## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Tredway (Treadway) W316 Transcribed by Will Graves Nancy Tredway f54NC rev'd 7/25/13

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: August Sessions 1832

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas &c for said County Robert Treadway a resident of the State of Tennessee and County of Sullivan age 71 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 with Captain John Carns for the term of nine months & served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers General Marion [presumably Francis Marion of the SC militia] General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Colonel Washington [presumably William Washington]Captain John Carns – I was discharged and left the service in the year 1782 I enlisted in Sullivan County then in the State of North Carolina now in Tennessee was in a battle at the high hills of Santee River, also in a battle at the Cross Roads near Charleston the battle of Monks Corner [sic, Moncks Corner] also the battle on Goose Creek near Charleston, marched through North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia

hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State, that he has no documentary proof by which to establish his services nor does he know of any person by whom & whose testimony he can at this late day establish his said services.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this day & year last before written.

S/ Robert Tredway, X his mark

[Thomas Trower, a clergyman & John Hunt gave the standard supporting affidavit.

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: Evidence in support of Robert Treadway's Pension claim as amended

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared before me John Hunt one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County Benjamin Birdwell<sup>1</sup> & made oath that he was & now is well acquainted with Robert Treadway now personally present that in 1780 (fall of said year, thinks October) he was drafted as stated in his own declaration upon which he has been allowed a pension under the act of June 1832 of \$20 per annum said draft was in Sullivan County then North Carolina, That said Treadway was in Carnes' Company adjacent & they were both drafted & taken under Colonel

<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Birdwell W218

Shelby across the mountain to the Army commanded by General Greene at the high hills of Santee, that at the expiration of his time or toward the close he saw said Treadway [in] the service & he left him in service upon the six months expiring, returned home, & Treadway did not return he believes from his best recollection & information derived from his situation that said Treadway remained & enrolled himself as a soldier for the nine months service specified by him, but having come home & left him in that service he can only state as to said last named service that said Treadway was absent and returned home after the war and they have resided neighbors to each other in the same County & unhesitatingly asserts that said Treadway is the identical man who thus served the six months with him & remained after he came away from service.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this day & year first written.

Attest: S/ John Hunt, JP S/ Benjamin Birdwel

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: Amendatory Statement of Robert Treadway

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared before me William Rockhold one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County, Robert Tredway and in the explanation of his claim heretofore filed for Pension made & subscribed the following affidavit, to wit: That when he made out his original claim he was not aware of the difference between the term enlist & enroll & being very ignorant & unlettered & his memory not serving him he committed an error on saying that he enlisted in Sullivan County; but said service rendered by him was in the first instance in the militia that in the year 1781 in the fall of a year or Summer he was drafted in said County of Sullivan in Captain Carnes's company of North Carolina militia, in the command of Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby], and was marched across the mountains from that part of the then State of North Carolina (now Tennessee) and joined the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene] at that time at the high hills of Santee in South Carolina, and continued under said command until the expiration of the time for which he had been drafted which was for six months, when he again before he left the Army engaged for the further term of nine months in the great lapse of time he had thought that it was in the regular service but from more mature reflection believes that it was what was called the new levies for nine months that he enrolled under said Captain Carnes for said term of nine months & continued under the command of General Greene, & under his command was in the Battles of the high Hills of Santee also the cross roads & Goose Creek and in that of Cowpens [January 17, 1781] under his first term as well as various skirmishes with Tories, & continued in the service until the news of the surrender of Cornwallis [October 17, 1781] reached Greene's Army in North Carolina, which was late in October. He says positively that he served in the two engagements before stated not less than 14 months; and he thinks 15. That his ignorance in communicating to his clerk who drew up his original declaration prevented him from giving a full account of his services, he not knowing at the time that Militia service was the ground of compensation. That he was born in the year 1762 in the County of Baltimore State of Maryland but he has no record evidence of his birth but the aforesaid account is family tradition. That the Reverend Thomas Trower & John Hunt Esquire are persons well known to him & he remembers to them, by whom his reputation of service can be established.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this date first written.

S/Wm Rickhold, JP

S/ Robert Tridway, [sic] X his mark

[p 8: On December 13, 1839 Nancy Treadway, a resident of Clark County, Tennessee filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she was then 77 years old; that she was the widow of Robert Treadway a revolutionary pensioner; that she married Robert on November 3, 1784 and that Robert died on November 16, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On June 1, 1846, Daniel O'Donnell, a resident of Washington County Tennessee, administrator of the state of Nancy Treadway, filed affidavits in Carter County, Tennessee seeking the arrearages due Nancy. He states in his affidavit that Nancy died in Carter County Tennessee on February 18, 1845, survived by the following children and heirs at law, to wit – John & Leticia Treadway and Patsy Davenport, residents of Carver County Tennessee – William & Robert Treadway and Nancy O'Donnell of Washington County, Tennessee – Jane Lady of Sullivan County Tennessee and Susan Duncan and Elizabeth Treadway of Scott County, Virginia and Sally Hardbarger of Monroe County Tennessee.]

[Facts in file: Nancy's maiden name was Linch [Lynch?]; whose father's name was John Linch, of Washington County Virginia. Jacob Lynch Clerk of Washington County, Virginia made an affidavit that there is a license bond and certificate of marriage for the marriage of Robert Treadway and Nancy Lynch in his office. He knows that the bond was dated in November 1783.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the North Carolina service. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836.]