

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Todd S17736

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State of Kentucky, County of Madison} SS

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James Dejarnett, William Goodloe & George Alcorn justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Todd, aged 72 years, a resident of said Madison County, 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That in June 1777, the 3rd day of the month, he thinks, it was the day he was 17 years of age, he enlisted in Rowan County State of North Carolina in the 4th Regiment of the N. C. Troops on Continental Establishment for nine months – under Captain David Cowan [sic, then Lieutenant David Cowan] – General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] was Commander – we marched at first towards the Virginia line to a place called Moon's Creek – we then marched to Charleston or the ten mile House this side then to Bacon's Bridge then to Savannah – was at the Stono Battle [June 20, 1779] – that he continued were with the Army at this time 14 months & seven days – after his nine months enlistment were out the Country was in great want of men & he was prevailed upon to continue & did continue under his first enlistment 14 months & 7 days & was then discharged near Purysburg South Carolina.

That afterwards, as he thinks in 1781, it was after General Greene [Nathanael Greene] took the command in the South he served a three months Tour in the militia as a Substitute for his Brother Benjamin Todd – went from Rowan County North Carolina under Captain James Gray [sic, James Craig] – Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] was commander – we were engaged in guarding & protecting the Country against the Tories & British – were stationed at no particular place – was discharged in Salisbury N. C. -- his house was burnt & all his papers are in it – he has no documentary evidence to prove his services – but can prove them by Will. Todd &c He has lived in Madison County, Kentucky between 30 & 40 years – he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

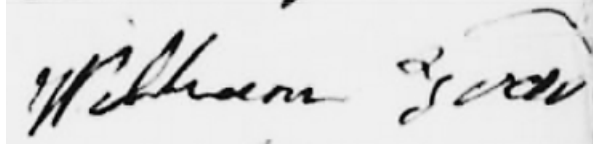
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S Thos. Todd, X his mark

We William Todd & Nathaniel Lewis residents of Madison County aforesaid do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Thomas Todd who has sworn to & subscribed the foregoing declaration, that we believe him to be 72 years of age – we further certify that he is believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution in the neighborhood where he resides – we further certify we concur in that opinion – the said Will Todd states that on his own knowledge he knows said Thomas Todd was a soldier of the Revolution & that he performed the service as in his declaration set forth.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Todd

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Todd".

S/ Nathaniel Lewis, X his mark

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State of Kentucky, Madison County} Sct.

I Peter Todd¹ of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that I was Seventy-Six years of age in June last – was born in the State of Pennsylvania, was living in Rowan County in North Carolina at the commencement of the Revolutionary war. That Thomas Todd, an applicant for a pension from the County aforesaid, is my Brother – younger than I am by three or four years – I know that said Thomas Todd was a Soldier in the Revolution. That he went from Rowan County into the Army – I cannot state in what year nor can I state certainly who was his Captain – but I recollect he enlisted [?] for nine months – was called a nine months man – that he was absent in the Army longer than he started for – I cannot say how long, but to the best of my recollection it must have been between 12 & 18 months. I have always heard said Thomas say that he served in that tour or an enlistment 14 months & some days. I have lived a neighbor to said Thomas ever since the Revolutionary War. I am entirely satisfied that he is correct as to the statement of his services in his declaration. I recollect that after his long trip towards the close of the war said Thomas served a tour of two or three months for our Brother Benjamin Todd. I cannot certainly state the length of the tour.

Subscribed & sworn to this 6 December 1832 before me & I certify that said Peter Todd is a credible man on oath.

S/ Henry B. Hawkins, JP

S/ Peter Todd, X his mark

State of Kentucky, Madison County} SS

On this ___ day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the court of the County aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Todd, a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, supplementary to his declaration made in this court on the 13th of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He further states that he is confident he entered the service as stated in his original declaration -- & served the length of time therein stated. He thinks that the volunteers made choice of David Cowan as their Captain – that said Cowan afterwards & before the applicant left the service became very intemperate & was either discharged or suspended from Command – his recollection is that Cowan objected coming under the Continental Discipline or some difficulty in that way – after Cowan was suspended John Armstrong acted as Captain – was called Major Armstrong – he commanded us at the Stono Battle – Col. Dixon [Henry Dixon, a/k/a Hal Dixon] was Colonel at the Stono Battle & was wounded in the neck – that he saw him when wounded – when applicant turned out for nine months it was called the New Levy – He knows he served full time 14 months & seven days. He feels confident he was in the 4th Regiment North Carolina Troops. On his second Tour he served two months, although it was a three months tour – but by finding his Horse & serving in the light Horse the Tour was to be discharged in two months.

He was born near Easton in Pennsylvania in June 1760 – he had a record of his age in a

1 [Peter Todd S31430](#)

large Bible, which he gave to his son, who now lives in Indiana. He lived in Rowan County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War & lived there two of the moved to Kentucky about 36 years since where he has ever since resided in Madison County. He thinks he had a written discharge for each Tour but does not recollect who signed them – they were burnt in his House 36 or seven years since. He states that William Todd & Peter Todd know that he was a soldier of the Revolution & he thinks have proved his services. That Thomas S. Branston is his neighbor & a clergyman & has testified concerning his character & the belief of his services.

S/ Thomas Todd, X his mark

Subscribed & sworn to on the day & year aforesaid.

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State of Kentucky Madison County} SS

On this 2nd day of February 1833 personally appeared before me Thomas Branson one of the Justices of the Madison County Court aforesaid William Todd a resident of the County of Madison aforesaid, who being first duly sworn states upon oath that during the whole of the Revolutionary War he lived in the County of Rowan & State of North Carolina – that he is now sixty-eight years of age – that Thomas Todd of the County aforesaid & who is an applicant for a pension & to whose original declaration the affiant attached his certificate before the Madison County Court on the 13 August 1832, is his Brother – that said Thomas Todd is seventy-two years of age – That said Thomas & this affiant lived with their Father in Rowan County North Carolina at the Commencement & during the revolutionary war except when absent in the service – that when said Thomas was 17 years of age, which was in 1777 he well recollects that said Thomas Todd volunteered & went into the service of the United States. He was called a nine months man – the men volunteering were called the New levies – this affiant well recollects that David Cowan was there Captain – he thinks that said Cowan was chosen Captain by the volunteers & that afterwards, they were placed under some other regular officer – such was this affiant's understanding. This affiant knows that said Thomas Todd went into the service of the United States as was said in the nine months service & continued a considerable time over the nine months & according to his recollection it was between 12 & 15 months – He recollects perfectly well when said Thomas returned from his first service in the Army – recollects his appearance – he being at the time pale & sickly in appearance – this affiant had two Brothers-in-law out at the same time – This affiant further states that said Thomas afterwards near the close of the war served another Tour in the militia under Captain Craig – he found his own Horse & belonged to a mounted Troop affiant distinctly recollects the Horse he rode – this tour he thinks was three months – This affiant knew Captain David Cowan will during the war & afterwards – He cannot say what Regiment his Brother Thomas was in nor can he state whether he belonged to the North Carolina State line war to a species of militia – He knows, however, that he was called a nine months man – that it was called a new Levy – & that he served as affiant has before stated – This affiant has lived within a few miles of said Thomas in same neighborhood ever since the Revolutionary war – that he has always understood but one thing in relation to his services as a soldier of the Revolution. This affiant believes said Thomas served according to the best of his recollection Sixteen or Seventeen months – Such has always been his understanding & his recollection. He served his last Tour as a substitute to for his Brother Benjamin, who had been drafted for a three months Tour, but it was agreed that if a man would find his own Horse & go into the light Horse the Tour was to be discharged by two months service – Said Thomas went into the light Horse – He well recollects, that when said Thomas returned from his first Service his father went & met him & assisted him in consequence of his feeble condition.

S/ William Tod [sic]

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Benjamin Howard,² a resident of Madison County, State of Kentucky, aged 77 years, states that he was well acquainted with Thomas Todd in the revolutionary war. He knows of his own knowledge that the said Todd served a tour of two months in Captain James Craig's company of Horse, and he believes he was in 1781 he rendered the service. He, deponent, belonged to the same company, and of course was personally acquainted with said Todd and his services. Todd furnished his own horse. Sworn to and subscribed to, this 4th day of January 1833.

S/ Benjamin Howard, X his mark

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State of Kentucky, Madison County } SS

Coonrod Cornelison [sic, Conrad Cornelison]³ a resident of Madison County aforesaid being first duly sworn according to law states upon oath that during the Revolutionary War he was living in Rowan County North Carolina – that he was then & there well acquainted with Thomas Todd, now a resident of Madison County aforesaid & applicant for a pension from the United States – this affiant is now in his 70th year – said Todd is a few years older than he is – That he was raised a Boy with said Todd – that affiant went into the Service of the United States in the year 1779 – that before that time & before of affiant was old enough to go into the service, he knows that said Todd had been out in the nine months service from Rowan County aforesaid affiant thinks it was in 1777 that Todd first went into the service – affiant had a Brother John Cornelison, who went into the service at same time with said Todd – that he entered the service for nine months and served that long or more – affiant cannot state the exact length of time they were out nor can he state the names of their officers, but he is confident they were out more than nine months – this affiant thinks said Todd served a second Tour but cannot state the particulars. He has known said Todd ever since the Revolution & most of the time lived in same neighborhood with him – always understood same thing about his services as a soldier of the Revolution – believes said province declaration true.

S/ Conrad Cornelison

Conrad Cornelison

[Attested February 15, 1833]

[p 15: On September 5, 1839, veteran lived in Lawrence County, Indiana and applied to have his pension payments transferred there. He gave his reason for moving to Indiana the following explanation: “that he came from his former place of abode to this County upon a visit to his children here residing and shortly after his arrival concluded to remain amongst them because of the great difficulty of his returning to his former residence laboring as he was under disease and the infirmities of advanced age.” In this petition, he says he served under Captain James Craig in the regiment commanded by Col. Davie.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]

2 [Benjamin Howard S31138](#)

3 [Conrad \(Coonrod\) Cornelison W10660](#)