

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Story S6155

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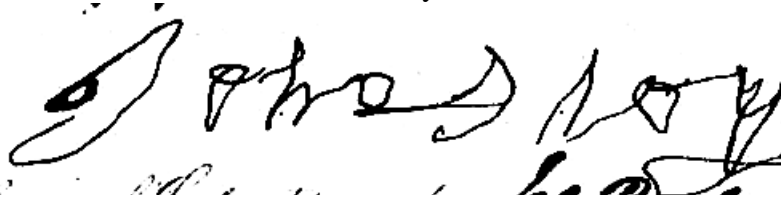
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State of Virginia County of Southampton

On this 18th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Southampton County now sitting John Story a resident of St. Luke's Parish in the County of Southampton and State of Virginia aged Seventy-two 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers (and served as herein after stated) Captain Joshua Nicholson and served a tower [tour] of 6 or 8 weeks at least 6 weeks that he next served a tower of 6 weeks under Captain Arthur Boykin that he next served a tower of 6 weeks under Captain Jesse Whitehead, while serving under the above named captains that Colonels Walls & Reddick were the only field officers, that he now recollects. That he next served a tower of 6 weeks under Captain Simmons, William Boykin Lieutenant: next a tower of 6 weeks under Captain Rodgers and next a tower of 6 weeks under Captain Mitchell that whilst he was under Simmons and Rogers and Mitchell that Colonel Benjamin Blunt [Benjamin Blount] and Major Thomas Vaughan were the only field officers, That he now recollects, he has also stated all the Company Officers recollect. This applicant cannot say positively that he served under the above named Captains in the order in which they are set forth for Mitchell may have been 3rd or 4th &c. That he entered the service in January 1781 the day nor day of the month he does not recollect, but firmly believes it to have been between 1st & 10th of January. That when he entered the service he was a substitute for Samuel Woodard in the Virginia Militia and served under Captain Joshua Nicholson 6 or 8 weeks as before stated, that he was immediately drafted in the Virginia Militia, and served as stated above, that he left the service immediately after the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] at York Town [October 19, 1781]. This applicant here remarks that he cannot with precision state the dates of the towers above named, but that he was constantly in service from the time he commenced until the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace at York Town that he was at York during the siege. That he never was in a battle. That he resided in the County of Southampton State of Virginia when he entered the service, marched from Southampton to Cabin Point Virginia from thence to Smithfield from thence to Jericho thence to Murdaugh's old fields (the British being then in Portsmouth) thence to Black Water thence to James Town, thence to Williamsburg, thence to York Town and remained at York until the surrender of Wallace. That he was born about the year 1760 in the County of Southampton Virginia. That he has no record of his age. That he has been living in the County of Southampton State of Virginia since the Revolutionary War, and that he at this time lives in the same County & State. That he does not recollect any of the Continental or Militia regiments nor the names of any of the Regular officers. That he never received a discharge more than a general or verbal one given to the Soldiers after

the Surrender of Corn Wallace. That in the six towers he served as a private. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the whole of his service but that a certificate of Lewis Story is hereto annexed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year 1st aforesaid.

S/ John Story

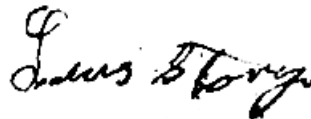
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[Davis Bryant, a clergyman, and James Powell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Southampton February 1833

This is to certify that John Story served at least 8 Tower in the Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War that Blunt & Vaughan were his field officers, that I served a part of a Tour whilst Corn Wallace was at York and well know that John Story was there & never returned home until the surrender of Wallace.

S/ Lewis Story¹

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 12 days in the Virginia militia.]

¹ FPA R10236