

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Trusler W9528

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State of Indiana Franklin County: SS

On this 17th day of October in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Franklin County Circuit Court now in session James Trusler a resident of the County of Franklin and State of Indiana aged seventy-seven years the 7th day of last November, 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 and served as herein stated. The last of June A.D. 1780 he was drafted for six months and served under General Stevens [Edward Stevens], Colonel Smith, Agelent Morris [Adjutant Morris?], Captain Ezeriah Martin [Azariah Martin?] (other company officers names forgotten,. He left the service the 24th of January 1781 after serving faithfully for six months and twenty-four days at least but this applicant is of the impression that it was about the same time in the month of June 1780 when he entered the service as it was in the month of January 1781 when he left the same which would make it seven months. He was only under one engagement, he yet continued to serve over his term of six months as above stated. At the time of his entering the service he resided in Amherst County Virginia and continued to reside there until the close of the War. This affiant was drafted. He was in no Battle. He marched from Amherst Court house to a place called the Oaks from thence he marched to Bedford Court-house from thence to Hillsboro, from thence to Pedee, thence he returned home on furlough under the following regulations of the commandant of his company (to wit) he was under the necessity of marching a distance of 25 miles from his residence to Amherst court-house once every week during his stay at Amherst County on furlough which was from about the first of September until the last of the month, but all of this time he may be said to have been on hard service for he marched regularly once a week as above stated with his knapsack and two days provisions, when he was again ordered to Hillsboro North Carolina from thence he marched to Guilford Court house NC from thence he marched to Guilford Court-house NC from thence to Charlotte from thence to Salisbury where he was attacked with a violent fit of the Camp Fever and entered the Hospital at that place on Christmas day and remained there until 24th day of January 1781 when the Physician reported him no longer fit for service and he was regularly discharged by a Colonel whose name he now has forgotten who was authorized to discharge invalids. The discharge he kept until the year 1812 when he was informed that the government would pay those soldiers who had not received their back pay from the US for Revolutionary services and he sent his discharge to a gentleman by the name of Irwin at Springfield Pennsylvania and he has never returned it to him & he presumes that it is lost. This affiant well remembers General Lee's Company of Horse who served some part of the time with

this applicant. He thinks also that a militia company commanded by Captain John Graves was serving in conjunction with his own – He well remembers General Greene, General Gates, General Lee, & Major Stubblefield. He has no documentary or written evidence, and he knows of no person living who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & 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 John, Clerk

S/ James Trusler, X his mark

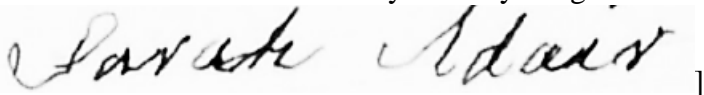
[Thomas Manwaring, a clergyman, and R. P. Barwick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to the Questions prescribed by the War Department which answers were made in open court. Answer to 1st Question. I was born in Amherst County on the 7th day of November 1755. Answer to 2nd Question. I have no record of my age and only speak from what my parents have told me. Answer to 3rd Question When I entered the service I was residing in Amherst County Virginia and continued to reside there until the close of the war since then I have resided in Washington County Virginia. In the year 1810, I removed to Franklin County Indiana where I now reside. Answer to 4th Question. I was drafted. Answer to 5th Question, I can recollect the names of General Greene, General Gates, General Lee & Major Stubblefield. I was personally acquainted with them all. I well recollect the company of Horse called "Lee's horse" and a company commanded by Captain John Graves who served in conjunction with the company to which I belonged. The general circumstances of my service are stated within. Answer to 6th Question. I received a written discharge at the Hospital as before stated. I presume it is now lost. The name of the Colonel who signed the same I have forgotten. Answer to 7th Question. Esquire Honorable Amos Lane member of Congress from this district, Honorable Johnathan McCarty member of Congress, Judge Mount, Richard Tyner and all who know me. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Trusler, X his mark

[f p. 9: On August 23, 1851 in Franklin County Indiana, Susanna Trusler, a resident of Blooming Growth Township in Franklin County, aged 96, filed for her widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of James Trusler; that she married him in 1776; that her husband died September 5, 1844 and that she remains his widow; that she was married in Augusta County Virginia. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 12: On September 18, 1851 in Franklin County Indiana, Sarah Adair, 69 in August 1851 gave testimony that she is the daughter of the veteran and his wife; that she was born in the state of Virginia in August 1782; that she had two older siblings and eight younger siblings all of whom were raised to maturity except their first child who died young; that her parents were married before the fourth of July 1776 by a regular Minister of the gospel



Sarah Adair ]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for six months in the Virginia militia. Widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing September 5th, 1844.]