

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Terry S7699

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Virginia Pittsylvania County May Court 1845

On this the 19th day of May 1845 personally appeared in open Court James Terry son of John Terry who was a private soldier and an officer in the Army of the revolution a resident of Virginia in the County of Pittsylvania aged 49 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 provisions of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That he the said James Terry, John Terry, Champness Terry, Elizabeth Terry, Mary McLauthan, & Lucy Fitzgerald are the only children of John Terry who was a private soldier and an Ensign in the Army of the Revolution, that he always understood from his father, that he was born and raised in this (Pittsylvania) County, that he volunteered in 1778, as a private soldier as will appear from the proof hereto annexed three months and a half. It further appears from a discharge found in his papers that he was drafted a second time in 1779 and was discharged in Halifax County by Captain Shelton & That it further appears from a discharge found in his papers that he served a tour in 1781 as an Ensign. He further states he finds with his father's papers a paper which appears to be a discharge which he supposes to be for the tour proven by Chany. He states he always understood from his father that he resided in the County (Pittsylvania) when he went into the Army, which will more fully appear from the proof. He further declares that his father died in the County of Pittsylvania on the 11th day of February 1845 aged 85 years and left six children to wit: James, John, Champness, Lucy, Elizabeth and Mary who are of lawful age.

Satisfactory evidence was exhibited to the court that John Terry Deceased was a private soldier and an Ensign in the Army of the Revolution & died in this County on the 11th day of February 1845 and left six children whose names are James Terry, John Terry, Champness Terry, Elizabeth Terry, Lucy Fitzgerald & Mary McLanghland who are of lawful age. It further appears to the satisfaction of the court that the aforesaid John Terry refused in his lifetime to apply for a pension.

In testimony that the foregoing order are truly transcribed from the records of the said court I William H Tunstall clerk thereof have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court this 23rd day of May 1845.

S/ Wm H. Tunstall

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John Terry an ensign of this Regiment for the Brigade Commanded by General Stevens is hereby discharged he having served his tour [of] duty[.] Given under my hand this 2

day of a pril 1781

S/ Joseph Morton Capt

day of April 1781

John Terry a private of the Regiment in the
Bregade commanded by general Stevens is
here by discharged he having served his
tower duty given under My hand this 2
Day of a pril 1781
Joseph Morton Capt

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I hereby Certify that Mr. John Terry a [paper torn]

& truly serve out his time is hereby [paper torn]

[either the remainder of this document is so faint as not to be at all discernible or it is only a partial document and the remainder of it, including the signature, are missing.]

I hereby Certify that Mr. John Terry a
& truly serve out his time is hereby

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State of Virginia County of Pittsylvania: SS

I Abram Chaney¹ a revolutionary pensioner of the United States under the Act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832, Certify that in the spring of the year 1778, Captain John Donalson raised a Company of volunteers to go against the Cherokee Indians that John Terry who resided in the County of Pittsylvania at that time was a private in the said Company as well as myself that was marched by Captain Donalson to Hatfield Fort in the County of Montgomery in the State of Virginia, near New River, where we were stationed and discharged in August 1778.

The Term of Service during this Tour including the time for traveling home after we were discharged at Hatfield Fort near New River, was full three months and a half. I further Certify

¹ [Abraham Chaney W25412](#)

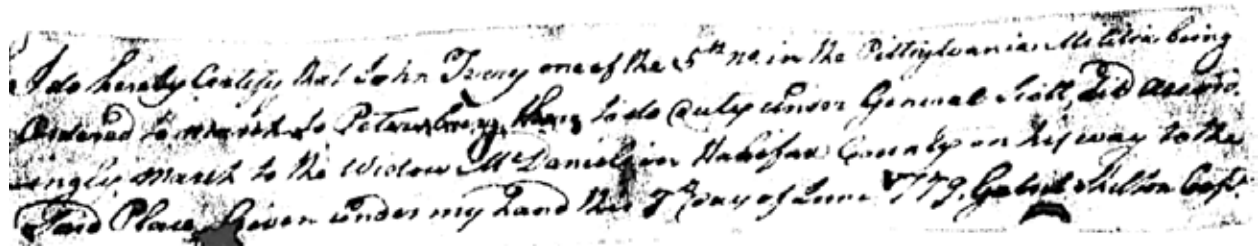
that John Terry who died in this County in February last was the identical John Terry who served with me in 1778 aforesaid – as I have been personally acquainted with him since we were in the Army in 1778. Given under my hand this 19th day of April 1845.

S/ Abram Chaney, X his mark

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I do hereby Certify that John Terry one of the 5th No. in the Pittsylvania militia being Ordered to March to Petersburg there to do duty under General Scott, did accordingly march to the widow McDaniel's in Halifax County on his way to the Said place. Given under my hand this seventh day of June 1779

S Gabriel Shelton Capt.



I do hereby Certify that John Terry one of the 5th No. in the Pittsylvania militia being Ordered to march to Petersburg there to do duty under General Scott, did accordingly march to the widow McDaniel's in Halifax County on his way to the Said place. Given under my hand this 7th day of June 1779. Gabriel Shelton Capt.

[Veteran's heirs were allowed a pension at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending February 11, 1845 when he died. The pension was based on three months service as a private and three months service as an Ensign in the Virginia militia.]