

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Trowal R10714

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State of Missouri, County of Boone } Sct.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Boone Circuit Court now sitting William Trowal a resident of said County of Boone & State of Missouri aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted as a private soldier in the Army of the United States on the first of March 1777 for & during the war under Captain William Sammons, at Cross Creek on Cape Fear River North Carolina & served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark [perhaps Thomas Clark] (his given name not recollected) nor the No. of the Regiment but now believes it was the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment but of that he is not certain. He started in a short time on to the North under General Hogan [sic, James Hogun], & joined the Main Army a short time before the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. States that he was in that engagement and received two wounds one cross his knee, the other in at his groin and out at small of his back. The mark of which he bears at this day. After the battle he was placed in the hospital and remained till he got well which was in the next spring or at least the weather was warm, when able to perform service he again joined his Regiment and shortly after marched on to New York was marched first from one place & then to another, so that he finds it impossible to detail all the routes he had as he was only a private & paid no attention to it. States that he was in no other battle but the one spoken of, which was fought some six or seven months after he enlisted as he now recollects. States that after remaining in the North for something like a year, though the length of time he cannot recollect, they were carried on to South Carolina, he went under the same officers, above stated and after moving about in that quarter some time we went into Charleston – got there about three or four weeks before it was given up<sup>1</sup> by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] states that he was taken there as a prisoner by the British and never got released until peace was made. States that a great many was paroled, but he never got one but was kept in the British barracks or place they had to keep us in. States that he was kept there until peace was made as he learned from the British officer who said so & told the captain of the guard that he might release us, which was done and when discharged his officers were not there, they were paroled & put out on a place called Hadley's point [sic, Haddrell's Point], where he understood all the officers that were taken prisoners were put, he states that he learned that his General Hogun died at Haddrell's Point as he learned before he was released and as for his Col. & Captain he never saw them after he was put under guard by the British when we surrendered we marched out & stacked our arms & when

<sup>1</sup> Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780.

<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

discharged he went home, got no written discharges, nor has he any documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove his service, nor does he believe such proof can be had. States that he served from the time he enlisted until released by the British which was four years & six months & he thinks longer but is certain that it was that long.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever, except the present & he declares, that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. States that he is illiterate, can neither read nor write, & when he enlisted that he may have written his name different from the way it is here, Sworn to & subscribed in open court on the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Trowall, X his mark

[Elijah Jackson and John Easley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace William Trowal who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: four years & 6 months, served as a private soldier & for such service I claim a pension. Sworn to & subscribed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834.

S/ William Trowal, X his mark

S/ John Henderson, JP

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Trowell a musician in Captain Bowman's [Joshua Bowman's] Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment enlisted in 1778 for the war, was a private in June 1778, and deserted the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 1783.

Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> of July 1834.

S/ Wm Hill

It appears from the musterrolls that many of the Officers of the line of this State were discharged, was said to be "deranged," on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1783. William Trowell served after that period, and perhaps as long as he was needed; being a prisoner may have been the cause of the charge of desertion.

S/ Wm Hill