

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Trail S7748

VA

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State of Virginia &
County of Floyd

On this the 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Floyd County, now sitting Thomas Trail a resident of said county of Floyd and state of Virginia, aged 86 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted (time not recollected) under Capt John Loving in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia of which county the applicant was then a resident for a tower of six months, that he was marched immediately to Hampton and there assisted in taking some prisoners (number not recollected) remained there about a week and was marched back to a place called the halfway house between Hampton and York and was then transferred to the command of Capt Barnet, Lewis Nevill was Sarjeant Major, ___ Cary was Colonel and [Thomas] Nelson Gen'l and marched from thence to Little York and remained there until discharged time not recollected by Col Cary, which discharge was stolen from my house with all my property and papers. This applicant was again drafted (time not recollected) under Capt Landson in the county of Amherst where he still resided to guard prisoners confined in the Albemarle Barracks [captured at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781]. Col Moore was at this time the commandant of the troops in that vicinity. This applicant continued in this service 6 months which was the time for which he was drafted. This applicant also received an honourable discharge time not recollected from Col Moore at the Barrack before mentioned, which discharge with the first was stolen from his house. He moved into the county of Montgomery now Floyd in the year 1802 and has resided there since. The applicant has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he could procure in support of this declaration 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 state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Thomas hisXmark Trail

Floyd County to Wit.

This day Thomas Trail personally appeared in open Court it being a court of record for the county of Floyd and made the following declaration on oath as an amendment to a declaration made by said Thomas Trail on the 20th day of December 1832 [sic] in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 viz. that he was born in the County of Frederic [sic: Frederick] state of Maryland, that he had a record of his age which was stolen with the rest of his papers and that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood whose certificate he could or can obtain.

Sworn to and subscribed this the 18th day of March 1833

Thomas hisXmark Trail

Floyd County Virginia to wit

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Thomas Trail, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age, and consequent loss of memory, and also the loss of his discharges, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services or the particular periods of the Revolution they were rendered but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For six moths, I served as a private in the year 1781 the year Cornwallis was taken. for six months I served as a private guarding some prisoners at the Barracks in Albemarle County Va. I would not positively say in what year but I think it was about two or three months after being discharged from

the first tour. And for such service I claim a pension. He also states upon oath that there is no Clergyman near him whose testimony he could procure as to his being reputed Soldier of the Revolution – he was born in the County of Frederick and State of Maryland but in what year he cannot exactly tell, not having a Register of his age, but from the best calculation he can make he must be eighty six or seven years old. from Maryland he removed to Amherst County Virginia, where he resided when he entered into service. In the year 1809 he removed from there to the County of Montgomery (now Floyd) where he lives at this time

Given under my hand in Floyd County this sixteen day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Lewis Payne