

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Terrell S16550

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Georgia DeKalb County:

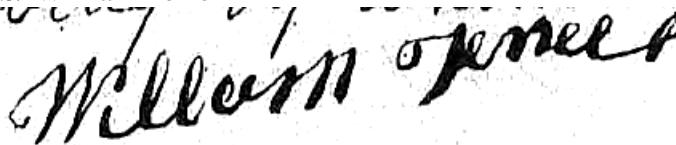
On this twelfth day of October 1832 appeared before the Superior Court held in and for said County and State William Terrel a resident of said County & State aged Seventy-two years the Sixth day of August last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- that in the first of the month of December in the year 1778 he then residing in Craven County now called Lancaster District South Carolina and at that time about eighteen years of age was drafted and entered service in the company of Captain Edward Carrington -- marched to the Mossy Camps near Moncks Corner and there joined the Militia under the command of General Richardson [Richard Richardson] & served one month & received a written discharge signed by General Richardson which is lost -- that about the first of March 1779 -- he was drafted & entered the service under Captain Benjamin Hale [Benjamin Haile] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ely Cashaw [sic, Eli Kershaw] -- marched to a place in South Carolina about one mile from Augusta Georgia & there joined the regulars under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] I was sent in a scouting party under the command of Colonel Kershaw down the Savannah River to the mouth of the Three Runs -- & received a discharge signed by Colonel Kershaw about the first of May 1779 which is lost. About the first of June 1782 he volunteered in a company commanded by Captain William Deason in a Battalion commanded by Major Thompson -- marched to Camden -- thence about 100 miles down on the Santee & there joined General Francis Marion -- under his command with about 200 mounted man went in pursuit of the British towards Charleston through the place called Horseshoe to a place called Cumbee [Combahee?]- thence pursued the British three days to a place near Parkers Ferry on the Edisto [River] -- there lying in ambush in a swamp were attacked on one side by the Tories & on the other by the British Dragoons about 200 in number -- about 150 of them were supposed to have been killed & wounded. The remainder were then reinforced by about 500 foot man British & Tories of home about 25 were supposed to have been killed -- The British retreated towards Charleston -- that under Marion [Francis Marion] and he returned to Santee -- thence to meet General Greene [Nathanael Greene] above the Eutaw Springs & that he was in the battle of Eutaw on the 8th of September [1781] & after the battle he was sent with three others to carry a wounded man to the Hospital called the Blue house with permission to go home that he reached the Hospital about the 12th of September 1782 -- about which time his company was dismissed & he received no written discharge -- he hereby

relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State -- Deponent knows of no person now living by whom he can prove said services.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written in open Court.

S/ W. L. Colquitt, JSC

S/ William Terrell

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Terrell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "W" and "T".

[Aaron Knight, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia DeKalb County: On this 8th day of July 1833 appeared before the Inferior Court held in and for said County and State the aforesaid William Terrell a resident of said County & State & being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and answer as follows to the following Interrogatories put by the Court.

Where & in what year were you born? Ans: My parents informed me that I was born on Neuse River North Carolina according to a record which I have seen in possession of my father I was born on the 6th day of August 1760.

Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it? Ans: I have none.

Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war? And where do you now live? Ans: When called into service I was living in what was then called Craven County now Lancaster District South Carolina. I continued to live in that place till year 1826; and then moved to this County where I now live.

How were you called into Service? Were you drafted: did you volunteer? Or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom? Ans: The first time I was drafted & served at least one month -- the second time I volunteered and served at least two months among the drafted militia -- the third time I volunteered and served at least three months.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served. Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your service. Ans: The first time, I was under Captain Carrington -- General Richardson. Captain John Chestnut was in the same Regiment. The second I was under Captain Benjamin Hale in the Regiment commanded by Col. Casher [sic, Eli Kershaw?]. In the 3rd Regiment there was a Major named Ross. The third time I was under Captain Deason & Major Thompson, General Marion. At the Eutaw Battle with General Greene. (Colonel Washington, Colonel Lee, Colonel Marion had command of Troops of light horse. The particulars of my services were stated in my first Declaration.

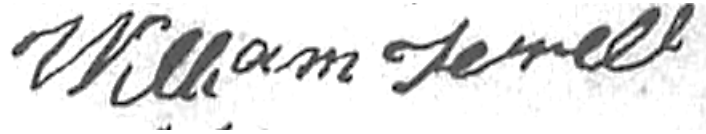
Did you ever receive a discharge from the service? And if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? Ans: the first time I was out I received a written discharge from General Richardson, the second time from Colonel Cashaw, which are lost. The last time I was sent out own business (to carry a wounded man to the hospital. The soldiers were discharged.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution? Ans: Aaron Knight, Thomas Aiken, James Mangum, William Mangum, Jesse F. Cleveland, James Lemon, Tully Choice and some other than Members of the Court (Thomas

Kay, John Dobbs, Edward Jones & any others about [indecipherable word].

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 8th day of July 1833.

S/ William Terrell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Terrell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]