

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert True W9526

Nancy

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State of Indiana Jefferson County: Sct.

On this 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Judge of the Jefferson Probate Court in the State aforesaid now sitting Robert True a resident of the same County & State aged 74 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 on the 7th day of June 1832.

That he was born in the year 1758 in the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia: That he enlisted and took the bounty in his native County in the month of October (at the beginning of the month) 1776: marched from thence to Williamsburg, where he arrived in the beginning of November: Thence to Hampton Roads where the troops were stationed to prevent the landing of the enemy: That he remained in the service at Williamsburg from the first of November as above mentioned until the middle of March 1777: Thence marched with the Army to Hampton as aforesaid, where he remained in the Service until the month of October 1777. Thence having been discharged he returned home. That the above term of service amounted to one year, and that he served during all the time as a private Soldier under the command of Captain Francis Taliaferro, Lieutenant John Wigglesworth and Colonel Thomas Towles; He would further state that during the above Service he was of the Minute Men. That he volunteered in the beginning of March 1778 in his native County under the command of Captain John Craig and Lieutenant Nathaniel Saunders: marched under those officers to Williamsburg and was there and at the Deep Spring Camp until he returned home (having been discharged) in the latter part of the month of June following: That this term of service amounted to three months; and that during the same he served in the capacity of a common soldier: was in the beginning of the month of July 1778 called out as a common soldier by the Colonel of his native County (Colonel Joseph Brock) and sent under command of Captain John Herndon to whose Company he belonged, to Fredericksburg, where he remained and acted as a private member of the Magazine Guard from the time above mentioned (July 1778) until sometime in July 1781 and drew soldiers pay and rations: That he volunteered and set out about the first of August 1781 to Yorktown and was there in the Service until the surrender of Cornwallis: That during this last mentioned term of service he was under the command of General Stevens [Edward Stephens], Colonel Meriwether [Thomas Meriwether], and Major Hardeman and Captain Thomas Clayton. That while at Fredericksburg attached to the Magazine Guard he was commanded by Ensign Jesse Haydon; drew his rations from Commissary Colonel Richard Young. That during this third tour he served a few days more than three months. He would further state that he was in the engagement at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered [October 19th, 1781]: That he served in all four years and six months as a private Soldier. That he has no

documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert True, X his mark

[James Glover, a clergyman, and John Lott gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 8: On November 21, 1838, in Clark County Indiana, Nancy True, 77-8 years old, a resident of Clark County Indiana filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert True late of Jefferson County Indiana; that she married him February 1777; that her husband died August 7, 1833; that she was married to him prior to the completion of his service. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 13: On November 25, 1739 in Clark County Indiana, Mary Ann West gave testimony that the family record was cut from her Bible in her presence; that the entries were mostly made by the Reverend Mr. Collins at the request of the affiant's husband James West in the fall of 1829; that the date of her birth as stated in that record was taken from the original from her father's family record which was lost many years since.

Family Record:

James West, born 1773 12th August, James West deceased August the 16th, 1833

Mary Ann True Born 1778, July 12th

They were married October 11th 1795

Issue born of them

John West born June 29th A.D. 1796, John West deceased August the 30, 1833

Daniel West, Born December 3rd 1797

Nancy West, born January 17th A.D. 1799

Susana West Born August 20th A.D. 1800, died May 12th 1833

Lucy West, Born March 12th A.D. 1802

Juda West born March 12th 1804

William Wesley West, born November 27th 1806

James Triplet West, Born September 21st, 1809

Jessa West, born March 30th 1811, died September 21st, 1822

Robert Arnet West born May 20th, 1813

Polly West, Born July 24th 1815, died July 30th 1826

Benjamin West, born December 9th, 1817, died January 3rd 1818

Joseph Smith West, born June 4th, 1820

a Daughter still in born May 5th 1822]

[facts in file: Veteran married February 17, 1777, Nancy Crookshank; they were married in the Protestant church of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County Virginia; the widow, Nancy True resided at the home of her son-in-law, Edwin Y at ever since the death of her husband; the name of the wife of this son-in-law is not stated; the widow, Nancy True, died June 27, 1842 survived by six children. The children of the veteran and his wife were as follows:

Mary Ann True born July 12, 1779

Ezekiel born April 26, 1780 – died in December 1832

John born June 19, 1784

Lucy born May 16, 1786 – died in September 1832
Robert born April 12, 1788
James born May 13, 1790
Nancy born June 20, 1792
Elizabeth born December 20, 1794, died in August 1833
Phebe born June 29, 1796]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing August 7th, 1833.]