

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Truit S6266

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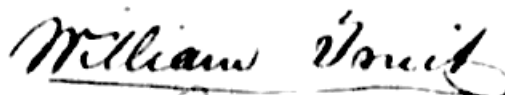
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State of Virginia Campbell County (SS)

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Campbell now sitting William Truit a resident of the County of Campbell and State of Virginia aged seventy-two years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was drafted in the month of February 1781 and joined a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Roland Ward & Lieutenant Daniel Jones we marched to Chesterfield Court House and was stationed there two weeks and a few days and was discharged. About the first of March 1781 I again entered the service of the United States in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain John Dennis & Lieutenant Archer Jones I was at the time a resident of Amelia County Virginia we marched to Richmond crossing James River about eight miles above at Tuckahoe at Richmond we joined the Brigade commanded by General Mughlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Meriwether and Major Long after marching about in different directions for three or four weeks making Richmond headquarters we left Richmond marched by the way of Scotch Town in Hanover County where we expected to meet the enemy from thence we marched to the County of Culpeper Virginia where we were discharged after serving two months. At Amelia Court House about the 15th of June 1781 I enlisted in the Virginia State line under Captain Peter Randolph Lieutenant Luallen Hutson [Lewellin Hudson, Luelling Hudson] and ensign Patterson. We marched from said courthouse to Foreys ordinary in the County of Chesterfield where we were stationed about a month from thence to Geneto Bridge in Powhatan County Virginia after being there a few days we were ordered to March to York Town Virginia and marched as far as Richmond and was discharged having learned that Cornwallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781]. I was from the time I enlisted to the time I was discharged four months in the service. I was born in 1760 in the County of King William and when I entered the service I was a resident of Amelia County. I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & I do declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Truit



[Abner Early, a clergyman, and Jesse Burton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question by the Court 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of King William and in the year 1760.

Question by the Court 2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age

Question by the Court 3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. When called into service I lived in the County of Amelia & moved from that County to this and have lived here since my removal from Amelia.

Question by the Court 4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Answer. In my first tour I was drafted after my discharge from the militia I enlisted in the Regular Army during the War.

Question by the Court 5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer Colonel Meriwether & Major Long commanded the Regiment to which I was attached when belonging to the Militia General Muhlenberg commanded the Brigade & Colonel A. Meed [??] the Regiment to which I was attached in the Regular service.

Question by the Court 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received a written discharge but was discharged by the officers after Lord Cornwallis had surrendered.

Question by the Court 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your Service as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer. Reverend Harry Brown, Thomas Fox, Jesse Burton, Philip Payne, Abner Early Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Truit

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for 6 1/2 months in the Virginia militia.]

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Campbell County Legislative Papers

To the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of William Truit of the County of Campbell respectfully represents, that sometime in the year 1781 he enlisted in the County of Amelia as a regular soldier in the Virginia State line, to serve during the Revolutionary War under Capt. Peter Rundolph [Peter Randolph] of Capt. Everett Meads Regiment. The terms of his enlistment were two hundred acres of Land and Eight Dollars monthly [?] exclusive of the pay received by a regular [soldier]. He continued to serve agreeable to his enlistment, until he was discharged in the City of Richmond when on march to York Town on receipt of the news of the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and also of the Treaty of Peace. For which service he has never received any compensation, or even a certificate of the terms of his enlistment and of his services, but calculating a return would

be made of both, by his Officers he would at some future time receive what was due him, in which he has been disappointed. He has always been dependent on his own labor for a support and has now become old, and infirm and very much in need of what he considers to be justly due him by his Country. He therefore prays your Hon. body to grant him such compensation for his services as to you may seem Just. And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

S/ William Truit, X his mark

[Reverse]

Petition of William Truit, a soldier of the Revolution in the Virginia service, poor, old & infirm, asking to be put on the Pension list

Wm M. Rives

December 7<sup>th</sup> 1831

Referred to Revolutionary Claims

Allowed

bounty land for the war

S/ John Floyd