

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Todd S30744

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State of Kentucky County of Campbell: SS: On this 15th day of June 1833 personally appeared before Samuel Baker one of the Commonwealth Justices in and for the aforesaid state and County; Samuel Todd, a resident of the state and County aforesaid, aged seventy-one years, 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 7th, 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States at the age of eighteen as a drafted man, in the County of Loudon [Loudoun] in the State of Virginia and was born in the said County, he served three months under Captain White James Smith was Sergeant, the troops that I was with was marched down to Falmouth, and some distance below, and was engaged in guarding the boats on the different rivers, and scouting about, and we were discharged, in Prince William County. I do not recollect the precise time when I entered the service, nor when I left the Army; but think it was after harvest – He then entered again the next year as a drafted man; in the month of February or March, and served another Tour of three months under Colonel Alexander and Major Samuel Cox, Captain Josiah Morfit [Josiah Moffitt] Ensign Abel Marks the first tour this year we marched to an old Barracks near Pamunkey River and stayed there two or three weeks then marched to Williamsburg and continued there some time, and from thence to York River, to watch the motions of the British and stayed there some time, and again returned to Williamsburg, and the British while we were in the town of Williamsburg, came in one morning, and killed and wounded some of our men, and caused us to retreat and we marched to Richmond the Capitol of the State, and stayed there to our time was out, and was employed watching the British on James River for they were often in our sight, but did not cross the River to our side, and while we lay at Richmond we saw the smoke of Petersburg [the battle of Petersburg was fought April 25, 1781] while it was burning, or it was burnt while we lay there, and we were discharged on the hill above Richmond the day of the month I do not recollect, the same year I was again drafted, the time I cannot state exactly but think it was in the latter part of the summer – the names of the officers were Captain Abner Humphreys, Lieutenant John Marks, the names of the other officers I do not remember, we marched to Falmouth, and from there to Gloucester, and stayed there among the French, and remained there to Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] to Washington, and then we guarded the prisoners up to the Potomac, and there our time expired, and we were discharged at that place. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his age, only the information of his parents, and that was that he was nineteen when Cornwallis surrendered and he knows of no person that he can prove his services by that he resided in Loudoun County when he was drafted each time, and for many years after that he migrated from the State of Virginia to Ohio, and from there to Kentucky where he now resides.

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 any state or at territory of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Todd

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Todd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[John Stephens and William Gosney, both clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th 1831, for eight months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]