

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Trasee (Tracey) W6307

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Westmoreland County State of Virginia 25<sup>th</sup> May 1818

William Trasee aged fifty two years old Declares on Oath that in 1780 at Northumberland Court house in March that year was marched to chesterfield Courthouse and there joined the Troops at Head Quarters under the command or direction of General Steuband [sic: Baron von Steuben] James Crane Capt. and serv'd the Tower of 18 Months – but in the Time I was taken Prisoner at the point of Fork [at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers, 6 Jun 1781] and after an exchange of prisoners I joind General Washingtons army before the Seage of York [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and after the seage I Returned home and am now poor & needy [signed] Wm Trasee

[Thomas Douglass (pension application W9885) stated that "John Tracey the father of William Tracey was drafted in the year 1780 for eighteen months in the Continental service in the Revolutionary war, and that William Tracey took the place of his father...." William Hale (S37982) also certified Trasee's service.]

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On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record agreeab[ly] to the Laws of the state of Virginia William Tracey aged abo[ut] 56 years resident in the County of Westmoreland in said state who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. In the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded 1<sup>st</sup> by Colo. Thomas Gaskins & 2<sup>ly</sup> by Colo. Febeecer [sic: Christian Febiger] in a Company first commanded by Capt. Kilpatrick [possibly Abraham Kirkpatrick] & 2<sup>ndly</sup> by Capt'n. Scott or Crane and was taken prisoner and exchanged at old Jamestown, and was afterwards at the siege of York in Virginia, as will more fully appear by a reference to the original declaration filed in the war office, dated the Twenty fifty day of May 1818 on which a pension Certificate was granted the fifth day of November 1819 number 15.737. and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. no Estate either real or personally/ Bed & clothing excepted.

Himself aged about 56 years (occupation an overseer on a small Farm, very infirm being Crippled in on of his knees Scarcely able to follow his calling. no wife or children.

Signed by Wm Trasee

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: William Tracey, age 16, height 5' 4¼", light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, farmer, born and residing in Northumberland County where he was drafted for 18 months in Sep 1780.

On 15 Nov 1853 "Lucy Traycey," 66, of Richmond County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married William Tracey on 13 Mar 1834, and he died 15 Oct 1843. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 15 Mar 1834 by William Trasey and William Gilbert for the marriage of the former to Lucy Tucker, both of Richmond County. On 26 Sep 1856 the marriage was certified by Benjamin Tucker. On 22

May 1857 Lucy Tracey's age was stated as 70 years. On 2 Sep 1867 Harriet Tucker, 43, only child and heir of Lucy Tracey, applied for the pension that had been suspended during the Civil War up to the death of Lucy Tracey on 3 July 1865.