

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Truax S4687

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The State of Ohio Preble County: SS

On this 21st day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court Before the Honorable the Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting in & for the County of Preble and State of Ohio David Truax a resident of Dickson Township Preble County State of Ohio aged 76 [? last digit unclear] 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the month of August he thinks the first of 1776, he entered the Service as a volunteer in Loudan [sic, Loudoun] County in the State of Virginia in Captain James Radican's Company of Virginia Militia and served a Tower [tour] of duty of one month was stationed at Alexandria Virginia and employed in Building Gun Batteries he was discharged at Alexandria after serving a tower of duty of one month as aforesaid. That about the first of September in the service again as a volunteer in Loudoun County Virginia in Captain J. Radican's Company of Virginia militia marched to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, was there some time under the command of Colonel Gibson & from this place and was marched to Wheeling Virginia where the Army lay all winter under the command of Colonel Shepherd; this body of Troops consisted only of two Captains Companies one from Berkeley & the other from Loudoun County Virginia from Wheeling they were marched home and discharged sometime in the month of March 1778 – after remaining in the service six months – this was six months hard service.

And that sometime in the month of July 1781 he was drafted for a two months tower of duty and entered the service at Loudoun County Virginia in Captain Hugh Douglass' Company of Virginia militia & in Colonel Merryweathers [probably Thomas Meriwether's] Regiment of Virginia militia was marched to Williamsburg Virginia, and was stationed in the neighborhood of that place during this tower & was a part of the time under General Stephens [Edward Stevens], was discharged a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] & served three months this tower.

He does further declare that he did serve the towers of duty aforesaid during the Revolutionary War making aggregately ten months service in the Virginia militia and that he has no documentary evidence of his said service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services he has no written discharge he does not recollect whether he ever had any or not if he had they are lost long since. 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 he further states says that he has no Record of his age but believes he was born in Morris County in the State of New Jersey on the 19th day of February 1756. That he lived in Loudoun County in the State of Virginia when called into service and

served in the militia of that State, and since the revolutionary War he lived in Adair County in the State of Kentucky and from that place he came to Preble County in the State of Ohio where he now resides and has resided for twenty-two years last past and that he is known in to and acquainted with Robert Rhea, Hugh McDonald & others in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

S/ David Truax

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Truax". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[Hugh McDonald and Robert Rhea gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia.]