to which he belonged was attached to a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton and believes his Major's name was Dickson, and remained there until the 24th of March 1780 at which time he received a discharge having served three months which discharge has since been lost.

He was again drafted in the early part of the succeeding summer, his Captain's name was Abram Demoss [Abraham DeMoss] and was immediately marched to Ramsour's Mills in State of North Carolina the company to which he belonged on this occasion was attached to a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and remained there about three weeks at which time he was taken sick, and suffered to return home and in the fall of the same year having recovered his health, he was marched under the same officers in the direction of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] but being among the foot men did not reach the place of destination until after the battle was fought with Major Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson], his Commanding Officer Colonel Cleveland pressing on with the horse men – and was in this service about two months until he was discharged. He was afterwards called on to serve a tour of duty of two weeks against Col. Fannen [sic, David Fanning]-- a Tory Colonel – and was marched on this Service under Major Francis Hartgraves [Francis Hargrove] and remained in this Service about six weeks. He was afterwards frequently called on and served short tours in the militia of North Carolina until hostilities ceased when he was finally discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State. He further states that he has no record of his age, that he is an illiterate man but has kept it in his head as he learned it from his Parents and believes that it is stated truly, that he was born in Halifax County and State of Virginia. He also states that he is acquainted with Captain James Scruggs and John Austin and the Rev. John F. McEntire [sic, McIntyre?] all Citizens of Jackson County and State of Alabama aforesaid who can testify as to his character for veracity and as to their belief as to his services as a Soldier of the Revolution and that he does not know that he can now prove his services by any surviving witness.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Elijah Tribble, X his mark

[John F McEntire, a minister of the gospel, and James Scruggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And the Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states – that we propounded to him the following questions as prescribed by the War department and have annexed the true answers given by the declarant to wit --

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: In Halifax County State of Virginia in the year 1755 [could be 1758]¹

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

Answer: I have no record but have the account that I received of my Parents. I think correctly which makes me Seventy nine years old in January next.

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

Answer: In Wilkes County State of North Carolina. I have since lived in South Carolina, Tennessee and now Alabama.

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

Answer: I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: All that I now recollect with regard to my field Officers and of the circumstances of the service in which I was in I have stated in the body of my declaration.

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

Answer: I got a discharge from Captain Richard Allen which I kept for several years but at length lost it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: The Revd John F. McEntire, Captain James Scruggs and John Austin.

¹ 1758

but 1755 comes closer to fitting his stated age of 79 in 1833

[p 10: On April 11, 1857 [?, the "57" is very unclear] in Oregon County Missouri, Rachel Tribble, 80 filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Elijah Tribble, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 1, 1813; that her husband died May 22, 1840; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]