

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Todd W3055
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State of Kentucky, Madison County} SS

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William Goodloe, Jacob S. White, & Joseph Turner – Justices of the County Court for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting, Joseph Todd a resident of said County aged seventy-four 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That in 1776 he went on a Campaign against the Cherokee Indians¹ from Rowan County in North Carolina that Robert Moore was his Captain, Myrick Davis Lieutenant & Joseph Cunningham Ensign, General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was commander, that they traversed the Indian Country, burnt their Towns & laid waste their cornfields – that they served in this Campaign about six months. That he again served a tour of duty in the militia, went from same County, Rowan, in the latter part of the year 1780 or beginning of the year 1781 – that during this Tour the detachment to which he belonged fell in with General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] at the Yadkin River in North Carolina, who was then retreating towards Virginia before Cornwallis after the war Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] with the British Prisoners – that he went on as one of the Guard of the Prisoners & conducted them into Virginia where we were met by the Virginia Militia who took charge of them. On this Tour Myrick Davis was his Captain – that he served on this Tour of about three months – that after his return he was again during 1781 frequently called out in scouting parties for short periods – that he is confident during the whole war he Served between nine & 12 months.

That he has no documentary evidence, by which he can prove his services, can prove them by Thomas Todd, has resided in Madison County about 35 years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Todd, X his mark

We Thomas Todd, Nathanael Simms & Will. Todd residents of Madison County Kentucky do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Joseph Todd who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration, that we believe him to be 74 years of age – that he is reputed & believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution & we concur in that opinion – the said Thomas Todd notes that he knows he was in the Revolution as stated in his declaration – the said Will. Todd

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

notes that he is his Brother & always understood he was a Revolutionary Soldier, and the said Simms has long known him & understood from his Father that he was a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Todd, X his mark

S/ Nathanl. Sims, X him mark

S/ William Todd

Handwritten signatures in cursive script. The first signature is clearly legible as 'William Todd'. The second signature is less legible but appears to be 'Nathanl. Sims'.

[p 8: On December 12, 1844 in Madison County Kentucky, Mary Todd, aged 84 as of November 12 last, made application for a widow's pension as the widow of Joseph Todd, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died December 30, 1842; that she married him in the month of May 1779 in Rowan County North Carolina; that she has not intermarried since the death of her husband; that the record of the births of her children is set down in a family Bible which has been taken to the state of Indiana and she is therefore unable to state the ages of her children from memory. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: marriage bond issued in Rowan County, NC to Lawrence Snap and Joseph Todd condition upon the marriage of said Joseph Todd to Mary Barry, dated May 3, 1779.]

[Veteran died December 30, 1842; Mary Barry born November 12, 1760; they had at least two sons, the eldest (unnamed in the file) was dead by 1861, and Benjamin born January 7, 1781.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]