

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Triplett¹ W6308

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State of Virginia Culpeper County: SS

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Culpeper County, now sitting, Daniel Triplett a resident of Culpeper County in the State of Virginia, aged sixty-nine 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 and served as herein stated. That he entered the service as a volunteer in the Militia service the 1st day of May 1781 in the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Elijah Kirtly [Elijah Kirtley] of said County, whose command consisted of drafts from the Militia, that he was under age and was desirous to entered the service being under sixteen years of age, which he did in opposition of his Father, he having at that time five sons in the Army – that the Companies for the County of Culpeper rendezvoused at Culpepper Court House and marched under the command of Colonel John Thornton who commanded the Regiment to Dandridge old fields, and joined the Brigade under the command of General Edward Stevens, which place was a few miles from Richmond Virginia, and that he continued in the service until the troops, [indecipherable word interlineations] which he first volunteered was discharged When he again volunteered in the Company of Captain Wood of the Militia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Allcock of the militia, and continued to serve with the same until they were discharged, when he again volunteered in a company of militia under the command of Captain Armistead White from the County of Culpeper, and was detached under a Lieutenant Alphius Bell of the Militia to guard some Military storandes at the ferry near old James Town, which service prevented him from being at the siege of Cornwallis at York Town after the surrender of the British Army at that place he, with the commander which was stationed near James Town joined the Army on their march to Winchester and that he received his discharge at that place, that he was an orderly Sergeant. Shortly after entering the service, and so continued until he was discharged in Captain Armistead White's Company, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Graves, in Stevens' Brigade. That he served from the 1st of May 1781 to the time of his discharge at Winchester sometime in the month of December 1781, that he served at least seven months – that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service, that there are several persons living in his neighborhood by whom he can prove his being in the service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

¹ BLWt26221-160-55

S/ F. F. Lightfoot, CC

S/ Daniel Triplett

I George Corbin² resident in the County of Culpeper Virginia hereby certify that I have known Daniel Triplett who subscribed the above Declaration ever since the Revolutionary war, and knew him well whilst he was in the service near Richmond, and under the command of General Edward Stevens, and another Tour afterwards in the spring of 1781 – And also that during the time of his being in service he acted as orderly Sergeant. That his character for veracity is unimpeached, so far as I ever understood, and he is entitled to credit in what he has stated.

S/ George Corbin

I William Jorden³ resident of the County of Culpeper Virginia hereby certify that I knew Daniel Triplett who subscribed the foregoing Declaration, whilst a soldier, in the Revolutionary war and knows that he served a Tour of duty, I think three months in what was called the running Tour, starting from the Raccoon Ford Culpeper County and marching occasionally in different directions. The Marquis retreated in the year 1781 that his character for veracity is unimpeached so far as I ever understood and that he is entitled to credit, in what he has stated.

S/ William Jorden

I Julius Hunt⁴ a resident in the County of Culpeper, hereby certify that I knew Daniel Triplett who subscribed the foregoing Declaration and well know, that he belonged to the troops that marched the British prisoners from York to Winchester, and was then discharged in the year 1781, That his character for veracity is unimpeached as far as I ever understood, and that he is entitled to Credit, in what he states.

S/ Julius Hunt

And the Court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant he being under oath, and which he answered as is hereinafter recorded viz.:

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer In the County of Culpeper Virginia on the 15th of October 1763

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have none, but the record in my Family Bible

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in Culpeper Virginia when I entered the Army and have lived there ever since.

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered in the service as stated in my Declaration

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have stated the names of many officers in my declaration and to that I refer to the circumstances of my service.

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given

² FPA W1237

³ William Jordon FPA S5620

⁴ FPA W3819

and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received a written Discharge; but was dismissed by Regiment &c &c
Question Did you ever receive a Commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

Answer I never had a Commission.

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer I would [indecipherable word] Doct. A. Hawes, Doct. Philip Thornton, Col David Jameson, and my name others – The Court I hope need not inquire further [indecipherable word] satisfaction as to my character &c &c

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Virginia Culpeper County: SS

On this 29th day of September 1832 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Daniel Triplett of said County & State who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that (in his declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 made in open Court on the 13th of August 1832) he did not state positively the time he commenced acting as orderly Sergeant because he could not recollect the precise day on which he got the appointment; that he cannot yet so recollect but that he knows that he acted of the whole time of his service at least 6 1/2 months in that capacity, as he got the appointment at Raccoon Ford which was 10 days or a fortnight at most after he joined the Army in May 1781.

Given under my hand & seal the day and year first above written
S/ Armistead Brown, JP

[f p. 19: On January eight, 1847 in Augusta County Virginia, Susannah Triplett, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Daniel Triplett, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him February three, 1791; that her husband died September 27, 1845.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susannah Triplett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There is a small mark to the left of the first letter 'S' and a vertical line to the right of the signature.

[f p. 14: On March 31, 1855 in Warren County Virginia, the widow, then 81 years old filed for her bounty land entitlement and states that her name prior to her marriage was Susannah Botts [could be Susannah Batts]; that her husband died in Shenandoah County Virginia September 27, 1845. She signed her application with her mark.]

[[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.16 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831 for service as a private for seven months in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]