

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Triplett W607

Sarah Triplett

f72VA¹

Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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War Department

Pension Office

February 21, 1828

Sir,

The documents which you lift here some time since in support of the claim of George Triplett have been examined. He states that he served under Captain Walter Brook² as a Lieutenant of Marines, and that he also belonged to Colonel George Gibson's Regiment. The former belonged to the Navy of the State of Virginia, and the latter commanded a Regiment of State Troops. As the Act of March 18, 1818, under which he claims, provides for those only who served in the Continental establishment, the service above mentioned cannot entitle him to a pension. The papers will remain on our files, according to the regulations observed in all rejected claims.³

I am, very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
S/ J. L. Edwards

Col. Joseph Watson,
Present

Mem: This decision has been reversed, by the recognition
of Col. Gibson's regiment as belonging to the Contl. Army-
See official letter to [illegible]

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department

17 March 1831

¹ Va. Half Pay; BLWt1766-200 Issued Sept. 5, 1831 to himself; BLWt18373-160-55 See N. A. Acc. No. 874 no. 050 175 Half Pay George Triplett

² Sic, [Walter Brooke R14](#)

³ I could not find any documents in this file relating to a claim made by George Triplett for a pension under the 1818 Act, nor did I see any documents in which he claimed service as a marine under Captain Walter Brooke, but see the supplemental material contributed by Joe B. O'Connor transcribed below and the documents in the Virginia State Library collection also transcribed below.

George Triplett of ___ in the County of Spencer in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he was an officer on the Continental line, and served as such until reduced under the resolve of the 3rd & 21st of October 1780 at which period he was a Lieutenant in Colonel Gibson's Regiment of the Virginia line; and that he never received the commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

Treasury department,
Third Auditors Office,
19th March 1831

It further appears that George Triplett is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been since the third March 1836.

The Revolutionary records in this office furnish no information whatever in relation to the services of George Triplett, as a Lieutenant, in the Virginia line.

S/ Peter Hagner, Auditor

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I certify that it appears from the list of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia that George Triplett was a Lieutenant in the State line, & a Warrant was issued in his name for 2666 2/3 acres

S/ [illegible signature]
13 Sept^{br} 1831

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By request, I hereby certify, that George Triplett was a Lieutenant in Colonel George Gibson's Regiment of the Revolutionary Army, & was in that Regiment till 1780 when I (a Captain in said Regiment) was promoted & left it; & have no doubt he continued with it to the end of the war, or retired, as Rucker,⁴ Broadus,⁵ & others did, who have been rewarded under the laws -- I understood, he removed to the Western Country after the end of the Revolution.

S/ John Nicholas,⁶ late Captain
& Lt. Col. Revolry Army

I Peter Foster⁷ a Lieutenant in the same above mentioned Regiment certify the above facts to be true within my own personal knowledge -- September 14th 1831

S/ Peter Foster

⁴ [Angus Rucker S19068](#)

⁵ sic, [William Broadus W8396](#)

⁶ [John Nicholas S46397](#)

⁷ [Peter Foster S46443](#)

By request, I hereby certify, that George Triplett was a Lieutenant in Col. George Gibson's Regt. of the Revolutionary Army, & was in that Regt. till 1780 when I (a Capt. in said Regt.) was promoted & left it; I have no doubt he continued with it to the end of the war, or retired, as Rankin, Broadus, & others did, who have been rewarded under the laws — I understood, he removed to the western Country after the end of the Revolution

Sept 2^d 13th 1834

J. M. Nicholas late Cap
of the Col. Revol. Army

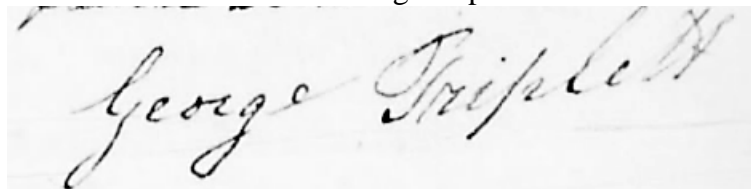
J. Peter Foster a Lieutenant in the same above mentioned Regt. certifies the above facts to be true within my own personal knowledge —
Sept. 14th 1831

J. Peter Foster

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For the purpose of obtaining the Benefits of an Act entitled an Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved the 15th of May 1828, I George Triplett of the County of Spencer and State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I was an officer in Colonel George Gibson's Battalion on State establishment and also on Continental establishment of the Army of the Revolution and served as such until I retired as a supernumerary officer on the 6th of February 1781 at which period is [sic, I] was a Lieutenant in the said Colonel George Gibson's Regiment of the Virginia line. I also declare that I did not afterwards receive a Certificate for a sum equal to five years pay which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of the half pay for life to which I was entitled under the Resolve of 21st of October 1780. And I further declare that I have not been at any time on the United States pension roll although I have several times applied for to be placed on said pension roll. That he makes the foregoing declaration before a Magistrate in the County of Bullett it being the most convenient to him and the same in which he has resided for many years until he has recently fallen within the limits of a new County (Spencer)

S/ George Triplett



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State of Kentucky Shelby County: Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County Major Elliott Rucker⁸ who being duly sworn saith that George Triplett was an officer of the first Virginia State Regiment afterwards transferred to the Virginia Continental line commanded by Colonel George Gibson and served in the said Regiment until a consolidation took place on the 6th of February 1781 under arrangements of the preceding year at which time he the said Triplett became a supernumerary or retiring officer being then at that time a Lieutenant of the said Regiment commanded by the said Colonel George Gibson⁹ and at the same time that he the said deponent, Angus Rucker, Churchill Gibbs,¹⁰ William Broadus & Charles Ewell¹¹ retired. He further states that on the seventh of May last he testified to seven affidavits before Esqr. Miller to wit for Colonel George Gibson, Lieutenant Colonel John Allison, Major Thomas Meriwether,¹² Captains Ewell, Holt, Hoffler,¹³ and Lieutenant Triplett that being at that time unable to write, his son Legrand Rucker by his deponent's direction and in his presence signed said deponent's name to all of those and that this affidavit and statement is given to remove any discrepancy which may appear in signatures and further he saith not. Sworn and subscribed before me this 27th of August 1831

S/ Elliott Rucker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elliott Rucker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ Geo. P. Miller, JP

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I George Triplett aged Seventy Eight years do upon oath testify and declare that I was a Lieutenant in Gibson's Regiment being the first Virginia State Regiment and transferred to Continental Establishment and served as such until a consolidation took place and I retired as a supernumerary officer, in the summer of 1780 or 1781 at which time I was a Lieutenant in the said Colonel Gibson's Regiment and that it has been represented to me that Angus Rucker retired at the same time has received remuneration for his services. I also do further its testify and declare that I have never received a warrant from the United States for the Bounty land due me nor have I ever assigned or transferred my right to the same. Therefore know all men by these presents that I George Triplett as aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Colonel Joseph Watson of Washington City my true and lawful attorney....

Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of April 1831

S/ George Triplett

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Kentucky Anderson

This day George Jordan¹⁴ before me and made oath that he was a soldier of the revolution

⁸ [Elliot \(Elliott, Eliot\) Rucker S46408](#)

⁹ [George Gibson BLWt1985-500](#)

¹⁰ [Churchill Gibbs S46002](#)

¹¹ [Charles Ewell W9432](#)

¹² [Thomas Meriwether BLWt1920-400](#)

¹³ [William Hoffler S38047](#)

¹⁴ [George Jordan S31176](#)

of America, and enlisted in Captain Thornton's Company in the third Virginia Regiment and enlisted in Culpeper County, and was well acquainted with John Triplett who has many sons, who entered into the Army in the revolution and he knows and believes, and it was so acknowledged by all that Major Hedgeman Triplett,¹⁵ William Triplett, Roger Triplett, was an officer in the Revolution serving to its end and close, from his being an Officer and serving in a different Regiment. I saw him but had no particular acquaintance, but that he was acknowledged and received as an Officer on Continental establishment.

Given under my hand and seal as a Justice of the peace for Anderson County this 23rd of February 1832.

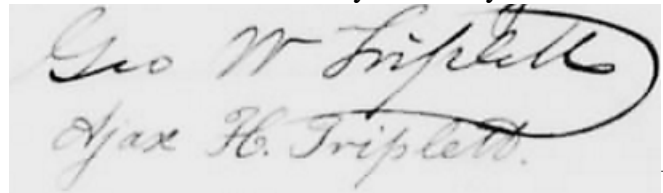
S/ John G. Jordan, JPAC

[p 15: Sarah Triplett of Daviess County Kentucky certified that she was the widow of George Triplett late of Spencer County Kentucky a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$320 per annum for his services in Colonel George Gibson's Regiment of the Virginia State line; that her husband died in the month of September 1833 leaving no will and but one child, Ajax H. Triplett now of Daviess County Kentucky and that she is the administratrix of her deceased husband's estate. This affidavit is dated December 17, 1849. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 19: On March 16, 1853 in Daviess County Kentucky, Sarah Triplett, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of George Triplett; that she married him in April 1816 in Springfield, Washington County Kentucky; that her husband died on September 5th, 1833; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 22: marriage bond dated April 17, 1816, issued in Washington County Kentucky to George Triplett and Wesley Birkhead, bondsmen, to secure the marriage of Triplett to Sarah Birkhead.]

[p 24: On April 11, 1855 in Daviess County Kentucky, Sarah Triplett, 74, filed a claim as the widow of George Triplett; in this document she states that her husband "was a Lieutenant and quartermaster in the company commanded by Captain John Green in the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry and also in the Regiment of Virginia State Line commanded by Colonel George Gibson; that he enlisted at Culpepper County Virginia in 1775 or 76 and served for five years and was honorably discharged in 1783; that she married him in April 1816; that they were married by John Pirtle [?], a minister of the gospel; that her name before her marriage was Sarah Birkhead; that her husband died in Spencer County Kentucky September 5, 1833; and that she remains his widow. This claim was made to obtain her bounty land entitlement as the widow of George Triplett. She signed this document with her mark. Her execution of the document was witnessed by Ajax H Triplett and George W Triplett, both residents of Daviess County Kentucky.



Geo W Triplett
Ajax H. Triplett.

¹⁵ [Hedgeman Triplett S11572](#)

[p 27: A fragment of a document reads as follows :

Made a part of the declaration

Geo. H. Yearman, DIDCC

He enlisted in the service of the United States, in the revolutionary war in September 1775, under Captain John Green in the 1st Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry and served until 1776, when he was appointed Lieutenant in the Marines service and afterwards changed to the land service as Lieutenant, and served as such during the war and Colonel George Gibson's Regiment, Mecklenburg Brigade, and that his commission has been lost, or mislaid. He was in the battles of White Marsh [December 5-8, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], & Stony Point [July 16, 1779]

[the fragment ends. It is not clear what document this fragment belongs.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum under the act of May 15, 1828. Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$339.40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 and ending when he died on September 15, 1833. The amount of his pension was based on 21 months service as a Lieutenant and 3 months service as a Lieutenant & Quarter Master. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$339.40 per annum commencing February 3, 1853 for her husband's service as a Lieutenant and Quarter Master in the Virginia line.]

Additional Information: Transcribed and provided by Joe B. O'Connor

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Shelby County, Kentucky
County Court Clerk's Office

Order Book
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August County Court 1821

Be it remembered that on this 20th day of August 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record & George Triplett and made oath to the following as an additional declaration or account to his declaration dated September 24th 1819 and his amended one dated 4th day of March 1820 that he served as a Lieutenant of Marines in the Company of marines commanded by Captain John Lee that as a marine officer he served on board of the sloop of war *Liberty* which was commanded by Capt. or Lieut. Walter Brooks [Captain Walter Brooke] what his rank was he does not know but he said Brooks was the commanding officer of the sloop of war *Liberty*, that the said vessel was in the Continental Service and during the time he served on board which was from the month of February or March 1796 [sic 1776] to the month of February or March 1797 [sic 1777] when he received an appointment as Lieutenant in the Regiment of Infantry Commanded by Colonel George Gibson & in February or

March 1777 and served in that Regiment until about July 1780 when the Regiment was recognised [sic reorganized] and he from that to the close of the war continued and was considered as a supernumerary officer he further states that he has always understood and believes that the Regiment of Infantry to which he was attached did continue as a regiment until the discharge of the troops at the close of the war &c &c

Major Elliott Rucker also appeared in open court and made oath that he is well acquainted with George Triplett who signs and has made the foregoing additional declaration that he was well acquainted with him during the revolutionary war that he has a perfect recollection that in the month of February or early in March 1777 when he the said George Triplett was appointed a Lieutenant in the regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson he has a perfect recollection of his continuing in that regiment as a Lieutenant for and until some time in the year 1780 he the said Elliott Rucker further states that he served in that regiment with George Triplett until the year 1780 and that he himself was in the reorganization of the Regiment continued in command in said Regiment as a Lieutenant and continued in the said Regiment until the close of the war and that he considered the regiment to be in the Continental establishment and line from that time they joined the grand army in October 1777 in Pennsylvania until the close of the war and that the Regiment under Colonel George Gibson was with the grand army from the year 1777 until the close of the war except part of said Regiment was sent to the South under General Greene

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia: 3 files](#)] Added by Will Graves

Petition for additional bounty land.

George Triplett – Lieutenant State line.

George Triplett was Lieutenant of Marines early in 1776 (see his own statement, and the Return of the 1st Virginia Regiment to the Richmond Board of Officers in 1782.) In January 1777 he was Lieutenant of Infantry in the 1st Virginia Regiment. In 1782, he was reported as belonging to that Regiment, & supernumerary. (See Return of 1st Virginia Regiment in 1st Auditors Office.)

The Return of the 1st Virginia Regiment, above referred to, and the statement of George Triplett, are all the evidence, which has been offered, or relied upon by the Petitioner.

In April 1783 George Triplett received 2266 2/3 acres of land, for a service, as Lieutenant of three years. He appears to be entitled to additional bounty –

If your Excellency should allow additional bounty land; it should be allowed for a service, as Lieutenant, from the early part of 1776 to the end of the war – deducting from the said allowance, the 2666 2/3 acres already received.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Comr. &c.

To his Excellency

To the governor & Council of the State of Virginia your petitioner George Triplett of Spencer County Kentucky respectfully represents, that he enlisted in the Company of Captain Green in 1775 & served one year, when he was made a Lieutenant in the State Navy where he served until

he was appointed a Lieutenant in Colonel Gibson's Regiment, and served as will be specified in the report of the Honorable John S. Barber, was put on the pay roll at the treasury department of the United States & received his half pay agreeable to Law & is advised & believes he is entitled to additional bounty land therefore prays the same.

S/ Thomas Triplett, atto [attorney] for
George Triplett his uncle

*Thomas Triplett atto for
George Triplett his uncle*

Know all men by these presents that I George Triplett of the County of Spencer and State of Kentucky late a Lieutenant in the first Virginia Regiment during the revolution do by these presents nominate constitute and appoint David Briggs Esquire of the city of Richmond my true & lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name to demand of the Governor & Council of State of Virginia all additional warrants due me for military bounty land, as a Lieutenant in said Regiment, also to file and transfer of the same, and pay the proceeds over to my nephew Thomas Triplett of the town of Frankfort Kentucky for me & my benefit hereby ratifying and confirming all my said attorney may do in the premises.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 15th July 1833

S/ George Triplett {Seal}

George Triplett (Seal)

Witness

S/ Thomas Triplett

S/ Ajax H. Triplett

Thomas Triplett
Ajax H. Triplett

Report of D. Briggs Esquire, Richmond, Virginia

Brief of George Triplett's case

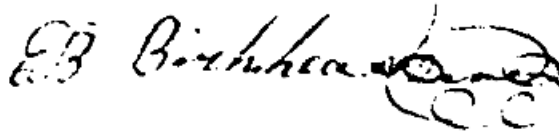
George Triplett entered the Army 1775 as a Soldier in Captain Green's Company & served one year & then the merene [Marine] Coar [Corps] & served until the date of his Commission in Gibson's Regiment & then to the end of the war - has received from Virginia 2666 2/3 acres of land & the United States 200 acres. It is now contended he is entitled to 1366 2/3 acres additional bounty land, & 2666 2/3 acres as a merene Officer which is respectfully asked

State of Kentucky Spencer County } to wit

The affidavit of Eleazer B. Birkhead taken before Thomas Herman Esquire as Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid.

This Affiant being first duly sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with George Triplett Deceased in his lifetime, and had been for many years prior to his death, that the said George Triplett departed this life in the month of September 1833, that he left his widow Sarah Triplett, and the following named child to wit one son named Ajax Hedgeman Triplett a youth about sixteen years of age, this Affiant states that the above named heir is all and the only surviving heir of the said George Triplett Deceased who is said to have been an Officer in the Army of the Revolutionary War. Subscribed and sworn to this 27th day of January 1834.

S/ E. B. Birkhead {Seal}



State of Kentucky Bullet County } Sct.

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for & in the County George Triplett a Revolutionary Officer, who being duly sworn says that he Enlisted in the month of September 1775 for the Period of one year under Captain John Green of Culpeper County Virginia, in 1st Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry, and Early in the year 1776 he was appointed a Lieutenant of Marines attached to the Sloop *Liberty* Commanded by Captain Walter Brook and continued with the said Brook until the year 1777 when he was incorporated as a Subaltern officer in the 1st Virginia State Regiment Commanded by Colonel George Gibson the said Brook he left in Command, and further he sayeth not

S/ George Triplett

Sworn and Subscribed

I hereby certify that this is a copy of a manuscript in the Virginia State Library

S/ Archivist

State of Kentucky Shelby County SS }

Personally appeared before me the Undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Major Elliott Rucker who being duly sworn saith that George Triplett Enlisted early in the month of September 1775 for the period of one year in the company commanded by Captain John Green of the 1st Regiment State Regiment of which company him the said deponent belonged, that both Triplett and him deponent were transferred or placed on board a vessel of War of the State Navy commanded by Walter Brooke. That the said Triplett was afterwards appointed an officer in the 1st Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson and served as such until the Reduction of said Regiment at which time the said Triplett retired as a supernumerary officer being at the time of his retiring a Lieutenant, he says that the said Triplett was ever in the said service from the period of his enlistment in September 1775 until the time of his retiring as a supernumerary. That him and the said Triplett were intimate – that the said Triplett is now living or was when last heard from in a neighboring County in said State and further he sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of June 1834

S/ [illegible signature]

S/ E. Rucker

The Petition of George Triplett Respectfully states.

That he entered the service of his Country in the Revolution early in September 1775 the Virginia State Line & Continued therein until the end of the War. He has received 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres due him as a Lieutenant and has received his Commutation pay by special act of assembly, which was given only to those who served to the end of the War in actual service or being supernumerary –

The affidavit of Captain Rucker will corroborate this state.

Two years additional Bounty is respectfully asked

S/ Geo. Triplett

By his atto. In fact

S/ Thos. Green

Geo. Triplett
by his atto in fact
Thos. Green

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Addendum to George Triplett W607

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 21 April 2022.

[The following is from Virginia Half-Pay records on fold3.com. The file includes a power of attorney to Stephen F. J. Trabue signed by Sarah Triplett with her X on 24 August 1844.]

Near Owensboro Daviess co. Ky.

February 2nd 1854.

Sir In consequence of fraud having been practiced, I hereby give notice to the Department of War, that I have revoked all powers of Attorney given by me up to this date, held by any person, or persons, for the prosecuting and obtaining claims in my name against the General Government, either in my personal right as the widow, or by right as the administratrix of the late lieutenant George Triplett deceased, an officer in the Revolutionary War.

To the Hon Secretary of War

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Serv't
Sarah Triplett