

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tracy (Tracey) S18251

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State of Virginia, Giles County, to wit

On the 29th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Giles County now sitting William Tracy [sic] a resident of said County of Giles & State of Virginia aged Sixty-Nine years of age who being 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 the 7th 1832.

That in the year 1780 or 1781 he was drafted under Colonel O'Neil [William O'Neal] in Orange County North Carolina, he served in the said State of North Carolina for the term of seven months he was taken prisoner in the mean time by the Tories & robbed of everything he possessed. He served a part of the aforesaid term of seven months under Captain Guin [sic, Edward Gwinn] who first commanded the company of Cavalry to which he belonged & after he was promoted, he served under Captain Vestel [William Vestal] who succeeded him and afterwards under Captain Scobia [Robert Scobey] who succeeded in the command of the said company of Cavalry all of which officers were under the command of Colonel O'Neil [William O'Neal] who was engaged principally against the Tories during the aforesaid term of seven months. That he has no documentary evidence of his having served this Tour of duty but it is known to Jacob Jones & his wife Elizabeth Jones whose affidavits he has procured & herewith exhibits as a part of his declaration. 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 & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Tracy



[Isaac Hale and William H. Hare gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Giles County & State of Virginia

On this 29th of July 1833 the above named applicant William Tracy appeared in court to amend his declaration and Landon Duncan a clergyman residing in the said County and in the immediate neighborhood of the applicant appeared in court and witnessed that he is acquainted with William Tracy who has subscribed and sworn to the above doth declaration, that he believes him to be 69 years old and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides

to have been a soldier of the revolution and that he concurs in this opinion. Affirmed to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Landon Duncan

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Giles County, To wit – this day came Jacob Jones Senior at the request of William Tracey, before me a justice of the peace for said County, in said County, who being duly sworn before me saith that he hath been acquainted with said Tracy before the revolutionary war, & in the time of said war -- & about the first acquaintance he had with the said Tracey, he lived in the State of North Carolina, Orange County, & that he knows that the said Tracey was in the Light Horse service under the command of Colonel William O'Neil, who he has ever understood was an officer in the service of the United States -- & he the said Jones knows that the said Tracey was taken prisoner by the Tory party & sustained a considerable damage by loss of property, say as to guns & clothing – which he supposes, to have been worth between thirty & forty dollars -- & further saith not – Given under my hand this 26th of October 1832.

S/ Chris^r Champ, JP

[Elizabeth Jones, wife of Jacob, gives an almost identical statement.]

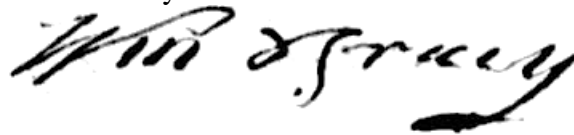
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Giles County State of Virginia

On the 27th day of January 1834 appeared before the County [sic, Courts?] of said County now sitting William Tracey a resident of said County, aged 70 years of age who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration, in addition to his original declaration made the 29th day of October 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in consequence of lapse of time he is unable to state the day of the month, or even the month, he went into service but confidently believe said it was in the fall of the year 1781. That he was in the military service and was attached to the Army of the United States, that he was in active, service during the war seven months as stated in his original declaration.

That he served in the State of North Carolina; and the Counties of Orange & Chatham and, a small part of the time in Guilford that he was not during the time engaged in any battle.

S/ Wm Tracy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Tracy". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

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Giles Court House Virginia July 10th, 1835

This day William Tracy Senior came before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath to the following Statements:

That he is the same William Tracy named within That he served in the revolution two tours of three months each & after the expiration of his second Tour he volunteered and served one month making the seven months named in his original and amended declarations. Given under my hand this 10th day of July 1835.

S/ Wm Chapman, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.16 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]