

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Trotter S1598

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State of Tennessee Sevier County: SS: On this 3rd day of September 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before us William C Maples, Elijah Cate and Randle Hill three of the acting justices of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County of Sevier and State of Tennessee now sitting William Trotter a resident of said County and state in the said County of Sevier and State of Kentucky aged 69 years last Christmas 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 passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He lived in Augusta County Virginia at which place in May 1781 he substituted in the room and stead of Richard Trotter for six months under Captain Thomas Smith, in Colonel Samuel Lewis' Regiment of militia. Rendezvoused at Widow Jeans on South River Marched to purmunca [Pamunkey] River crossed it and lay on the bank about a week. Thence to James Town crossed James River in the boats of the [indecipherable word] Thence to Williamsburg there General Muhlenberg took the command of us as a Brigadier General Washington met us there and acted as commander in chief Thence to York town where he was in the siege of York [September – October 19, 1781] helped to take Cornwallis Thence back to Williamsburg lay there some time waiting for supplies of provisions we were honorably but verbally discharged he served six months.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. 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/ Wm Trotter



Sworn to in open Court third September 1832

S/ Geo. Mc Cown, Clerk

[Elijah Rogers, a clergyman and Randal Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Sevier County

On this 23 day of July 1833, personally appeared before me Isaac Love an acting justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County, William Trotter, a resident of said County and State, in the said County of Sevier and State of Tennessee who being first duly

sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his pension declaration, which declaration was made in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County and bears date September 3, 1832, and was numbered in the War Department no. 12976, and sent back for amendment.

He was born on the __ day of December 1763 the day in the month not recollected he thinks in the neighborhood of Philadelphia Pennsylvania. He has no record of his age at this time. He continued to live in Augusta County Virginia about twelve years after the Revolutionary war was over he then moved to Jefferson County Tennessee and lived there about three years he then moved into Sevier County and has lived there ever since and still lives there. He does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served nor the names or numbers of any Continental or militia regiments nor the general circumstances of his service further than what he has stated in his declaration. He never did receive a written discharge from the service neither did he ever receive a commission during the revolutionary war. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Colonel Alexander Robertson, Captain William Robertson, Robert Keny, Matthew Keny, John Dickson, Archibald Dickson, Colonel Andrew Anderson, Major James Porter, Sheriff John Rogers, Colonel M. C. Rogers and William Canterbury all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier in the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed this third day of July 1833 before me

S/ Wm Trotter

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