

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Timothy Scruggs S35060

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[f p. 14]

State of Virginia Buckingham County, to wit: This day personally appeared before me Richard Clarke, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia, Timothy Scruggs and made oath, that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, as an eighteen months Soldier, and served as one under General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the South, and after, he enlisted in 1780, and served during the War, in the Legion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee, and that he is not worth \$150.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of July 1831.

S/ Richard Clarke

[f p. 9: Of September 13, 1831, the veteran filed a claim under the 1818 act substantially identical to the claim he filed June 11, 1832, transcribed below.]

[f p. 15]

This affiant being qualified according to law, saith that Timothy Scruggs put into his hands 10 or 12 years ago, some papers for the purpose of enabling him to procure a pension for his said Scruggs for his Revolutionary services; for causes not recollected, the pension was not at that time obtained, and further this affiant sayeth not.

S/ James Pleasants

[Attested June 18, 1831]

Timothy Scruggs was a Soldier in the Infantry of the Legion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee in the War of the Revolution. He served faithfully from the latter part of the year 1780, to the close of the War; when the Army was disbanded. I have a perfect recollection of the man, and knew him well during the whole period of his service. Given under my hand at Richmond in the State of Virginia on the 29th day of November in the year 1830.

S/ Peter Johnston, formerly

a Lieutenant in the partisan Legion commanded by Lieutenant Henry Lee

[Attested November 26, 1830 in which the testing Justice of the Peace referred to the affiant as Judge Peter Johnston]

Buckingham County State of Virginia Sc.

On this 11 day of June 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid Timothy Scruggs Senior, a resident of said County aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in

order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st day of May 1820; that he the said Timothy Scruggs enlisted during the war on the (day & month not recollected) in the year 1779 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Rodolph [John Rudolph] in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light horse Harry" Lee] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve until the end of the war, when he was discharged from the service [at] Charleston South Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State except that of Virginia; and the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; that he applied through James Pleasants Ex-Governor of Virginia 10 or 11 years ago, as will appear by the affidavit of said Pleasants heretofore furnished to William H Richardson Esquire clerk of the Council of State Virginia.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what arises from the gratuity of my children, 2 sons Daniel Scruggs & David Scruggs aged 21 3 1, 28 the other, who cultivate a rented farm from the praise seeds of which they contribute what they can, consistent with their other obligations, to my support – That since the 18th of March 1818 and old horse which I then owned, is dead.

I Rolfe Eldridge Clerk of Buckingham County court do certify that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Timothy Scruggs did serve in the Revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy, and I also certify that the foregoing oath and schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the records of said court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court on the 14th day of June 1832.

S/ Rolfe Eldridge, CBC

[f p. 3: On April 15, 1843, the veteran applied in Calloway County Missouri for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Missouri agency having removed to that state because his children had moved there. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Facts in file: veteran died August 29, 1853, place not stated; the only children referenced in the file are the sons Daniel and David.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 20, 1832, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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The originals of the affidavits of James Pleasants and Peter Johnston transcribed above are contained in the Virginia State Library and digital images of them are posted on its website at <http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/KRPCV6EVKQS7G5MKBU11SPNVSP4KAXDIP1U1FQJTICEE81K88-23272?func=full-set->

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