

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Trimbel (Trimble) S32024

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State of Georgia DeKalb County: On this Eleventh day of July in the year 1836 personally appeared in open Court before James Lemon, Isaac N. Johnson and Edward Jones Judges of the Inferior Court of the County of DeKalb, the same being a court of Record and now sitting John Trimble a resident of the State of Georgia and the County of DeKalb, aged eighty 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 Act of Congress the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated, (to wit) that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Militia of South Carolina in Abbeville County then Ninety Six district in February 1779 under Captain Robert Anderson Major Hamilton and General Andrew Williamson, was marched by them over the Savannah River was in the battle at Cherokee Ford on Savannah River, was at that place taken prisoner by the British and Tories, and carried by them to Kettle Creek in the State of Georgia, where the Americans overtook them, where a severe battle¹ was fought between the Americans, British & Tories at which place this applicant was again overtaken by the Americans, was then permitted to return home, but was required to hold himself in readiness to march at a moment's warning, received no discharge except a verbal discharge. Served in this tower [tour] three months, or more, was not called on for some time say six months or more when he again entered the service as a volunteer in the Militia of South Carolina, in Abbeville District or County, under the command of Captain James McCall, Colonel Anderson and General Andrew Williamson (number of the company, Battalion or Regiment [not recollected]) was marched by them to Beach Island in South Carolina, and from there to Midway, staid there some time was again marched back to Beach Island, was again marched up the Country and discharged by a verbal discharge. Served in this tower three months;

Went from there into the State of North Carolina where there was a company of volunteers raised of which this applicant was one, after the organization of the Company they elected Francis Carlisle Captain, was marched by him back again to Abbeville County Ninety Six district South Carolina, there joined the troops under Colonel Anderson and General Clark [sic Elijah Clarke of Georgia], was in the battle between the Americans and British at long Cane,² at which place the Americans were defeated, does not recollect the number of the

¹ Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

² Long Canes, December 12, 1780, https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_long_canes.html

company or Regiment received no discharge but a verbal discharge, served in this tower two months;

This applicant again entered the service of the United States in the Militia of South Carolina in 1780 under the command of Captain Joseph Calhoun, Major Hamilton, Colonel Anderson & General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] (does not recollect the number of the Company or Regiment) was in no battles, acted during the tower as a Ranger, was stationed at no particular place but went to every place where they could hear of any body of Tories, received no discharge but a verbal discharge: served in this tower one month:

That this deponent knows of no person by whom he could prove said services, that it is now in his power to procure, and that he has no documentary of the same other than that submitted Mark A and 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 agency of any cat state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written 10th July 1836

S/ Edward Jones, JIC

S/ Isaac N. Johnson, JIC

S/ James Lemon, JIC

S/ John Trimbel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Trimbel". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

And the following questions were then propounded to the applicant John Trimble, by the Court, who first being duly sworn according to law, true answer to make to such questions, as might be propounded to him by the Court touching his services, and the application for his pension as a Revolutionary Soldier, he answers to which of the said John Trimble follow each question succeeding only (to wit)

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County, I do not now recollect the year or month.

2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

I have no record of my age it was burned in the house of my Father.

3rd Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

I was living in Abbeville County South Carolina. I have lived one year in South Carolina, and the remainder of the time I have been a citizen of the State of Georgia, in the County of Franklin, until about the year 1820 when I moved into the County of DeKalb State of Georgia where I have lived ever since & now live.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted or did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

I never failed to volunteer my services when I believe my country needed by assistance & was always a volunteer;

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments, age you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services?

General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] is the only one I now recollect. I do not now recollect any Continental or militia regiments, the general circumstances of my services are given in the foregoing declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service & if so by whom was it given, & what has become of it?

I never received any discharge more than a verbal discharge.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity, and their belief as to your services as a soldier of the revolution?

Thomas Harris, Robert Lemon, James Anderson and Mikel Dickson

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 7th of July 1836

S/ John Trimbel

[Michael Dickson, a clergyman, Thomas Harris, Robert Lemon and James Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia DeKalb County }

Before me James W. Reeves an acting Captain justice of the peace in and for said County of pre-heard John Trimble who after being sworn in due form of law, saith that he has two reasons for not having made an earlier application for a Pension as a Revolutionary Soldier, to wit:

1st because he soon after the passage of the act of 1832 he employed an attorney to make out a declaration to obtain a Pension as a Soldier of the Revolution but owing to his old age and infirm disposition, he never was able to attend before the Court of said County, at a time when he could get the necessary witnesses and papers before said Court, and further that this deponent made application to the Comptroller General's office of South Carolina, for the documentary evidence which was forwarded to the War Department with the Declaration of this deponent which caused additional delay.

2nd Because at the time of the passage of the act of 1832 for the benefit of Revolutionary Soldiers this deponent was then old and feeble, and had some property which this deponent believed would be sufficient to support him his few remaining days, but through the goodness of Almighty God, he has lingered for beyond his most same when hopes and expectations, consequently has become entirely unable to perform any [several lines rendered illegible by ink blots] declaration of his property, and not knowing how long he may yet survive, he feels that he may yet want and that it is therefore his duty to apply for that Pension, which is the reward of his Country for his youthful labor, to support him in his old and helpless days;

Sworn to and subscribed before me at the house of the said John Trimble he being unable to leave home in person this 5th day of October 1836.

S/ James W. Reeves, JP

S/ John Trimbel

[Ex A. Certificate of the South Carolina Comptroller General's office showing payments to John Trimble for service in the revolution under Colonel Anderson. The certificate is dated July 5, 1836 [could be 1834]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 6 days in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to John Trimbel
Audited Account No. 7910
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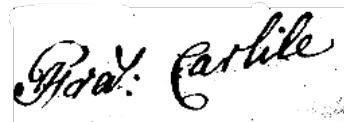
[Book] V [No.] 459 17 August 85 [1785]
Mr. John Trimble his Account of Militia Duty as Private since the reduction of Charles Town
[Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]; also for Waggon Service in
1780 &c on Militia Account per the whole Amounting to
[old South Carolina] Currency £224.2.6
Stg. [Sterling] £32.0.4 ¼
1 Case Pistols £20 old Currency included in the above Amount
Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]
Pass S/ JS

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State So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to John Trimble
for Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] £108.2.6
1 Case Pistols in September 1780 20
24 Days Waggon Hire in 1781 at £4 96
Currency £224.2.6
Stg. £32.0.4 ¼

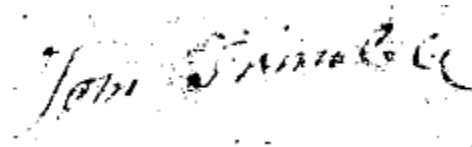
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The Public of South Carolina to John Trimble Dr.
For 58 Days In the Publick Service In A Company Commanded
by Francis Carlisle In Lt. Col. James McCall's Regiment of
Light Horse In the year 1780 Certified by me S/ Francis Carlisle



the Whole Amounting to £51 £7.5.8 ½
Ninety Six District} Sworn to the 23rd of July 1783
before me
S/ Pat. Calhoun, JP

S/ John Trimble

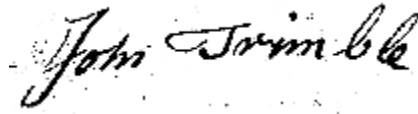


³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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I do hereby authorize & empower Moses Trimble to draw & receive for my use the Indent, or Indents, together with the Interest due thereon, being Money due to me for services done (or otherwise) to the Publick of this State, agreeable to returns made by Col. Robert Anderson into the Auditor's Office. Given under my hand this the 3rd day of August 1785

S/ John Trimble



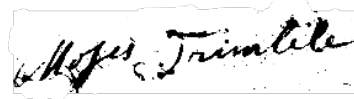
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Please deliver the within to Mr. William Gilbert.

Charleston

17 August 1785

S/ Moses Trimble



[p 8: Printed form of Indent No. 459 Book V]

[p 9: Reverse of the above Indent]

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The State of South Carolina to John Tremble [sic]

To one Rifle Gun Appraised at

To one Silver Wach [watch] at

Dr.

£650

450

£1100

The Subscribers made Oath before me that the Above Appraisement Bill is Just as they Knew the Articles Appraised

Sworn the 5th of August 1779

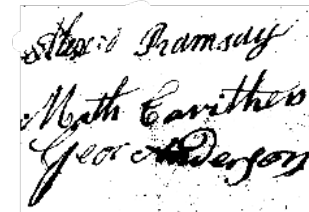
before me

S/ Robert Anderson, JP

S/ Alex Ramsey

S/ Math Carithers

S/ George Anderson



John Tremble [sic] made Oath that on the 11th of February Last in the Battle up Savannah River, he was made Prisoner by the Enemy & Robed of the Above Mentioned Rifle Gun & Wach, by the Battle of Kettle Creek⁴ on the 14th he was Rescued from the Enemy, but Could not Get any of

⁴ Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

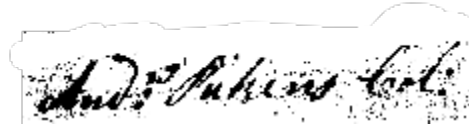
the said Articles nor Any Restitution therefore, as he has since Received & further saith not.
Sworn the 5th of August 1779
before me

S/ Robert Anderson, JP

S/ John Trimble

The above mentioned Tremble [sic] was made Prisoner by the Enemy on the 11th of February
Last and I believe Lost the above mentioned articles
Certified the 11th December 1779

S/ Andrew Pickens Col.



[Note: the following comes from the South Carolina Audited accounts 4429 under the name of
Thomas Langdon:

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The Appraisers made Oath that the Above Appraisement is Just of £48.15

Sworn the 11th of November 1779

before me

S/ Robert Anderson JP

S/ James Ponder [?]

S/ John Trimble



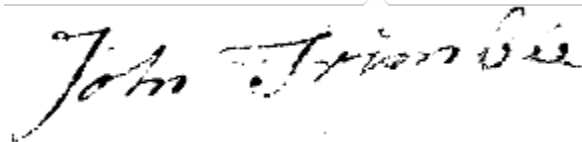
John Trimble made Oath that the Above Mentioned the Bag he borrowed from Doctor Thomas
Langdon the 9th of February Last & on the 10th or 11th the said Bag was Lost or taken by the
Enemy as he was made Prisoner by the Enemy up Savannah River in the Battle of the 11th of
February & the said Bag was not Returned by him Neither does he know Anything of it.

Sworn the 11th of November 1779

before me

S/ Robert Anderson, JP

S/ John Trimble



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