

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John True S30746

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State of Kentucky Oldham County SS }

On this 19th day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James S. Crutchfield, Washington Carter, & John Sibley [?] the justices of the County Court of Oldham of said State John True aged 79 years a resident Citizen of said County & 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 the 7th day of June 1832 – viz. I John True being duly sworn do hereby state that I am now 79 years of age that I was born in the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia and resided in Spotsylvania County of said state when the revolutionary War commenced and served my Country in said war as follows viz. In the spring of the year 1780 (the month I cannot recollect) I was drafted in Captain John Hines [?] company of Colonel George Stubblefield [Regiment] of the Virginia militia for three months and marched to Williamsburg and from there to the Rappahannock River where we were stationed as a guard to prevent the British from landing and we continued there until my time expired and I was honorably discharged and again in the last of May 1781 I was again drafted in Captain John Leagues [sic, probably John Legg's] Company (of Fredericksburg) in Colonel William McWilliams Regiment of the Virginia militia and we marched into Albemarle and joined General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] at the Raccoon Ford on Rappahannock, and after the militia had collected Lord Cornwallis retired to Little York and we pursued him and besieged him and I was taken sick a short time before the he surrendered [October 19th, 1781]. I was in a hospital within ten miles, as my time had expired, after his capture [I] was discharged and honorably discharged, having served upwards of six months of faithful service, and I further state that I do not know of any person except my brother Larkin True of Harrodsburg Kentucky and one other man by whom I can prove my services in this State and I am so old that I cannot search after them. I further state that I have no documentary evidence by which I can prove my age or services having long since lost my discharges. I hereby relinquish all claim which I have to any pension or annuity except the present and I am not now a pensioner of the United States in any State. Witness my hand this 19th day of November 1832

S/ John True



[William Hawkins, a clergyman, and Larkin Garrett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine

months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

[Facts in file: In a letter dated December 11, 1843 reference is made to the death of the veteran on April 2, 1835 and the death of his widow Margaret on the 22nd of the same month. In that same letter there is reference to the daughter of the veteran, Maria W True and her husband John True. Maria is referred to as one of the children of the veteran but no other children are identified by name in the file.]

[Note: Thanks to John Bunnell for pointing out Capt. John Legg as the probable correct identity of "John League" and several other errors in the transcript.]