

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Tribble W27863

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State of Virginia }
County of Spotsylvania }

On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County court of Spotsylvania now sitting George Tribble a resident in and of the said County and said State aged seventy six 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 7 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain Vivian Minor of Caroline County and State of Virginia and served in the Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers. His enlistment was under said Minor in Colonel Richard Johnson Regiment (the number he does not now recollect [see note below]) as a minute man. Immediately after said enlistment he marched to Springfield below Williamsburg where he joined the battallion commanded by Major Andrew Buchanan. There he remained a short time and then marched to Hampton Virginia where he remained on duty until he was discharged by an act of the Virginia Assembly. From the time of his enlistment until said discharge he was in service nine months so well as he now recollects. He returned home and was shortly after drafted in the Virginia Militia under Captain William Taliaferro and marched down to Williamsburg and James Town. He served seven different tours at different times in the Virginia Militia during which period he was stationed at Port Royal Va. joined by Lafayettes army in Culpeper County Va and thence marched to Charlottesville and York Town That at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] he belonged to a detachment then reconitering the adjacent county of Gloucester to prevent the depredations of the enemy on the waters of the York and Rappahannoc [sic: Rappahannock River]. He was in but one engagement which was in the said County of Gloucester with a skirmishing party where four prisoners were taken by his party. He does not recollect the dates and several periods of his various services particularly but he states that with the said enlistment and his said tours he served from his enlistment in 1776 until the close of the War.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or annuity whatever except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] George Tribble

[The file includes an amended declaration dated 4 Feb 1833 that is identical to the above except that it gives Tribble's age as 75 and adds the following: "He was born in the County of Caroline Va in the year 1757. When called into service he was living in Caroline County and has since lived in Spotsylvania County. He has no record of his age. He was called into service as before set forth. He has received no discharge and he has now no original revolutionary papers. He recollects the officers before stated and Col Anthony Thornton, Col Philip Johnson. He is known in his neighbourhood to Thomas Minor, Charles Young, Col Robert Crutchfield, Rev Mr Billingsley & Charles O Young.

And he moreover deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his said service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For nine months I served as a minute man, and for Five years I served as a militia man [see note below] in all five years and nine months and for such service I claim a Pension. He has no witness whatever by whom he can prove his said services."

NOTES:

Tribble's first enlistment was apparently with the Caroline District Battalion. In Sep 1776 several companies were absorbed into the Third Minute Battalion. The usual tour for a militiaman was for three months each.

On 12 July 1853 Nancy Tribble, 82, resident of Richmond VA, applied for a pension

stating that as Nancy Bell she married George Tribble in Spotsylvania County on 29 Mar 1832, and he died 5 Sep 1842. The file includes a copy of the marriage return signed by John A. Billingsley.