

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Trainum S3825

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County }

On this 14th day of August, 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Sumner now sitting, William Trainum, a resident of said County and State, aged about eighty-eight 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, passed June 7th 1832. "Sometime early in the Revolutionary War, Applicant was drafted for a four months Tour (the date he does not now recollect) which he served as a private under Captain James Buster [sic, John Buster], he was drafted in Guilford [Guilford] County, North Carolina; During this Tour of service he went on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians to Middle Town, but the Indians had evacuated before the forces reached there, which were about 3000 commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford].¹ The Regiment to which applicant belonged was commanded by Col. James Martin Lieutenant Colonel Pesley [John Paisley] and Major Thomas Owens. At the expiration of the above Term Applicant was regularly discharge by Captain Buster at Esqr. Locke's on [indecipherable name, appears to end in "...ver", could be "Silver Creek" but I could find no such creek in present day Rowan County] Creek, Rowan County, North Carolina, which discharge, Applicant has here within a few years past lost or mislaid, so that he cannot now find it. Some time after which, date not recollected, Applicant volunteered under Captain Buster in Guilford County to march against the Tories commanded by General Fanning [David Fanning] down about the Cyprus Swamps but before Captain Buster's company reached there he received orders from Colonel Paisley to return, that he had routed and drove the Tories from there, Captain Buster marched his Company back & discharged them in about four weeks. Sometime after receiving this discharge Applicant was drafted out of Captain Samuel Sharp's Company for 18 months, but being unable to perform duty he hired ___ Chandler as a substitute and paid him \$100. In the month of June after the Battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], Applicant volunteered under Captain Samuel Sharp, who was raising a Company to suppress the Tories. The Company was between 50 and 60 strong – and was engaged from the above date until the close of the War after the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] in the Counties of Caswell & Randolph, during which time Captain Sharp's Company apprehended a considerable number of Tories and sent them Prisoners to Hillsboro. The above is all the services or nearly so performed by Applicant: he does not know at present any person living whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his services: The above named officers were all residents of Guilford County. Applicant resided in said County from his nativity for 40 years then he moved to Washington County Kentucky, where he resided about 20 years, from there he removed to Sumner County,

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

Tennessee, where he has resided ever since. Applicant has no Documentary evidence by which he can establish his claim.

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 the Agency of any State. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Ct. August 14, 1832.

S/ William Trainum, X his mark

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

[Harris Odom & A. D. Duval gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee, Sumner County

Personally appeared in open Court, being the County Court of Sumner, a Court of Record, this __ day of February 1833, William Trainum the above named applicant, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service or the periods of the war at which he served but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For four months, I served as a Drummer. For four months weeks served as a private under Captain Buster against the Tories. The last Term served four months as a private and for which services applicant claims a Pension. The reason why applicant did not produce a Clergyman's Certificate is, that he is an old, infirm & obscure man, but little known out of his immediate neighborhood, & that there was not any Clergyman living in his neighborhood, whom he could get to attend Court.

Sworn to in open Ct. February 11, 1833.

S/ William Trainum, X his mark

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clk.

State of Tennessee, Sumner County}

This day came William Trainum before me Abram Bradley an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath that the first Tower [Tour] of Duty that he performed against the Indians was in the year 1775 a Second in 1780 a third in 1781 Sworn to and Subscribed to before made this 16th day of February 1833.

Test:

S/ William Trainum, X his mark

S/ Abram Bradley, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.35 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 9 months and 28 days service as a private & drummer in the North Carolina militia.]