

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Trout R10711

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The declaration of David Trout a revolutionary Soldier when [?] on oath before Joseph Steele a Justice of the Peace for Rockbridge County on this 20th day of April 1842 in the County aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law makes the following Statement That he was engaged as a drafted militia man under the command of Captain Givens [perhaps, Capt. John Given] of the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia and served under his Command three months against the British Army then invading the said State

That he was regularly discharge from said service having served the full term of three months for which time he was called into Service in the year 1780 or 1781. That afterwards he volunteered under a call for a volunteer Company ^{under Col. Preston [perhaps William Christian]} and served under him and this for two years or upwards against the Indians and Tories. That he is now eighty-six years of age and very infirm and poor and stands in need of the aid of his country according to the act of Congress of 1832 granting pensions to revolutionary Soldiers, that his discharges have been lost, that he knows of no person alive who are acquainted with his services except James Johnston of the County of Augusta who served with him in the three months tour above referred to. That he now resides in the said County of Rockbridge and has resided there for several years last past and that previously he resided in the County of Augusta both Counties being in the State of Virginia.

State of Virginia Rockbridge County to wit I Joseph Steele a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Rockbridge in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that David Trout above named made oath before me that the several facts stated in the foregoing form of affidavit are true, and said David Trout is so infirm that he cannot attend a Court of record.

Given under my hand this day of April 1842

S/ Joseph Steele, JP

This day James Johnston personally appeared before me James Wood a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Nelson and made oath that the foregoing declaration as far as it related to the services of David Trout in the Revolutionary war is true. Given under my hand this 29th day of April 1842

S/ James Wood, JP

[On May 2, 1848, Martin Kinsley, a clergyman, gave an affidavit as to the reputation of the veteran for veracity.]

[f p. 4: On May 16, 1853 in Roanoke County Virginia, Samuel Trout, 61, administrator of David Trout deceased, made application for the pension due his father; that his father died in

Rockbridge County Virginia in June 1842 leaving no widow but eight children, to wit: John, Jane, Susan, David, Sally, Betsey, Magdalin [spelled Magalin in another document] and Samuel Trout.

Samuel Trout]