

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Trusloe (Truslow) S7757

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State of Virginia County of Stafford – to with

On this eleventh day of October 1841 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Stafford County now sitting, Benjamin Truslow a resident of Stafford County in the State of Virginia, aged eighty-five years in January 1841, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year \_\_ (what year precisely he cannot from his extreme age and his consequently effective memory, now recollect) under Lieutenant Thomas Victor, and served in the 25 (as he thinks though as to the number of the Regiment he cannot speak positively for his memory is very deficient in retaining anything relative to numbers) Regiment of the Virginia line under Colonel \_\_ Baylor [probably George Baylor], Major Churchill Jones, – that he enlisted at Falmouth in the County of Stafford, State of Virginia, that he resided in the County of King George adjacent to Stafford County when he entered the service, that at the time he entered he was not twenty-one years of age, and that the officers and refused at first to take him, but that he was anxious to enlist, he went from Falmouth down to King George to the residence of his father with whom he lived and procured the permission of his father in writing to enlist and on his presenting it to the officers, He was then regularly enlisted. That he enlisted for five years and that he served the term out that he marched from Falmouth through the intervening Counties of Virginia to Petersburg and from Petersburg to a small town called Littletons. That he was in the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] in which he received a shot under the left eye which caused him to lose the sight of it, & also received a wound from a ball through the left leg – that after the battle of Cowpens he was marched to South Carolina and stationed at Charleston and that at Charleston, he received his discharge from Colonel Baylor – that after he had been discharged and returned home he was shortly after his return drafted under Captain Michael Wallace of the County of King George, and State of Virginia Colonel \_\_ Skinker [John Skinker] was then his Colonel and he served under General Weedens [George Weedon] – that he marched from King George Court House Virginia to Hampton, and from Hampton to York Town and was at the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at York. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states.

[f p. 35: On July 4, 1842, in Stafford County Virginia, Mark Henderson, 75, gave testimony that he has known Benjamin Truslow from the time they were boys raised together in King George

County; that Truslow enlisted in the revolutionary war in the Continental Army under Lieutenant Thomas Victor for Captain William Mountjoy to serve for three years and that Truslow served his time out. On the same day and in the same for him, Francis Allen, 78, gave identical testimony to that given by Mark Henderson.]

[f p. 45-46: The veteran gave an affidavit that he placed his discharge in the hands of Colonel Austin Smith who promised to obtain the money from the General government for the veteran due him as a result of his service in the revolution. This affidavit was attested January 15, 1842.

*Benjamin Truslow*

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[f p. 50]

State of Virginia Spotsylvania County to wit

This day John Sorrell<sup>1</sup> of the State and County aforesaid personally appeared before me Melzi S. Chancellor a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he was in the revolution of \_\_ and served as an enlisted soldier, he was at the Battle of the Cowpens, Deep Spring Camp, Burwell's Mills and surrender of Cornwallis, and that Benjamin Truslow then an enlisted soldier who has a short time since made application for a Pension was encamped as a soldier and that he very [verily] believes served as he has stated in his declaration, he knows from the very many circumstances that he and Mr. Truslow has since talked over, the wounds he received at the Battle of the Cowpens, the cutting of Tarleton's Fingers &c &c that Mr. Benjamin Truslow's statement is correct, but it has been so many years ago and his very extreme old age that he cannot or would not attempt to specify the very time Mr. Truslow enlisted or even received his discharge, but he certainly served out his time with Honor to himself and his Country or he would not be looked upon to this day as a brave old soldier.

Given under my hand and seal this eighth day of January 1842

S/ Melzi S. Chancellor, JP

[f p. 51: On January 17, 1852 in Spotsylvania County Virginia, Charles Peyton<sup>2</sup> gave testimony that while he was serving as a militiaman at Yorktown, he solved Benjamin Truslow in service as a soldier on duty.

*Charles Peyton*

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, increased from \$20 per annum by a special Act, for his service as a private in the Virginia service.]

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<sup>1</sup> [John Sorrell S6138](#)

<sup>2</sup> FPA R8165