

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Trotter S42046

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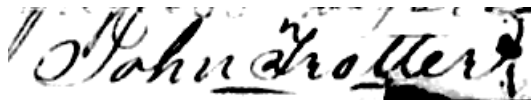
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John Trotter age 61 years for the purpose of obtaining a pension in conformity with the provisions of the act of Congress passed March 1818 states upon oath that in the year 1775 at Winchester Virginia he enlisted as a regular soldier in the Service of the United States in the war then raging with Great Britain, that his enlistment was during the war, that the Company he enlisted in was commanded by Captain John Nevell [John Neville or Nevill], the Regiment the 12th commanded by Colonel James Wood & the brigade was commanded by General Charles Scott: That he served five years faithfully & was captured at Charlestown [Charleston, May 12, 1780] South Carolina, that he escaped from his captivity & returned to his place of residence about 20 miles from Winchester aforesaid & reported himself to Major Andrew Waggoner who ordered him to return home & remained there until called upon for further service: That he never was called upon again for further service & owing to the before mentioned separation from he is Poor & the circumstance above stated he never obtained a regular discharge: that he was at the storming of Stony Point [July 16 in and, 1779], & the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777]. He states that he is afflicted with the Rheumatism, that he is unable to procure a comfortable living by labor, is reduced in his pecuniary circumstances, & really needs the aid contemplated in the act of Congress before recited.

S/ John Trotter



[Attested August 13, 1818 in Lincoln County Kentucky]

State of Kentucky, Sct.

On this day John Trotter personally appeared before me & after being sworn, stated in addition to his declaration made on the 13th day of August, A.D. 1818 in the Circuit Court for Lincoln County, in order to procure a pension, which is annexed hereto, that he believes that he belonged to the Virginia line upon Continental establishment. And I do certify further that it is my opinion that the act of Congress does not require the old soldier to make the above statement, and that I have no doubt that every clerk in the war Department all to know to what line General Charles Scott, belonged; and if unknown to any, it might have been ascertained upon a minutes inquiry. Given under my hand as one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State aforesaid, and presiding Judge of the Lincoln circuit court the 14th day of August A.D. 1819.

S/ Thomas Montgomery

State of Kentucky 12th Judicial District and Circuit Court for Lincoln County Set.

On this 18th day of August A.D. 1820 in open Court before the court above mentioned it being a court of Record by act of Assembly proceeding according to the course of the common law John Trotter aged over 63 years old, personally appeared in court and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, five years that he in the month of June in the year 1774 in Winchester in Virginia he enlisted for the term aforesaid which he served out and was prevented from obtaining a discharge by captivity he enlisted in the company commanded by John Neville in the Regiment commanded by James Wood and Brigade commanded by General Charles Scott, that his Regiment was part of the Virginia line upon the Continental establishment as will more fully appear by the affidavit under which he obtained his Certificate for a pension No. 16407 dated the 28th day of January 1820. And I the said John Trotter 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 is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz.

One mare of the value of \$30 and no more	\$30
one or two dollars owing to him	2

Sworn to, declared and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Trotter

And the said John Trotter further states upon his oath that he is a cooper by trade but is entirely unable to labor on account of bodily infirmities being sorely afflicted with Rheumatic pains that he is a widower and has four children alive namely Lewis, William, Amy and Betsey all residing in the State of Ohio and unmarried and all over 21 years old except William that he has had four other children, but that they are dead, two of whom died in the Army not long since as he supposes.

Sworn to and declared and subscribed before me John L Bridges presiding Judge of the court above mentioned the day and year first mentioned.

S/ John L Bridges

[f p. 17: On March 1, 1825, the veteran applied for transfer of his pension benefit from the Kentucky agency to the Ohio agency his having lately removed from Kentucky to Ohio where he intends to remain. This document was signed with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing August 13, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to John Trotter S42046

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 23 April 2022.

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

I Do Certify that John Trotter entred into the Virginia line in Jully seventy five and Continued in Said service till the Jan'y 1777 when he inlisted in the Virginia Continental line for the war which Service he continued in to the end of the war  
27<sup>th</sup> July 1784  
(Copy) Cha. Jones Clk.

And'w Waggoner [Andrew Waggener BLWt2424-400]  
Late Major  
James Wood B.G. [BLWt2419-500]

Sir/ pleas to settle my account with the Auditors and Receive my land warrant  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 1784  
Major Waggoner  
(Copy) Cha. JOnes Clk

John hisXmark Trotter  
A. Waggener