

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Boltzer Trout S7749

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State of Pennsylvania Westmoreland County SS

On this twenty second day of February 1834 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Boltzer Trott who being by reason of old age and bodily infirmity unable to leave his home 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 as a volunteer in the year 1777. That he then resided in Frederick County Virginia. That this declarant belonged to a company commanded by Captain John Nicewanger [John Nisewanger] Lieutenants John Bows [?] [&] Henry Colet [Henry Catlett ?] the whole Corps under the command of Colonel Gibson we marched from Winchester Virginia about the first of August 1777 for Pittsburgh – then Fort Pitt in Pennsylvania where we arrived about the first day of September in the same year the expedition was against the Indians we remained at Fort Pitt about six weeks as near as this declarant can recollect we then marched under General Hann [perhaps Brigadier General Edward Hand] from Fort Pitt to Fort Wheeling in Virginia where we arrived in time to assist in burying those that were slain in and engagement with the Indians those killed were under the command of Captain Foreman we arrived at Wheeling sometime about the first of November in the same year the weather being very cold the Troops suffered very much from exposure we remained at Wheeling until sometime in the latter end of February in the year 1778 whilst we were here at Wheeling there was a party of men attacked by the Indians and one [our?] Lieutenant was wounded he returned to Winchester sometime in March 1778 when this declarant was discharged after a service of six months at least.

That this declarant volunteered in a Troop of Light Horsemen about the first of February 1780 under the command of Captain Isaac Sanes or Zanes [Isaac Zane] he volunteered to March to Albemarle where there was English prisoners we intended to march them to protect them having heard that Lord Cornwallis intended retaking them. After marching about 50 miles from New Town from where we first started we heard after marching fifty miles that Cornwallis intended coming up to Fredericksburg where we then directed our course we remained there several weeks expecting Lord Cornwallis we then returned to Winchester where we were dismissed after a service of three months as a private. This deponent further states that the members of the Troop furnished their own Horses & equipped themselves for which they never received any thing nor did they receive any pay for their services. This deponent further states that this declarant volunteered in August 1781 as a private Soldier in a company of Foot commanded by Captain Job Bell [John Bell?] and Lieutenant Robert Catlit [Robert Catlett ?] in Colonel Dark's [William Dark's] Regiment we marched according to the best of Declarant's recollection from Winchester to Little York in Virginia we were then under the command of

General Washington that in October we had an engagement with the English at York which resulted in their defeat and the capture of Lord Cornwallis. That this declarant saw Cornwallis take his sword by the point & hand it to General Lincoln and at that time heard General Washington say to Cornwallis that he was very happy to General Cornwallis in the Continental Army to [the] Day after the capture of Cornwallis we returned home to Winchester and were discharged after having served a Tour of three months. That this declarant further states that he claims for the services as before stated a pension for one-year's service to wit one six-month & two three-month campaigns. That he has no documentary evidence of his Service nor does he know of any person now living who can testify to his service. This declarant further states that he is now in the seventy seventh year of his age but that during the whole of the time for which he claims a pension he served as a private Soldier. That I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. This declarant further states that he removed from Winchester to Westmoreland County Pennsylvania about twenty-nine years ago where he has resided ever since. This declarant further states that he is not acquainted with any Clergyman who can testify to his Reputation as a soldier of the Revolution.

In Answer to Interrogatories propounded by the Justice of the Peace this declarant answers

1st I was born in Germantown near Philadelphia in 1757

2nd I have no record of my age

3rd I was living in Frederick County Virginia when called into service. I have resided in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania since the Revolutionary War & now reside there.

4th I was a volunteer

5th In answer in foregoing declaration

6th I never received a written discharge

7th Declarant refers to John Givin Esquire Colonel Thomas McQuaide, John Steel & William Guthrie to whom he is known in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity & good behavior & his services –

Sworn & subscribed before me this 22nd day of February A.D. 1834

S/ John Gwinn

S/ Boltzer Trout, X his mark

[John Steel & Simon Drum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia militia.]