

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Totty S13060

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State of Virginia Chesterfield County SS

On this 8 day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Chesterfield County, Daniel Totty Senior a resident of the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia aged upwards of sixty-eight years and six months, 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 of June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated viz.

Early in the month of April in the year 1781, as well as this declarant now recollects, having been regularly drafted, he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, in the Company of militia commanded by Captain Benjamin Ward belonging to Colonel Robert Goode's Regiment in the County of Chesterfield: marched directly to Petersburg, and was put under the command either of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] or Baron Steuben and stationed at that place until the advance of the British Army under Phillips [William Phillips] and Arnold [Benedict Arnold] and there attacked on the American troops stationed at that place, about the last of April [the Battle of Petersburg took place on April 25, 1781]. The American troops having withdrawn from their station at Petersburg after the attack upon them by the British forces this declarant, with the company and Regiment before mentioned marched through the County of Chesterfield by the Court House of that County (which was burnt directly afterwards by a pursuing detachment of the British Army) crossed James River at or near Tuckahoe, marched thence down to Wilton just below Richmond, and was there put under the command of General Lafayette. At this place most of the Chesterfield militia were discharged, but this declarant, with others was detached from Captain Ward's company and attached to the company of militia commanded by Captain David Patterson and to the Regiment commanded by Colonel St. George Tucker, and continued in the service until after the capture of the British Army at York Town [October 19, 1781]: during this time the company and Regiment to which he belonged was marched about a good deal between James and York Rivers without being stationed long at any particular place, were in the neighborhood of Old James town at the time of a skirmish there between the British troops under Cornwallis and the Americans, were afterwards stationed a while at Williamsburg whence they were transferred to York Town and attached to the main Army under the command of General Washington, which was then investing the British Army at that place, where this declarant remained until the surrender of Cornwallis on the 19th of October 1781, was discharged at that place about a week after that event, and got home to Chesterfield about the first of November, having served, he thinks, not less than six months and a half.

This declarant entered the service early in the month of April 1781, being called out at the time of Arnold's second invasion of this part of Virginia, and continued in the service without intermission until after Cornwallis' surrender at York Town the 19th of October following. He recollects no Regular Officers or troops besides those already mentioned, except that he was well acquainted and served with Captain David Mann at York Town, who commanded a Company of Artillery, he thinks, during the siege. That he received a written discharge from the Army, but does not now recollect by whom it was signed, and not considering it of any further value, he was not careful to preserve it and does not know whether it is now in existence.

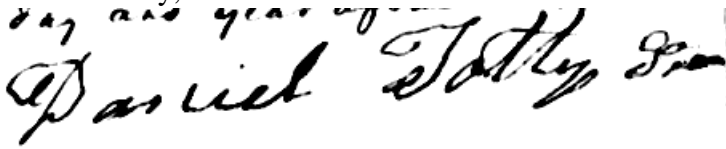
That he was born in the County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia the 16th of September 1764, according to a Register of his age made by his father in an old book, now in his possession, resided in that County at the time he was called into the service, and afterwards until about 19 years ago, when he removed to the City of Richmond, where he has resided ever since, with the exception of two years of that period, when he resided about 12 miles from that city in the County of Henrico. Having been raised in the County of Chesterfield and called into service in that County, and having resided there the greater part of his life, and the proof and reputation of his service being in that County, he has made his declaration before that Court, instead of in the City of Richmond, the place of his present residence.

This declarant has no documentary evidence of his service, but it is known to persons now living; and is also proved by the annexed affidavit of Josiah Blankenship,¹ who has recently died, since the making of his affidavit. That he could refer to many persons who can testify to his veracity and the reputation of his service but supposes it will be sufficient to mention those only whose certificate is annexed. That he does not know whether he can procure the testimony of any clergyman to the reputation of his service, as the only one who lived immediately in his former neighborhood and by whom it was certainly nine, is now dead.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Totty, Sr.

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[Philip Cogbill and John Parkinson gave the standard supporting affidavit

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I Charles C Graves a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid hereby certify that Josiah Blankenship of the same County & State, this day personally appeared before me, in the County aforesaid & made it oath to the following statement, to wit, "That he is well acquainted with Daniel Totty Sr., whom now resides in the City of Richmond, and was well acquainted with him before the Revolutionary War, as they were both born in the same neighborhood in the County of Chesterfield: that he knows positively of his personal knowledge that the said Totty served a tour of upwards of six months as this affiant thinks, first with Captain Benjamin Ward's Company of militia in Colonel Robert Goode's Regiment which marched from Chesterfield & was stationed some time at Petersburg & was present at the Battle at that place in April 1781, under the command of Steuben or Muhlenberg against the combined British forces under Arnold

¹ [Josiah Blankenship S8072](#)

& Phillips, as well as he can remember, that the said company was thence pursued through the County of Chesterfield about the time of the burning of the Court house, crossed James River at Tuckahoe & marched down to Wilton & joined the main Army at that place under the command of the Marquis of Lafayette as well as he remembers; here most of the Chesterfield militia were discharged, but the said Totty with this Affiant & others, was attached to Captain David Patterson's company of militia of Colonel St. George Tucker's Regiment & continued in service until after the surrender of the British Army at York. During this time the said Company & Regiment were marched about a good deal between James & York Rivers, were stationed at Williamsburg for some time, & finally were present at the siege of York & took part in it, having served under many officers whom this affiant from his old age & loss of memory, has forgotten: that he remembers the said Daniel Totty Senior perfectly as they were at that time and have ever since been intimately acquainted, & he knows that the said Totty served during the whole tour above mentioned, which lasted upwards of six months, & was discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis's Army at York."

S/ Josiah Blankenship, X his mark

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 10th day of December 1832.

S/ Charles C. Graves, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 1/2 months in the Virginia militia.]