

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tenery (Trenary)¹ W2195 Sarah f63VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 11/19/11

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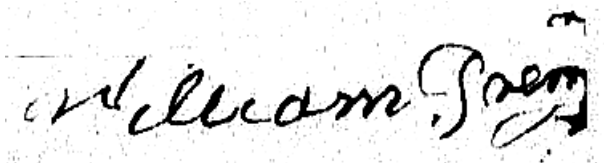
I William Trenery [sic] of Allegheny County State of Pennsylvania being now of the age of 66 years and in low circumstances in life and a large family to support it having been a soldier in the revolutionary War and understanding that according to the laws of my country I him entitled to assistance in my situation do make the following statement which as far as my memory serves me is substantially correct.

In the fall of 1775 I entered as a volunteer under Captain Triplet & Colonel Powel in the State of Virginia, in what was then called minute men, was in Hampton when Norfolk was burnt [January 2, 1776] by the British, was afterwards ordered to Alexandria where I enlisted in the regular service in 1776 under Captain Paton Harrison [Peyton Harrison] of the 1st Company & Second Regiment of Virginia Regulars, the Regiment was at this time commanded by Colonel Spotswood, afterwards by Colonel Febiger was ordered to Baltimore crossed the Chesapeake Bay, then to Wilmington [Delaware] where the Regiment was inoculated for the smallpox, then marched to Philadelphia, and afterwards to Middlebrook [New Jersey], and joined the Army under General Washington, was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and continued in the regular service from the time of my first enlistment until the end of the war. That some years perhaps eight or nine ago while General Smith of Virginia was a member of Congress understanding I was entitled to Land I placed all the papers I received when discharged from the service into his hands and have never heard of them since. I once called at his house but he was absent from home and I have never been able to obtain them.

To the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War
State of Pennsylvania County of Allegheny: SS

Before me President of the fifth judicial District of Pennsylvania personally came the aforesaid Applicant and having been duly Sworn saith that the facts stated in the foregoing Declaration are true to the best of his remembrance and that from his reduced Circumstances he needs the Assistance of his Country for his Support.

Sworn & subscribed before me this First day of May A.D. 1818
S/ Saml. Roberts S/ William Trenry



¹ BLWt19623-160-55

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United States of America Weston District of Pennsylvania: SS

On this thirtieth day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for said district William Tenery aged sixty-seven years resident in Allegheny County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his solemn oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted for and during the war in Loudon [Loudoun] County Virginia in the year 1775 in Captain Peyton Harrison's company in the second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Spotswood in the Virginia line, he served during the war in one continuous service, in the Continental establishment and against the common enemy, that he was honorably discharged by Colonel Febiger (who commanded the Regiment after Colonel Spotswood resigned) at Williamsburg Virginia in the year 1781, he gave his discharge to General Morgan to receive his pay and land which he never received, That during the service aforesaid he was in the battles of Germantown and Monmouth and in many severe skirmishes, And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

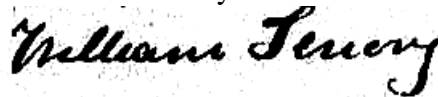
Schedule

one Gray horse worth	\$15.00	one a mare worth	\$12.00
one cow and calf	9.00	four sheep and two lambs	6.00
three hogs and seven pigs	5.00	1 plough double trees and gears	5.50
Total \$51.50			

That he lives upon rented land and post debts to the amount of \$30 and has no debts due him. That he receives a pension by virtue of a certificate dated the 18th of June 1819 and No. 12.064 that he has no family residing with him except his wife aged forty-eight and who is very sickly and unable to work, he has two unmarried daughters living with him, one aged 12 and the other seventeen years, one boy who is sometimes at home but often abroad, and in whom no dependence can be placed in, his former occupation was a laborer or farmer but from old age and bodily infirmities is totally unable to pursue it, and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn and subscribed this 30th day of August 1820 before the Judge of said court
S/ Jonathan N. Walker

S/ William Tenery

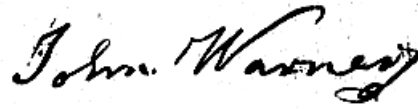


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Pennsylvania: Sct.

Before me the Subscriber President of the court of common pleas of the fifth Judicial district in the Commonwealth aforesaid personally appeared John Warner of St. Clair Township in the County of Allegheny Farmer who being duly sworn doth depose and say that he was well acquainted with William Trenary in the War of the Revolution that he the Deponent served in the same company & the same Regiment with the said Trenary during the whole of the revolutionary

War – They both served in the second Virginia Regiment at one period commanded by Colonel Spotswood and afterwards by Colonel Febiger – That said Trenary & Deponent served at the battles of Brandywine, Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth. That the said William Trenary is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for his support. Sworn & subscribed this 24th May 1819 S/ John Warner²
S/ Samuel Roberts



[f p. 9: On November 21, 1845 in Allegheny County Pennsylvania, Sarah Tenery, 72, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Tenery a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of eight dollars per month; that she married him January 11, 1789 to the best of her recollection having no family record of her marriage the same having been lost or destroyed several years since; that she was married in New Town Frederick County Virginia by a magistrate by the name of Williams in the presence of several witnesses one of whom was Nancy Tenery then about 14 or 15 years old and sister of her husband; that her husband died January 1, 1845 in Pine Township Allegheny County Pennsylvania; that her husband's name was sometimes spelt William Trenary. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: in an affidavit dated September 20, 1845, Nancy Trenary of Jefferson County Virginia gave testimony that her brother William Trenary married Sarah Bellwood in New Town Frederick County Virginia some six or seven years after the end of the Revolutionary war as best she recollects; that her brother and his wife removed to the state of Pennsylvania, somewhere near Pittsburgh. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p 13: On November 22, 1845 in Allegheny County Pennsylvania, Richard B. Tenery gave testimony that he is the son of William and Sarah Tenery; that he, affiant, is now 40 years old; that his parents moved from Frederick County Virginia to Allegheny County Pennsylvania in the year 1810; that his father was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution.; That affiant recollects having seen an old family Bible containing the marriage of his parents and the ages of their children many years ago; that his father's name was sometimes spelled William Trenary.



[f p. 16: On May 25, 1855, Henry Tenery, about 60, & William Tenery, about 73, of Allegheny County Pennsylvania gave testimony in support of the widow's application for her bounty land entitlement. Their relationship, if any, to the widow and/or the veteran is not stated.]

² [John Warner S41641](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing May 1, 1818 for three years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing July 1, 1945.]