Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Tracy S36830

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District of Kentucky Sct.

On this 27 day of October 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for said district – Personally appeared Solomon Tracy aged 60 years resident in Madison County Kentucky who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War – that he the said Solomon Tracy enlisted in Halifax County Virginia in the year 1781 (in the month of February) for one year and six months in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Bowyer in Colonel Campbell's Regiment and afterwards said Regiment was commanded by Colonel Haws [Samuel Hawes] of the Virginia Continental line and that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the fall of 1782 at which time he was honorably discharged by said Captain Bowyer in Salisbury North Carolina – and that he was in the battles of Guilford [Guilford Court House March 15, 1781], Camden [probably the battle known as the battle of Hobkirk Hill or the second battle of Camden, April 25, 1781] and the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – and that he has received one hundred acres of land from Richmond Virginia for said Service and that he is in reduced circumstances in life and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support -Sworn to before me this day &c - I Benjamin Mills Judge &c as above do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the above named Solomon Tracy did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the above declaration against the common Enemy for nine months on the Continental Establishment and that from evidence now adduced it appears to my satisfaction that the Applicant is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support. Given under my hand the date first aforesaid.

S/B. Mills

State of Kentucky Fayette Circuit SS June Term 1820

Be it remembered that Solomon Tracy made oath in open Court and delivered a schedule of his property amounting to \$187 agreeably to an act of Congress passed on the 1st day of May 1820 concerning pensioners, which is ordered to be entered of record in the words and figures following to wit

District of Kentucky SS Fayette Circuit: On this third day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the said District, who being first duly sworn according to law and Circuit of Fayette County Solomon Tracy aged sixty-one years resident of Fayette County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he the said Solomon Tracy in the year

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1780 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Thomas Bowyer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell on the Virginia line on Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until __ when he was discharged from said service in Salisbury in North Carolina, that the date of his original declaration is the 27th of October 1819 and the date of his pension certificate is the 25th day of November 1819. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th 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. Four horses valued at \$95, Eight head of cattle do \$50, 12 head of hogs big & little \$12 household furniture of every description \$20 Debts due to me 10 - 187. Debts due other people by me \$60. I live on a rented farm belonging to Genl. Clay and I have a wife and six children living with me and dependent upon my personal exertions for support I have one son aged 14 years living with me, the other five are orders, I am afflicted at times with the Rheumatism, otherwise I enjoy my health tolerably, but am getting too old to undergo much bodily fatigue and exertion.

Sworn to and declared on the third day of July 1820 before me. S/ W Warren, Circuit Judge

[f p. 18: On October 24, 1838 in Bartholomew County Indiana, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefits to that state's agency giving as his reason for moving to Indiana that he owned land there and owned no land in Kentucky.

Johnson Tracy to below me this

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 27, 1819 for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]