

PENSION APPLICATION OF WILLIAM TRIMBLE

12 Oct 1833

Pulaski Co., Kentucky

On this 12th day of October in this year 1833 personally appeared before Simon Weaver, an acting Justice of the Peace for Pulaski County, and a member of the Pulaski County Court in the state aforesaid, said court being a Court of Record established by the Constitution and laws of the State of Kentucky, William Trimble, a resident of said county and state of Kentucky aged about seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath state, in consequence of his bodily infirmity he is unable to attend or appear in, and before the Pulaski County Court not having been able to leave his residence or room for a considerable time past owing to his infirm state of health aforesaid, and the said William Trimble on his oath makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832,

That he volunteered in the Army of the United States in the month of September in the year 1777 in the county of Augusta and State of Virginia with Captain Joseph Patterson, commanded by Col. Dickinson, in the Brigade of General Hann, to serve a tour of duty of three months during the Revolutionary War against the Indians hostile at that time, was Marched from Stanton¹ through Greenbrier² to the Point³ on the Ohio River, and there remained or was stationed until the expiration of three months and was then discharged by said General Hann, and returned home to my said residence in the County of Augusta.

¹ Staunton

² Greenbriar County

³ Point Pleasant, in what is now West Virginia

Afterward to the best of this applicants, William Trimble, recollection in the month of September in the year 1779 he served a tour of duty of three months as a substitute in the room of his brother James Trimble, who was drafted to serve for three months against the hostile Indians to wit the Tuschaway⁴ Tribe of Indians, marching from the town of Stanton in said County of Augusta and State of Virginia, under Captain William Henderson commanded by Col. William Boyer and in the brigade of Genl. McIntosh, to the town of said tribe of Indians called at that time the Tuscahaway Towns, crossing the Ohio River at McIntosh's Fort or Garrison, from thence to said Indian Towns, at which place the said Gen. McIntosh concluded or made a treaty with said Indians in the month of December, or January following to the best of his, the said William Trimble's, recollection. When he was discharged having served out his tour and then returned home to his residence in the said County of Augusta and State of Va.

Afterwards, the said William Trimble sites, in the month of December, in the year 1780, he was drafted to serve and perform a tour of military duty in the service of the United States against the British. The company commanded by Capt. James Trimble, in the Reg. of Col. Sampson Matthews, was marched from the town of Stanton⁵ in County of Augusta, to Fredericksburg- remaining there two or three days from thence to Gerico,⁶ near the sea shore, marched through the now city of Richmond thence through Petersburg from thence to Gerico where the troops were stationed and remained till the expiration of the three months, the time for which he was drafted to serve as aforesaid, and was there discharged or dismissed from further service, and again returned home to his residence in the county of Augusta and State of Virginia.

⁴ Tuscaroras

⁵ Staunton

⁶ Jerico

Afterwards, to the best of his the said Wm. Trimble's recollection in the month of July, in the year 1781 or 82, he volunteered in the said County of Augusta, Va. to serve a tour of duty of three months in the service of the United States against Great Britain in the mounted Rifle Company commanded by Capt. James Trimble, marched upwards of 200 miles in a direction towards New York.⁷ The said Wm. Trimble states that the company of troops to which he belonged during his servitude was frequently visited by Col. Dick belonging to the regular service or army of the United States, and continued in said mounted company twenty days.

I was then discharged, but the time or place he cannot now precisely recollect, he being at that time very young, and it being a long time since, but to the best of his recollection it was about two months before the surrender of Cornwallis and then returned home to his place of residence above mentioned in Augusta County Virginia, receiving a discharge for a tour of three month, in consequence of his having equipped himself as aforesaid by furnishing himself a horse etc. The said William Trimble states he has no documentary evidence having lost or mislaid his several discharges for his services as above mentioned, and knows of no person or persons by whom he can establish his service, or who has a personal knowledge of them. But states the above named services were performed by him with embodied corps called into service, as he as the time understood, and still believes by competent authority, and for the times which all his said service as mentioned were performed and performing he was not employed in any civil pursuit. And 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.

⁷ This would have gotten them to the vicinity of Baltimore

Answer to interrogatories put to him as prescribed by the War Department, to wit:

Answer to 1st interrogatory he the said William Trimble states on his oath that he was born in the County of Augusta and State of Virginia, the day month nor year not recollecting having no record of his age, but supposes it was in the year 1760 as he was put on the muster roll at the age of 16 years of age and that he had been on the muster roll to the best of his recollection one year previous to his volunteering to perform the first tour of duty as in his declaration states.

Answer to 3rd interrogatory (the 2nd having been answered in the first to the record of his age) he states on oath that he was living at the time of volunteering to perform the 1st tour of duty as in his declaration states in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia, in which county he was born and which said County of Augusta he continued to and did live in during the Revolutionary War, except the time he was absent therefrom the service of the United States.

To 4th interrogatory he states he volunteered to perform his 1st tour of duty. Substituted in the place of his brother James Trimble the 2nd . And then was drafted when he performed his 3rd . tour of duty and volunteered to perform the 4th tour, all of which appear in his annexed declaration.

To 5th interrogatory, he the said William Trimble here again states, that Col. Dick of the regular Army frequently visited the army or troops to which he belonged during his service, but being very young cannot recollect or state the regiment, he being kept out reconnoitering and he states that he has no recollection at this time of ever having seen the main or regular army during his service more than one time.

To 6th interrogatory, I received discharges for the several tours performed by me as in my declaration mentioned, but have lost or so mislaid them that I cannot find them.

To the 7th interrogatory, He states he is known to Robert Gilmore and Christley Tarter of Pulaski County, and residing in his present neighborhood, by whom he can prove his character for veracity and their belief of this service as a soldier of the Revolution, he further states that there is no clergyman at this time residing in Pulaski County immediately in his said Trimble's neighborhood.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Signed William Trimble

Robert Gilmore and Christley Tarter residing in Pulaski County and vicinity of William Trimble hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Trimble who has subscribed, and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be about 71 years old as stated by him and that he is reputed and believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the Revolution

Sworn before a Justice of the Peace

Signed: Christley Tarter & Robt. Gilmore