

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter H. Triplett W2706

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[f p 67]

State of Virginia Culpeper County to wit

On this 6th day of April 1818 before me one of the Judges of the General Court for the State aforesaid personally appeared Peter Triplett age sixty-six years, resident in the County of Culpeper and State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declarations, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said Peter Triplett enlisted first in the Marine service in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Lee of the said State; that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States in Captain Thomas Armistead's Company Colonel George Gibson's Regiment Virginia line until the latter end of the year 1779 when he was discharged from service in Frederick Town State of Maryland, that he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services having lost his discharge except the affidavit hereto annexed.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ H. Holmes [Hugh Holmes, Judge]

[f p. 68]

Culpeper to wit

William Broadus¹ made oath before me J Strother a Justice of the Peace that he was a Lieutenant in the first Virginia State Regiment – that the said Regiment marched from the State and joined the Continental Army in the State of Jersey in the fall of the year 1777 – and that the said Regiment continued in the said service until the latter end of the year 1779 – and that he well recollects that the above named Peter Triplett was a Soldier in the said Regiment during the whole of the said Service – Given under my hand this sixth day of April 1818.

S/ Jeremiah Strother

[f p. 20]

The affidavit of John Lamkin² a Revolutionary Soldier and now a pensioner of the State of Virginia taken this 5th day of July 1828. The said affiant deposeth, that about the year 1777 he went as a Soldier to the North and there served with Peter H Triplett in the regular Army.

¹ FPA W8396

² FPA W8018

That he knew the said Peter H Triplett both before the Revolutionary War and ever since. That the said affiant does depose that he was at Middlebrook with said Peter H Triplett in the year 1778 when said Triplett did enlist as a private Soldier for and during the War. That in the course of events they were separated but that he does verily believe that said Triplett did serve as a Soldier to the end of the war. Triplett was an active intelligent man and was esteemed an excellent soldier. That after the end of the war, Peter H Triplett and himself returned to Culpeper County in Virginia to near the place they first went from, and that he has known him ever since.
Culpeper County

This 5th day of July 1828 John Lamkin appeared before me a Justice of the Peace of said County and made oath that the foregoing affidavit is true to the best of his knowledge. Given under my hand this day and year of above stated.

S/ John Thom

Virginia Culpeper County to wit

On this 16th day of February 1830, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia, Peter H Triplett resident in said County, aged seventy-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that the said Peter H Triplett entered in the Marine Service in the year 1776 and sailed in the sloop *Liberty* of eight guns, commanded by Walt Brooke [Captain Walter Brooke or Brooks] and served in the said vessel for twelve months, and he enlisted out of the Marine Service into the foot service commanded by Captain John Lee in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson for the term of three years on Continental establishment, and served until the year 1779; that he was then discharged from said service in Frederick town in Maryland, he then joined Colonel George Slaughter's company and marched to Kentucky and served to the end of the war – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name has been placed on the pension list of the United States, that he never has exhibited a schedule of his property because he says he was unacquainted with the forms [?] and requisites of the law –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 that I and seventy-five years of age without any trade and laboring under great bodily infirmity – that I have not family living with me except my wife who is old and infirm and not able to contribute to our support nor have I any income whatever – that I had no property on the 18th day of March 1818, nor have I any since.

S/ Peter H Triplett, X his mark

[f p. 4]

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress open
[indecipherable word] –

The Petition of Peter Triplett of Culpeper County respectfully represents that your

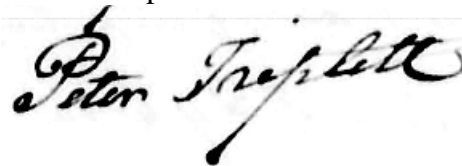
petitioner entered early in the War of the Revolution, first in the Marine Service, where he continued till it was measurably abandoned & he discharge; he then entered in the land Service & enlisted under Captain Lee and afterwards served under Captain Armistead in Colonel George Gibson's Regiment, was marched to the North & in most of the hard fought actions there, he endured all the privations & hardships of the monumental winter of 1777-8 at Valley Forge & was one of those who was placed on the Forlorn Hope under the Brave & Gallant General Wayne at the Storming of Stoney Point [Stony Point, July 16, 1779], where he your petitioner, was wounded. After his time of Service to the North had expired, he again entered the Service of his Country and was with General George Rogers Clarke [George Rogers Clark] in all the Indian warfare of the West & continued in the Service of his Country till peace was restored. Your Petitioner having spent the prime of his youth and manhood in his Country's Service, and consequently never in prosperous Circumstances availed himself of the Acts of Congress to get on the Pension list and participate with others of his Fellow Soldiers, in the Liberality of his Country – and was without any difficulty place thereof; some time about the year 1818 or 1819. After having received two semiannual installments of \$48 each making the sum of \$96 in the whole – Your Petitioner received a Letter from J L Edwards Esquire one of the Officers in the War Department, as your Petitioner has been informed, saying "that Gibson's Regiment to which your petitioner belonged, was not of Right on Continental Establishment, but on State Establishment ["] and that your petitioner was consequently struck from the Pay Roll of the Virginia Agency. Language cannot adequately portray the feelings and destituted condition of your Petitioner at this untoward & unlooked for communication, conscious that his original declaration was founded in Truth, that Gibson's Regiment did actually belong & was of Right, on Continental Establishment; he was however compelled to bear without a murmur or prospect of Redress the Situation in which he was thus placed. Sometime about the month of March in the year 1830 as your Petitioner believes, but a Reference to the Books of the proper Department being made will place all the dates in their proper point of view – your Petitioner was again placed on the pension list Roll of the United States, Virginia agency, and has ever since enjoyed the Bounty & Liberality of his Country's Justice –

Now your Petitioner thinks & verily believes that he is justly entitled to his Annuity from the time he was stricken from the pay Roll, of the Virginia Agency till he was placed there on again and prays that a Law may be passed by the constituted Authorities of his Country authorizing him or his Representatives to be paid the full amount thereof from the time he was struck from the Rolls till he was reinstated –

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

10th of December 1833

S/ Peter Triplett

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Triplett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[f p. 29]

War Department Pension Office February 6, 1834

Sir,

The Petition and memorandum accompanying your letter of the fourth instant I herewith returned.

Peter Triplett was placed on the roll of the Pensioners under the Act of March 18, 1818;

upon the evidence contained in his own declaration and the affidavit of William Broadus. After the rolls of the revolutionary Service of the Virginia State Troops were received, the case was re-examined, and it was then discovered that the Regiment of Colonel George Gibson, in which he served, was a State Regiment, and not on the Continental establishment. His name was then dropt from the Pension Roll, as none but Continental troops are provided for by the Act of March 18, 1818. In 1830, however, the then Secretary of War decided that Gibson's Regiment was a Continental Regiment because by an act of the Virginia Legislature it was attached to the Continental Army, in lieu of the 9th Regiment of Virginia Continental troops which had been captured. He, however, did not grant the back pay claimed by Triplett, because until 1830, the applicant never rendered a schedule of his property, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of May 1, 1820; and the 3rd section of Act of March 1, 1823, declares that no pension allowed him claims schedules furnished after that time should commence at a date prior to the Completion of the proof. Triplett's proof of indigence required by the Act of May 1, 1820 was not completed until the 22nd of February 1830, at which time his pension commenced under the last named Acts. It is, however, proper to remark, that had the Department been in possession of the same information in 1820, when Triplett's name was dropt from the roll the pension would not have been stopt, and it is highly probable that the pensioner would have exhibited his Schedule of property long before the year 1830, in which case all that he now claims would have been paid to him.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your obedient Serve
J. L. Edwards

[f p 54]

State of Virginia Culpeper County

This day Peter Triplett of Culpeper now in the Ninety Six year of his age ever since the 26th day of March last past personally appeared before me in his County aforesaid and on his Corporal oath duly administered he made the following statement (on oath) namely that in the year 1776 he said Triplett enlisted in to the Military Service of the State of Virginia as a Soldier of Marines with and under Captain John Lee and in that service he remained for twelve months & was on board the Sloop of War *Liberty* [indecipherable word] eight guns, the Captain of which Sloop was named Brooke of Prince William or near about and in that year of 1777 at Williamsburg he enlisted for three years from the said Marine Service into the first State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson, the said John Lee being a [several indecipherable words] into it from the aforesaid Marine Service and said Triplett went to the North and was in that service with General Washington through the hard service to the North and at Valley Forge during the hardships & sufferings of that place. After the three years service were out said Triplett returned to Virginia. Captain Thomas Armistead being Captain, Lee having been promoted to the rank of Major and after this service & returned to Virginia, the said Triplett made for the North, that he again enlisted in the spring of the year 1781 with Colonel George Slaughter in Culpeper under Captain Benjamin Roberts & marched soon afterwards to the West & at a place called the New Store on the Monongahela River they joined the Illinois Regiment then commanded by Colonel Crockett, and all came after this under the command of Colonel George Rogers Clark, and he was engaged at the Packaway Towns [Piqua Towns, Pickaway] in battle with the Indians & at the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782], where Ezekiel Field

son of John Field was killed with others. In this service said Triplett continued to the close of the war. They got news of peace when he Triplett & the Regiment were on the banks of the Cumberland River on Flat Licks after which he was discharged and returned to Virginia in 1783.

And the said Peter Triplett says that he knew well the officers & soldiers of that service & especially every person named Triplett and he says that there was no soldier in that Regiment or service named Pettis Triplett, and said Peter Triplett declares that he never has received any land for this service in [one or more indecipherable words] the Illinois Regiment. All [indecipherable word] was sworn to before [me] and in my office and Capacity as a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid – and I certify that I have long known said Triplett (the deponent) that he is known & reputed to have been a revolutionary soldier, and that I give the fullest credence to what said Triplett has herein before stated.

Given under my hand & seal in my County above said in my official capacity as [several indecipherable words] this 19th day of April 1848.

S/ Wm T. Humphrey, JP

[f p. 7: On November 14, 1851 in Culpeper County Virginia, Calim [?] Triplett filed an affidavit in which she states she is the widow of Peter Triplett, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that he died in Culpeper County Virginia at the age of 98 years on the 19th day of June 1851; that she married him in Culpeper County in 1785; that they were married by the Reverend Mr. Craig; that she and her has been had four children all of whom are dead except Captain Hedgeman Triplett now residing in Stevensburg Culpeper County with whom she is now living; that she has no family record of the births deaths and marriages of her family. She signed her affidavit with her mark with her name being indicated as being "Catharine Triplett."]

[f p. 11: On January 22, 1855 in Culpeper County Virginia, William H Triplett made oath that he is the son and only surviving child of Peter Triplett, a revolutionary war pensioner; that his father's pension certificate has been lost and cannot be found.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm H Triplett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing April 6, 1818 for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing June 19, 1851.]

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Addendum to Peter H. Triplett W2706

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 20 April 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Triplett, Peter.]

Culpeper County towit September Court 1811

Peter Triplett came into Court and made oath that he served as a Soldier in the first Virginia State Regiment Commanded by Colonel George Gibson for the term of three years and that he has never had any land for the said Service nor authorized another person to receive the same.

Copy Teste Wm Broadus Jr [undeciphered]

Culpeper County towit October Court 1811

William Brown and Thomas Norman Came into Court and made oath that Peter Triplett inlisted and Served as a Soldier in the first Virginia State Regiment for two years under the Command of Captain Benjamin Roberts in the Corps Commanded by Colonel George Slaughter

Copy Teste Wm Broadus Jr [undeciphered]

Culpeper County towit September Court 1811

Peter Triplett came into court and made oath that he served as a soldier in the 1st Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colo. George Gibson for the term of three years and that he has never had any land for the said service nor authorized any other person to receive the same.

Copy Teste Wm Broadus Jr Ct. Cu

Culpeper County towit August Court 1812

William Broadus came into court and made oath that Peter Triplett served as a Soldier in the 1st Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colo. George Gibson for the term of three years

Copy Teste Wm. Broadus Jr Ct Cr

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Triplett, Peter.]

State of Virginia }
Rappahannock County } S.S.

On this 16th day of November 1834 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said county, personally appeared William Smith [S7548] aged seventy eight years and of good character for veracity, who being sworn; deposeth and saith that he enlisted into the Army of the United States in the fall of 1779 under Capt. Benjamin Roberts for the western service; and not long after, marched to the falls of Ohio river and joined George Rogers Clarke attached to Maj Slaughters battalion. That Peter Triplett enlisted under Maj Slaughter and marched to the falls of Ohio, that he said Triplett was a resident of Culpeper County where he lived when he enlisted. That they continued on foot, and in the field in various places on and about the Ohio river till the close of the year 1781 when their term of enlistment expired and they were discharged. That he remembers said Triplett perfectly during the whole term of service, and has known him since his return to Culpeper, and from information he believes that he is now living.

Given under my hand this day and date first above written Wm Walden

State of Virginia
Culpeper County

On this 23rd day of June 1835 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Peter Triplett of said county aged 81 years and upwards of good character for

veracity, who being sworn in due form of law makes the following declaration of his service in the Revolutionary War. That he enlisted under Capt Lee early in 1776 he thinks – this service was for two years, but towards the close of 1776 the troops had the choice given them of reenlisting in the Land service for three years. That he did so and continued in service till the close of 1779. That he was in the Battles at Monmouth and the taking of Stoney Point besides many skirmishes. That when he returned to culpeper about Christmas 1779 he reenlisted into the service under Capt Benjamin Roberts as a part of Major George Slaughters Battalion and marched with that company to the falls of Ohio and continued upon the western border untill hostilities ceased there and there was no further call for men. He was at the battle of Picaway plains [Piqua, 8 Aug 1780 or 10 Nov 1782] and occasional Brushes with scouting parties. That this was at least [part missing at bottom of page]

State of Virginia }
County of Spotsylvania }

On this 25th day of July 1835 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the said County, personally appeared James Ballard [S6584] of said county aged 71 years and upwards and of good character and standing who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted in the service about the close of 1779 say in the fall but does not recollect the month, under Capt Benjamin Roberts who was raising a Company for the western service and as a part of Slaughter's Battalion That Peter Triplett of the county of Culpeper enlisted in the same company. That they were marched to the falls of Ohio soon after. They remained there and occasionally being marched about in various directions (and sometimes affiant was carried long distance) That some skirmishing took place and battles at [undeciphered word] in which affiant was engaged, but he does not recollect that Triplett was nor to what extent Triplett was engaged in active service. That in December 1781 they were discharged having served two years. That he has lived not far from said Triplett ever since and saw and conversed with him on the subject of said service some year or two since and has no doubt that said Triplett is the identical person who is now applying for bounty land.

He is also convinced that William Smith and Thomas Norman [W26580] both of Culpeper who he understands are employed in establishing their claim are the two men [undeciphered] who were with him in the above described service.

Given under my hand this day and year first above written. [signature cut off at bottom of page]

To the Hon'ble John B. Floyd Gov'r of Virg'a.

Peter Triplett a Soldier of the Revolution shews: That he enlisted under Captain John Lee in 1775 and in the early part of the year 1781 his term expired. His service was in Virginia in the State line untill 1777 & [undeciphered] forward to the close of the year 1780 in the north in Col. George Gibsons regiment. He was with Gen'l Washington & in every battle with him after the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] until the two state regiments returned to Virginia. After March[?] 1781 or about it he reenlisted for the war in the Illinois Service & regiment & fought in the west under George Rogers Clark. He returned to Virginia at the close of the war. For his [undeciphered] service it appears that land bounty was drawn for him and in that he thinks he was wronged. For his last service he has had no land bounty. Your petitioner appeals to the [undeciphered] to prove what he says. He declares on Oath that he is the identical Peter Triplett who was with Clark [illegible] & that there was no other man or soldier of his name (Peter Triplett) but himself. His services are particularly set out in a [undeciphered] he asks your Excellency for the Land bounty [undeciphered] & he will ever pray
Peter hisXmark Triplett

1835 Aug 3 Rejected

15th March '50

Advised. He has been allowed all he was entitled to for his first term of service ending in 1780 and there is no proof of his subsequent enlistment and service in the Illinois regiment/ Approved J B Floyd

1850 Sept'r 17. Rejected

[[State pension files in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Triplett, Peter include powers of attorney dating from 20 Feb 1828 to 19 June 1843 for the purpose of drawing Triplett's allowance as an "Invalid Pensioner" of the state of Virginia.]