

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Trower S31436

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[Note: the scribe's handwriting is particularly challenging and he wrote on both sides of the paper with an ink that bleed through making the deciphering of this application very difficult. Use it with more than the normal degree of caution. The HeritageQuest.com version of the application is better than the Fold3.com version of the application.]

State of Kentucky Mercer County: On this 15th [?] day of August 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court of Mercer now sitting Solomon Trower a resident of said County near Harrodsburg in said state in the ninety ninth year of his age 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 7th 1832 viz.

"I Solomon Trower Senior state on oath that I am now in the ninety ninth year of my age, That I was born in the County of King William in the State of Virginia where I resided until about the year 1773 when I removed to the County of Albemarle of said state where I resided when I was called into the service of the militia of the state of Virginia as follows viz. – In the month of April 1775 I volunteered in Captain Robert Harris' company of Colonel White's Regiment of the Virginia militia for three months and marched to Williamsburg against Lord Dunmore where and in its vicinity I served out my term and was honorably discharged, and again early in the fall 1776 I was drafted in Colonel N. Lewis Regiment in Captain Houston's [? Hunton?] Company and marched to Hampton where and in its neighborhood I was stationed and served out another Tour of three months, I recollect that while we were at Hampton the British were at Norfolk – and I was discharged at the expiration of my term and again in the fall 1777 in September I was drafted in Captain White's company of Colonel Johnson's Regiment for three months and marched to Goochland Courthouse and thence to Little York and at last we were stationed at what was called the halfway house between Goochland court house and Little York, where I served out my tour and was honorably discharged and again in the summer 1781 I was drafted in a company commanded at the time by Lieutenant Taliaferro in Colonel Lindsey's Regiment of the militia and marched to Fredericksburg where I was stationed during another Tour of three months and was discharged about three weeks before Lord Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781], making in the whole 12 months of actual service, I further state that I was a soldier as a guard at the Albemarle Barracks but on account of my extreme old age I am not able to specify the names of all my officers, but I do solemnly aver that I performed services in the Militia of Virginia as I have above stated and acted as a faithful soldier, and I do not know any person alive by whom I can prove my services and I am so old and infirm that I cannot seek after them, I further hereby relinquish all claim that I may have to any pension or annuity to which I may be entitled, except the present and I am not now a pensioner of the United States or of any

State. Witness my hand this 10th of August 1832.

S/ Solomon Trower, X his mark

[Jesse Head, a clergyman, John B Thompson, Mark McGohan and A. H. Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Mercer County: SS

On this sixth day of September A.D. 1836 – Personally appeared in open court before the worshipful Justices of the County aforesaid Solomon Trower a resident citizen of Mercer County and State of Kentucky, aged one hundred four years 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 by way of amendment to his former declaration written out by General R McAfee and now on file in the war Department of the United States,

That he entered the service of the United States at an early period of the war he thinks 1776 as a drafted Soldier in Captain White's Company for three months service from the County of Albemarle and marched to Williamsburg and joined the Regiment the commander he cannot now remember, where they were stationed until discharged he knows he served faithfully upwards of three [months] in this Tour he was honorably discharged and returned home he does not now recollect the names of the officer by whom he was discharged.

He was again drafted in Captain Cole's Company for a Tour of three months and joined Colonel Lewis' Regiment and marched to Hampton a little town near Norfolk when they were stationed until discharged when he returned home.

He was again drafted in Captain John White's Company for a tour of three months and joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel William White then stationed at New Kent Court house where we remained some time and we were marched from there on the Chickahominy River, and from there on to James River and was discharged at Goochland Courthouse.

He was again drafted in Captain Jack Hunton's Company and joined the Regiment and the command of Colonel Lewis and marched through Orange County Fredericksburg crossed the Rappahannock and marched to the Potomac and back by Stafford Court house to Fredericksburg where they remained until discharged and he among many others returned home to Albemarle County where he remained for several months, planted corn &c.

He was again drafted in Captain Harris' company and joined Colonel William White's Regiment and marched on to James River, Lord Cornwallis was then in the South and it was expected he would return to Virginia. We marched backward & forward through the Country our principal stationed was at Goochland Court house, at which place he was discharged after an absence from home upwards of three months.

Some short time afterwards we received the news that the enemy had invaded the lower part of Virginia, he was again called into the service he cannot say positively whether he served more than two months in this Tour or not he knows he was discharged a short time before Cornwallis set [?] down at Little York he was commanded by Captain Hunton & Colonel Lewis during this Tour after his discharge and his return home the prisoners were arriving at Albemarle barracks he was one that was detached as a guard to the prisoners at that place where he remained until after the arrival of the prisoners taken at the Siege of York, and until they were all discharged, when he was released he went home went to work and has been at it ever since. He further states in giving his former statement or declaration of his services in the War of the Revolution to General McAfee he either himself forgot to detail a part of it, or McAfee failed to

put it down, for he solemnly swears that he served in actual service upwards of eighteen months in the Army of the revolution a fact as certain to him, as it is that he now exists.

He further states that he now receives pay for twelve months service and that he is equally entitled to pay for eighteen months, for the services were actually performed by him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state except the present which is for the sum of \$40.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. He further [states] that all his services were performed from the year 1776 to 1781, he was more or less in the service for five or six years it is impossible for him to recollect the days months or years in which he served or all the Country through which he marched, his mind is yet pretty good but he cannot venture to swear to dates but as to the length of time he was in actual service he is positively certain it was upwards of eighteen months – and further [saith] not.

S/ Solomon Trower, X his mark

[Thomas Clelland, a clergyman and Christopher Chinn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia militia.]