

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Trimble S6268

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Isaac Trimble

Of Rockbridge in the State of Virginia

Who was a Pri[vate], En[sign], Lt [Lieutenant] in the company commanded by Captain Moore of the Regt commanded by Col. Bowyer in the Virginia line for 15 Months.

Inscribed on the Roll of Virginia

At the rate of 100 Dollars ----- Cents per annum

To commence on the 4th day of March, 1831

Certificate of Pension issued the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July '33 and sent SMD Reid, Lexington, VA

Arrears to the 4th of March '33-                    200

Semi-anl. Allowance ending 4 Sept''            50

\$250

Revolutionary Claim;

Act June 7, 1832

Recorded by William Miller Clerk

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State of Virginia  
Rockbridge County

3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1838

This day personally appeared before me. Joseph Steel, a Justice of the peace for sd County Isaac Trimble, a resident in sd County, aged 77 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated. This Applicant states that he volunteered as a militia man for 3 months under Col. Bowyer, then of sd County, now dead, in the months of June or July 1780. That he marched from sd County, under the sd Col. Bowyer [William Bowyer] and Capt. Wm. Moore [William Moore] of sd County, now living to Charlottesville, thence to Richmond, having joined the main army near Deep Run Church, under the command of Gen. Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] -- that shortly after he joined Muhlenburg's troops, he was ordered by Col. Willis to take 24 men and march over to "The Back Road", about 3 miles distant and conceal his men in the Pine bushes for the purpose of firing when Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton], who (it was reported) was coming round upon sd road to take Muhlenburg by surprise. Willis's orders to this Applicant were to fire and retreat to where Muhlenburg's troops were stationed, consisting as he believes of 700 or 800 men. Tarlton did not come as it was expected, and this Applicant returned to the troops next morning.

This Applicant was discharged a short time afterward having been ordered by Col. Bowyer to return home and bring the draughted men who remained in Rockbridge. But received counter orders, after having arrived at home from Col. Bowyer, and did not return. He received no written discharge as he believes he can not say, how long he served in camp this Tour, having returned home upon orders, before his term expired, and there remained in

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pursuance of his Col's. order, to act as a Deputy Commissary in Rockbridge, for the purpose of sending flour, to the troops at Richmond.

This Applicant further states that immediately after this tour, he was called upon as a Lieutenant under Cpt. David Gray, then of sd. County now dead—that he marched with another company under Cpt. Charles Campbell of sd. County, now dead to Richmond – Thence to Cabin Point, 30 miles below Richmond, on the River [James River] where the Companies remained about two weeks under Col. Richardson [Holt Richardson], a Militia officer. Thence marched to Petersburg, there joined the main army. Then returned to Richmond , and there received a discharge, which he has lost. This Applicant served three months in this tour, he cannot recollect any if the regular officers under whom he served during this tour.

This Applicant further states that he volunteered as a Substitute for his brother John Trimble, now dead, under Cpt. William Moore, mentioned in the foregoing part of this Declaration, and marched about the latter part of August 1781, from sd. County of Rockbridge, to Charlottesville –thence to Richmond, and there received orders to march to York where this Applicant served as a Rifleman, under Col. Lewis [Samuel Lewis]. After the battle fought there, Col. Vance [Samuel Vance], of the Rifle Regiment, was ordered to take 6 or 700 Prisoners and deposit them at Winchester, in which service, this Applicant volunteered as a guard and did not return home, until the last of November, in the same year. He does not recollect of having received a discharge. He served, in this tour he thinks, 3 months.

This Applicant further states that he served 3 tours against the Indians, during their disturbances upon our frontiers. To wit one tour under Cpt. John Monroe of Bottetourt County [Botetourt Count] now Rockbridge in 1774 against the Shawnee at Point Pleasant [10 October 1774], under an order of the Governor [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, Royal Governor of Virginia], to Col. Lewis [Andrew Lewis], to call out 1000 men, from Shenandoah Augusta & Bottetourt Counties in the valley of Virginia.

in which tour this Applicant served 3 months.

This appointment further states that in the year 1776, he served as an Ensign under Col. Skillern [George Skillern] of Bottetourt against the Shawnees at Point Pleasant, where he witnessed the death of the 6 Shawnee Hostages; then in the fort, consisting of Cornstalk, Ellenepsico [Elinipsico], & others.<sup>1</sup> He couldn't say how long he served in the tour.

This Applicant further states that he served as a Private under Col. Christie [William Christian] of Bottetourt County, VA against the Cherokees in 1777 for the term of 3 months.

This Applicant declares that he was born in the sd County of Rockbridge<sup>2</sup> on the 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1753.

He has a record of his age in his father's handwriting, now in his possession and exhibited to the Justice before whom he makes this declaration.

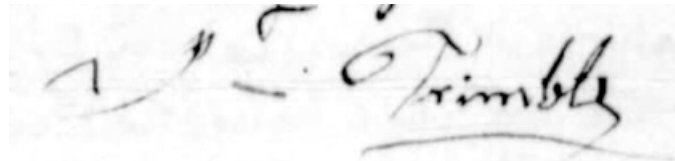
He was living in sd County of Rockbridge when called into service, where he has since continued to live.

This Applicant refers to the Rev. John D. Ewing, Edward Jackson, & Andrew Alexander of his neighborhood as evidence in his behalf.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

Isaac Trimble

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "I. Trimble", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John D. Ewing, a clergyman, and Edw. Graham and Andrew Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> C. Leon Harris notes: In Nov 1777 Chiefs Cornstalk (Hokoleskwa), his son Ellinipsico, and Red Hawk were being held hostage at Ft Randolph at Point Pleasant. They were murdered in retaliation for the killing of Lt. James Gilmore by person or persons unknown.

<sup>2</sup> C. Leon Harris notes: Rockbridge County did not exist until it was formed in 1778 from Augusta and Botetourt counties.

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. I welcome and encourage folks to call those and any other errors to my attention.]

Rockbridge County State of Virginia} to wit

On this 7th day of June 1833, personally appeared before me, Joseph Steele a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Isaac Trimble a Resident in said County and an applicant for a Pension, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following amendments to his Declaration for a Pension.

He states that in the Tour at Point Pleasant, mentioned in his Declaration as having taken place in 1776 and in which he served as Ensign, he served 3 months, being induced to believe so, from the Recollection of others as well as from his own memory. He states that his service, during the Revolutionary War as mentioned in his Declaration, amounts in all to Fifteen months for which period, he claims a Pension. Three months in this period he acted as a Lieutenant – and three months as and Ensign as mentioned in his Declaration. For evidence of this service as Lieutenant & Ensign, he refers to the Testimony of Captain William Lyle and James Harrison, both of Rockbridge County aforesaid, herewith exhibited. He further states that he was commissioned, and that he received his commission as Lieutenant from the court of the County of Rockbridge and as Ensign from the Court of Bottetour [sic] County and that he acted under these commissions as above stated. He further states that if the proof of his having been commissioned, and having acted under his commissions, the not considered sufficient, by the Commissioner of Pensions, he only claims for the time, he served under his commissions, as a Private, to wit for 15 months as a private. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

N. B. This applicant further states that he may be mistaken as to the year, mentioned in his Declaration in which he served at Point Pleasant as an Ensign. He thinks it may have been in 1777, instead of 1776.

S/ Joseph Steele

Rockbridge County State of Virginia

On this 3rd day of June 1833, personally appeared before me William Paxton a Justice of the Peace for said County of Rockbridge, James Harrison,<sup>3</sup> of said County who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Isaac Trimble, an applicant for a Pension, and a Resident in said County – that he served with said Isaac Trimble, in an expedition against the Shawnees at Point Pleasant in 1776 or 77 (he is confident though it was 77). – That he knows from his own personal knowledge that said Isaac Tremble was Ensign in this

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<sup>3</sup> [James Harrison S5496](#)

Expedition, and acted as an Ensign, during the whole Tour of 3 months. I further certify that the said James Harrison is a credible witness.

Given under my hand the day and year above written.

S/ Wm Paxton

Rockbridge County State of Virginia} to wit

On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared before me, John F Caruthers a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid William Lyle<sup>4</sup> of said County, who being first duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he is acquainted with Isaac Tremble of the County aforesaid, who is an applicant for a Pension – that he served with him one Tour viz. the Tour mentioned in said Trimble's Declaration as having taken place in the Fall of 1780 in which he, said Trimble, served as a Lieutenant under Captain Gray and Colonel Richardson – that he knows from his own knowledge that said Isaac Tremble acted as a Lieutenant in this Tour, and he presumes he must have received a Commission – that he does not think he (William Lyle) remained in the whole Tour, having left the said Trimble, with the Troops encamped at Petersburg, as he thinks. In this Tour this witness states that he acted as Commissary for the Troops from Rockbridge, and he also thinks, as quarter Master. He further certify [sic] that the said William is a credible witness, being a man of unblemished name & one of the oldest magistrates in the County.

S/ John F Carothers

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<sup>4</sup> There is no record of a veteran by this or any similar name filing for a federal pension based on service rendered in Virginia. A Capt. William Lyle is listed in McAlister's roster of Virginia militia as serving from Rockbridge County, VA. Consequently, this may be the only record of this veteran's service in the federal pension records.