

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Presley Terrell (Terril) S38430 VA  
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The Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Woodford County Towit

Be it Remembered that this sixth[?] day of June in the year of our Lord Christ Eighteen hundred and Eighteen personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges in and for the Commonwealth Presley Terrel and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of almighty god that he was Drafted During the Revolutionary War for Eighteen months That before the 18 months Expired in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty one he listed in the Light horse service during the War under Capt James Gun [James Gunn BLWt659-300] who belonged to Col Whites [Anthony Walton White W6477] Regiment he was then transfered to Col William Washingtons regiment; who had been Taken [prisoner] before that time at Euta Springs [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and continued in the servico to the end of the war when he was Honourably discharged at Charlestown [Charleston SC] in 1783 after peace was proclaimed: That from the length of Time he has lost his discharge he is now in Reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country That he is about fifty seven year oud and has been much afflicted for about twenty years with a pain or weakness in his back that he has never received any pension for his services he is a Resident of the County of Woodford State of Kentucky

Sigid Presley hisXmark Terrell

[Archibald Terrell (as he signed) certified that Presley Terrell had served as claimed.]

District of Kentucky, Fayette circuit, ss.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said district, and circuit of Fayette county, Presley Terrill, aged 58 years, resident in Woodford County, in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: He enlisted in Captain James Goon's company of light horse, being the first Virginia regiment under Colo White, At Holts forge in Va. [on Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg] in the same year that Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781], three or four months previous to serve for during the War; having been previously in the 18 months service, in the Regiment from Virginia. He served till the end of the war and was discharged in South Carolina from Colo Washington's Regiment to which he had been attached, was at the seige of york and at Savannah. And 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

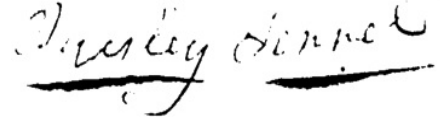
One horse and saddle worth \$60; one cow and calf \$13; twenty four head of hogs, including pigs \$30. Poultry \$2; Farming utensils \$2. Kitchen furniture \$4. house furniture besides one bed \$20. Amount \$131. I am indebted forty dollars a year for my rent payable next Christmas. Also about 14 or 15 dollars to other persons. I have sixty Dollars owing to me, being a part of my pension money and \$13 besides from an indifferent paymaster. My occupation is farming on rented land, which I can follow not more than half my time, throughout the year owing to pains in my back and limbs; my family consists of my wife aged about 60 years, my daughter Nancy, aged about fifteen years and a white boy named William Clark aged ten years; no income.

Presley hisXmark Terrill

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby constitute & appoint John Watkins of the City of Richmond Va my Agent & Attorney in fact to demand receive & receipt for my military Land warrant from the State of Virginia for my services in the Revolution and this shall be his full power & authority. given under my hand this 22<sup>d</sup> day of September 1820  
[Fayette County KY]

Presley Terrel



State of Kentucky  
Fayette County Sct

This day Presley Terrill appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County & made oath that he now resides in Woodford County Kentucky. that after serving A White as a Regular Soldier in the Eighteen Month service in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia at Holts Forge he Enlisted for "During the War" in the company of Light Dragoons Commanded by Capt. James Gunn in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Reg't of Dragoons commanded by Colo. Anthony White that he served about one year in said Reg't and was then transfered to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg't of Virginia Dragoons commanded by Colo. William Washington that he went to the South & when Peace was made he was Discharged by Capt. James Gunn. that he served during the war & from Lapse of time has lost his discharge. that he has never received his Land promised by Virginia to her Officers & Soldiers in the Revolution & now begs the Governor & Counsell to grant his Land Warrant. from under my hand this 22<sup>d</sup> day of September 1820 R. S. Todd JP.

State of Kentucky  
Franklin County Sct

John Story [S30721] appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he Enlisted and served during the war in the regiment commanded by Col. Washington of Cavalry in the Revolution and that he was well acquainted with Presley Terril and that said Terril Enlisted in the year [blank] for during the war in the 2<sup>d</sup> Virginia Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Col. White and then by Col. Wm Washington and served to the End of the war in the year 1782 or 83 at which time he was Honorably discharged and that said Terril now lives in Woodford county Kentucky being the same Presley Terril who served as above stated.  
John hisXmark Story

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Powhatan Courthouse lists the following: Presley Terrell/ age 18/ height 5' 6<sup>1/4</sup>"/ brown hair/ blue eyes/ dark complexion/ freckled/ planter/ born in Frederick County MD/ residing in Orange County VA where he was drafted on 29 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Sized on 14 May 1781.

In support of the pension application of Reuben Boston (S16330) Terrell stated on 24 Aug 1832: "That I have been acquainted with Reuben Boston in the year 1780 and since, I then served with him as a soldier before and after the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] when we served together for nine months and we were discharged together, I have seen the s'd Reuben Boston within a few days, and know him to be the same man, who was then with me in Capt Daniels [Robert Daniel's] and Webbs companies as he has stated."