

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Trench S35954

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I James Trench of Middletown, County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut to testify that I served in the war of the Revolution three years on the Continental establishment; That I enlisted for 3 years at Savannah in the company commanded by Captain Edmond Herring [sic, Edmund Hyrne] in the first Regiment of South Carolina commanded by Charles Cotesworth Pinckney Esquire, in the South Carolina line, as I believe; That I served in said Company as orderly Sergeant from the year 1775 and till the 10th day of July 1778, when the time for which I enlisted having expired, I was duly discharged from service by Brigadier General William Moultrie; and as I am at a distance from any person who was in service with me, I have delivered my discharge to the Judge taking this Deposition; that it may be transmitted for examination to the Secretary at War.

I further testify, that I am blind, infirm, & wholly without property, and that, by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I am in need of assistance from my country for support & pray that I may obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress for Revolutionary Soldiers.

Middletown March 24th 1818

S/ James Trench

I William Trench of Middletown, County of Middlesex & State of Connecticut do testify that James Trench of said Middletown the Sign or of the foregoing Deposition is my father; that he is blind, in term & wholly destitute of property, further saith not.

Middletown March 24th 1818

S/ William Trench

State and District of Connecticut, SS

On this 22nd day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, before the aforesaid County Court Holden at Middletown within and for the County of Middlesex in said State, on the 20th day of June 1820, the same being a court of record, proceeding according to the course of common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and having power of fine and in imprisonment, James Trench aged 77 years, resident in said town of Middletown in said State, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows: That he the said James Trench enlisted for the term of 3 years sometime in the Spring of the year 1775 in Savannah in the State of Georgia in the company commanded by Captain Edmond Heron in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Christopher Gadsden in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment: That he continued to serve in said corps until sometime in the summer of 1778 when he was discharged from the said service in Charleston in the State of

South Carolina as by his Discharge now in the War office will more fully appear. That he made a declaration to obtain a pension under the law of the 18th of March 1818, as nearly as he can recollect, having no minutes, on the 24th day of March 1818 -- and had transmitted to him a Certificate for a pension by the Secretary of the Department of War, number he is to be found thereon.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

I do hereby solemnly swear, that I was in the battle at Fort Moultrie and in some skirmishes --

That I am by occupation a Glazier [?]

That the number of my family residing with me is none.

That I am unable by old age & infirmities to pursue any occupation or 2 labor in any other way -- That I am almost totally blind and am troubled with painful sores on my feet. That I board at the alms house and support myself entirely by my pension and that without it I must inevitably depend on charity.

S/ James Trench, X his mark

Schedule annexed to the declaration and oath above made and taken before the court aforesaid

I have no property, real or personal.

S/ James Trench, X his mark

[facts in file: veteran was born in Boston, New England, date not shown; veteran died June 26, 1822, place not stated.]

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Discharge

By the Honorable Brigadier General William Moultrie

These are to Certify that the bearer hereof James Trench has served in the first Regiment of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment, commanded by Colonel Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, for the space of 3 years and is Discharge therefrom and that he had received his pay, Clothing, of all sorts and all other just [indecipherable words] Regiment from the Time of his Enlistment in the Same to this date of his Discharge

And to prevent any ill use that may be made of this Discharge by its falling into the hands of any other person here follows a Description of the said James Trench aged thirty-four years, 5'10" high Brown complexion Brown hair Dark eyes born in Boston by trade a Painter.

Given under my hand at Headquarters Charleston South Carolina this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord 1778.

S/ Wm Moultrie
Brig. General