

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hedgeman Triplett S11572

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I Hedgeman Triplett of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky, due on oath declare that I entered the second Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the revolutionary war, as a soldier, in October A.D. 1775, into the Company then commanded by Captain Richard Yancey, – that in two or three months after I was made a corporal in the said Company, that about the year after I was made a Sergeant, but do not recollect whether it was in that company or not, but it was in the said Regiment and continued to serve as a Sergeant, until just before the battle of York Town, when I was appointed a Lieutenant & commissioned in Captain Armistead White's Company in Colonel Edmunds' Regiment in the said Virginia Continental line; and continued to serve as a Lieutenant in said line, until the close of the War, – that I understand and do believe that said Captain White & Colonel Edmunds are both dead and that I cannot now be it their certificate of my said services, – that I have lost all my papers respecting the said service – that I have never received my bounty Land One, or disposed or sold my right to bounty Land, in any manner whatever & that I did serve in the said Virginia line upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war upwards of six years.

S/ Hedgeman Triplett

[Certified June 18, 1818 by Clement Bell]

I Philemon Yancey<sup>1</sup> of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky due on oath declare that I was a Soldier in Colonel Edmunds' Regiment in the Virginia line upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war – that I knew Hedgeman Triplett before I went into the service, – that we were raised near each other in Culpeper County in Virginia – that said Triplett being older than myself went into the service as a soldier, soon after the commencement of the war, & belonged to one of the Virginia Continental regiments, but which I cannot now recollect, & served until sometime in the year 1777 when I entered the service I found said Triplett a Sergeant Major in the said Colonel Edmunds' Regiment – that he served as a Sergeant Major until a short time before the battle at Yorktown, when he was made and commissioned a Lieutenant in the said Colonel Edmunds' Regiment & continued a Lieutenant until the peace – that the said Triplett was in service from the time of his entering as a private soldier to the conclusion of peace, – and that I never heard or understood that the said Triplett was ever cashiered or disgraced in service – that I have been under his command when he was a Lieutenant & always considered that he behaved as a brave & good officer.

S/ Philemon Yancey

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<sup>1</sup> [Philemon Yancy \(Yancey\) S1274](#)

[attested June 14, 1819 by O. Waggener, JP]

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I Thomas Brown<sup>2</sup> of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky do declare that I was born and raised in Culpeper County in Virginia & lived in the neighborhood where Hedgeman Triplett was raised, & was well acquainted with him from a boy, – that in October 1775 according to my best recollection, the said Hedgeman Triplett enlisted as a soldier in Captain Yancey's company in Colonel Glenn's Regiment belonging to the Virginia Continental line, – that the said Triplett continued in service & in April 1781 I entered the service as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Pollard's Company belonging to Colonel Edmondson's Regiment Continental Regiment, – that at that time the said Triplett was a Sergeant in one of the companies belonging to the said Edmondson's Regiment but the Captain's name I do not now recollect, – that a short time before the siege of York a Lieutenant in the said company to which the said Triplett belonged resigned, & the said Triplett was appointed & commissioned a Lieutenant in the said company, & continued a Lieutenant to the close of the war. At the siege of York I was appointed by General Stephens [Edward Stevens] Issuing Commissary to his Brigade & issued the said Hedgeman Triplett's rations as a Lieutenant and that the said Triplett was always considered a good soldier & Officer & was never cashiered, suspended or disgraced.

S/ Thos. Brown

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I do certify that in the last of the summer or early in the fall of the year 1775 I met Captain John Green's company of the County of Culpeper at the Raccoon Ford in Orange [County] then on their way to Williamsburg. My wagon carried the baggage of the company and I went with the Company to Williamsburg. When I joined the company in Orange, Hedgeman Triplett was a private in the company. The company was very large and many transfers took place. Hedgeman Triplett I understood afterwards became an officer, but do not know the fact. Given under my hand this 18th day of July 1822.

S/ Isaac Kerin [?]

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State of Kentucky Franklin County: Sct. I Hedgeman Triplett of Franklin County in the State aforesaid do certify and do declare that I was an Officer in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution and served as such to the end of the war (after the siege of York I guarded the prisoners over the bridge to barracks on the Shenandoah River and was not in active service at the close of the war for want of men but had never resigned, but continued an officer to the close of the war and subject to the orders of the Commander in chief or the Superior Officers and at the time when the arrangement of the Army provided by the resolve of Congress of the 3rd of October 1780 was carried into effect and was reduced under the arrangement at which period I was a first Lieutenant & adjutant in the sd Edmusions [Edmondson's or Edmunds'?] regiment, of the Continental line – at the close of the war I was a Major and Colonel Elias Edmonds Regiment, General Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] brigade serving in so many different regiments & brigades from 1774 commencing as a soldier old age & infirmity I may not be correct, in every particular, but refer to the records in the war office and my warrants for land in Ohio <sup>assigned Nathaniel Sawyer</sup> – I do further declare that I afterwards did not receive through neglect

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S30890

and immediately coming to Kentucky and never returning certificate if I did lost or misplaced (commonly called a commutation Certificate) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay but was entitled to the same – which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 3rd & 21st of October 1780 and I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3rd day of March 1826 no money; that I have received as a pensioner of the United States since the 3rd of March 1828 no money to me by the agent for paying pensions in the State of \_\_\_

S/ Hedgeman Triplett



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Kentucky Franklin County Sct.

This day John Keeton [?<sup>3</sup>] Came before me a Justice of the Peace of Franklin County Kentucky and made oath that he was a soldier on the Continental Army of the revolution, in the second Virginia Regiment and belonged to General Stephens' [Edward Stevens'] brigade, that he was in General Gates defeat, at Camden [August 15 – 16, 1780], that he saw Major Hedgeman Triplett in the Army up to the surrender of Cornwallis, and has seen him once since been Culpeper Virginia & knows him to be the same person, this affiant had no acquaintance with him in the Army being himself a Soldier and belonging to a different Continental Regiment, I as a Justice of the Peace of Franklin County do certify that John Keeton [?<sup>4</sup>] is known to me to be a respectable farmer & credible witness this sixth April 1832

S/ James Shannon, JP

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Kentucky Fayette County Sct

This day came Captain John Nelson,<sup>5</sup> now on the pay roll of the Army of the United States, makes oath & says that he was well acquainted with Hedgeman Triplett a Lieutenant in the Army of the revolution, that he was after the year 1781 on Continental establishment, that he served to the end, and close of the war (that he may have been promoted to the rank of Major as he states towards the close whether he ever received a Commission as Major he does not know, although it was customary for General Washington to promote for extraordinary services) I do further certify said John Nelson is a man deserving credit. Given under my hand & seal this 29th day of February 18 32.

S/ James E Davis, JPFC

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<sup>3</sup> IF my interpretation of this name is correct and the affiant is John Keeton, then his application is posted in this database at [John Keeton S13614](#).



<sup>4</sup>  
<sup>5</sup> FPA S35537

[Facts in file: The veteran died September 22, 1837. There are references in the file to the veteran having had eight children but only Polly Clements is named. Polly Clements survived her father. In 1832, Betsy Hedgeman Triplett, 75, gave testimony in which she states she is the wife of Captain Thomas Triplett of Bath County Kentucky and the daughter of Francis Triplett of Virginia then deceased and that her uncle John Triplett had the following sons in the revolutionary war – John, William, Nathaniel, Daniel,<sup>6</sup> Rodger, and Hedgeman.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private, Sergeant Major and Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line for six years.]

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<sup>6</sup> FPA W6308

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Addendum to Hedgeman Triplett S11572

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 20 April 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Triplett, Hedgman.]

To his excellency the Governor, & the honorable Council of the State of Virginia

Your petitioner Hedgman Triplett would respectfully represent to your honorable board, that he was a revolutionary officer in the Virginia continental line – that he entered the service as a common soldier at an early period of the war, and was advanced from grade to grade as high as the office of a lieutenant, and served to the close of the war. that he in 1820 received from the state of Virginia a military land warrant for 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres, but as he was in service considerably over six years, he considers himself justly & legally entitled to a warrant for an additional quantity. He therefore prays your honorable board to have reference to his affidavit stating minutely his services & the other affidavits accompanying it, filed in the council chamber on his former application for his military warrant as our honorable board may think him justly & legally entitled to & as in duty bound will ever pray &c.