

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Tracy W9864

Agnes Tracy

f68SC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 14]

State of South Carolina Union District: To wit

On this 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now sitting for the District aforesaid James Tracy Senr a resident in Union District aged Seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn in due form of law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832 -- that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. -- "I entered the service, in York District in the drafted militia, in Captain Jamison's [probably James Jamieson] Company, in Colonel Neil's [sic, Neel's, probably Andrew Neel's] Regiment, under command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] -- but cannot recollect the time, and marched from York to Orangeburg and continued in service in various positions until the Battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780], where General Sumter obtained the victory -- and some time afterwards fought in the engagement at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780], under the same officers. -- I was then discharged and returned home. -- I again went into the service in Captain Jamison's [James Jamieson's] Company and fought at Blackstock's [November 20, 1780] where General Sumter was wounded -- And shortly after the engagement I enlisted for 10 months or during the war in the company commanded by Captain Jacob Barnett in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment; and during this service I was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] -- and continued in this service until we were finally disbanded at Orangeburg at the end of the War. My recollection is too much impaired to recollect any of the dates of my services -- and have no documentary evidence, and can only refer to Major Joseph McJunkin¹ to testify for me. -- I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State except the State of South Carolina, which I also relinquish upon the condition that I obtained a pension from the United States -- I answer to the interrogatories put by the Court

I answer

1 & 2nd I was born on the 25th of September 1760 in the State of Maryland as I have been informed -- and have no record of my age.

3rd I lived in York District when I entered the service and have lived in the District of Union ever since the end of the War.

¹[Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

4th & 5th In the within Declaration

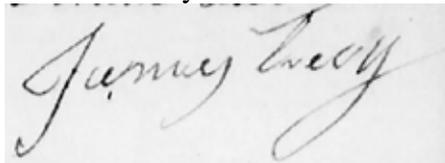
6. I never received and [sic, any] written discharge, but was always discharged by the verbal orders of my officers.

7. I refer to the Reverend Elias Mitchell and Major McJunkin to prove my character for truth and moral deportment.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ James Tracy



[Elias Mitchell, a clergyman, & Major Joseph McJunkin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 25]

State of South Carolina Union District: James Tracy came before me & deposeth as follows in order to explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. Saith that he entered the service under Captain Jamison in York District -- and remained in the service until the Battle of the hanging Rock & Rocky Mount, thinks it was four months -- I again joined Captain Jamison & was out two months or until the battle at Blackstock's -- I again after the Battle at Blackstock's I enlisted for ten months or during the War and during my ten months enlistment I was orderly Sergeant -- but did not serve but the 10 months at this Tour -- I was again out in the service but cannot recollect how long I was out at this time = This deponent further states that he here with produces affidavits of Sundry Persons that he served repeated Tours of duty.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 21st May 1833.

S/ James Rountree, JP

S/ James Treacy [sic]

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State of South Carolina Chester District: James Jamieson Senior² came personally before me the subscribing Justice of Quorum and made oath that James Tracey was a revolutionary Soldier under him as Captain of militia, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Bratton of York District and that he served two months under him, during the siege of Charleston, but not in Garrison and further declares that he believes James Tracey to have been a good soldier and friend to his country and that he enrolled himself under him in the year 1780.

Sworn to and signed before made this 9th Day of April 1833

S/ J. A. McCool, QU

S/ James Jamieson



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State of South Carolina Chester District: Jacob Black³ a reputed Soldier of the revolutionary war with Great Britain personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice of quorum for the

² [James Jamieson S21839](#)

³ [Jacob Black S9281](#)

district aforesaid and makes oath that he was personally acquainted with James Tracey of Union District South Carolina during the war of the revolution and knew James Tracey to belonged to the State troops of South Carolina under Captain Jacob Barnet, and Colonel Wade Hampton. The soldiers belonging to said State troops were enlisted for the term of 10 months and the said James Tracey served faithfully during that time and that James Tracey enlisted in the State troops about the last of April or first of May 1781. He saw also the said James Tracey frequently before the above date in the militia Service particularly at the Battle of Blackstock's -- that he the said Jacob Black and James Tracey were soldiers under the same Captain viz. Captain James Jamieson of the Militia. The Battle of Blackstock's in the year 1780 in the summer. He also knew the said James Tracy to be a good Soldier and warm friend to the cause of his Country. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th of May 1833

S/ J. A. McCook, QU

S/ Jacob Black



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State of South Carolina Chester District: Joseph Jamieson Senior⁴ a reputed revolutionary Soldier personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice of Quorum of said district and makes oath that he has been acquainted with James Tracey before and since the revolutionary war with Great Britain and knew him the said James Tracey to serve as a soldier in the State Troops under Captain Barnet and Colonel Wade Hampton and General Thomas Sumpter -- and that he believes him to be a constant Soldier during the whole war either in the State Troops or in the Militia, when called on, excepting when relieved by furlough or commission of his officers.

S/ Joseph Jamieson



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of May 1833

S/ James A. McCool, QU

[p 18: on October 8, 1840 in Union District South Carolina Agnes Tracy, 83, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Tracy, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him in 1781 or 2, after he left the service; that he died December 30th, 1839 and that she remains his widow; she offers the family record of the ages of her children as proof of her marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 4 family record]

Jane Nelson Tracy was born the 23rd January 1783

Elizabeth Tracy was born the 17th of January 1786

Miriam Tracy was born the 19th of March 1788

William Nelson Tracy was born the 9 of October 1790

Aliab Tracy was born the 22 of May 1793

James Tracy was born the 6th of May 1796

Greenberry Tracy was born the 4 of August 1799

⁴ [Joseph Jamieson S9360](#)

Polly Hollingsworth was born the 10th of March 1802 and departed this life on the 6th of October 1825

[p 40: Comptroller's Records reflecting services by James Tracy:

Comptroller Genl's Office to
Columbia S.C. September 14 1846.

Book L, {
Indent 440. } Issued the 29th October 1784 to Mr.
James Tracy for 30 Pounds 2 s 10 d
Sterling for 110 days duty in the militia
in 1780 as per account audited
Prin^l L 5: 2: 10 d. Am into L: 7: 2 0. —

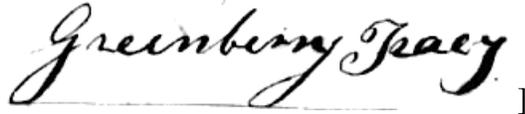
Book L {
Account 440 } James Tracy's account of 110
days militia duty (viz) 40 days
under Capt Jamison @ 20 s
per day, 30 days under Lieut Jamis-
on @ 10 s per day, 40 days under
Capt Jamison @ 20 s per day in all
110 days in 1780 Sterling L 5: 2: 10 d. —

Book M, {
Indent 264 } Issued 1st October 1784 to Mr James
Tracy late sergeant in Barnett's
Troop Hampton's Regt. Sumter's Bri-
gade State Troops for Twenty three
Pounds 10 s Sterling being amount pay
and bounty due him for services in
that troop together with interest thereon
from 1st April 1782 to date hereof Agree-
able to Resolution Genl. Assembly 11th March
last Prin^l L 23: 10: 0 d Int: L 1: 12: 10 d. —

I Certify the above to be a true copy from the Records
in this Office For Comptroller Genl
J. A. B. Black

[p 8: On October 16, 1846 in Union District South Carolina, Greenberry Tracy made application under the 1838 and subsequent acts stating that he is the son and one of the heirs of Agnes Tracy widow of James Tracy who was a private and Sergeant in the revolution having served in the South Carolina militia; that his mother was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum; that his parents were married in 1782; that his father died December 30th, 1839 and his mother died

August 9th, 1844; that the only surviving children at the time of the death of his mother were William Nelson Tracy (who resides in Alabama), James Tracy (who resides in Mississippi) and this deponent Greenberry Tracy (who resides in Union District South Carolina); and a daughter Jane Nelson Tracy married to W. Hollingsworth, both deceased survived only by Elizabeth Hollingsworth now the wife of James Sanford of Union District South Carolina.

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[p 21: on December the 2nd, 1846 in Union District South Carolina, Greenberry Tracy made oath that his mother Agnes Tracy died at his house on the 9th day of August 1844; that she was not attended by any physician in her final illness and had been confined to his house during the last 2 months of her life.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service for 16 months in the South Carolina service. His widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$53.33, increased to \$62.66 per annum commencing December 30, 1939, based on establishing his service as an orderly Sergeant for a portion of his time in service.]

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J.T. Transcript # 1

To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the house of representatives of the State of South Carolina in General Assembly convened—

The Petition of James Tracey

Respectfully sheweth that during the late war he served as a sergeant in the company commanded by Capt. Jacob Martin (who is since dead) in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Wade Hampton and was to serve for ten months and was to have received therefore the sum of ten dollars per month, for which he has not as yet received any compensation ~ Your petitioner's necessities are and have been such that he should long ago have made this application but such is for want of information that until lately he was not aware when to make his application nor is he now prepared to produce the necessary certificates (his Capt. being dead) and to his great disappointment finds that after coming a considerable distance Gen. Hampton (from whom he could have procured them) has gone to the westward; your petitioner however herewith tenders his affidavit as to the above facts and humbly hopes that it may be considered as satisfactory evidence of the justice of his claim ~ Your petitioner further states that he is now considerably advanced in years and has a family consisting of a wife and a number of small children without any means of support other than his own personal labor ~ Your petitioner therefore humbly prays your honorable body to take his care into consideration and grant such relief as to the law that shall appertain ~ and your petitioner will pray.

James Tracy

J. T. Transcript # 2

State of South Carolina

Personally appeared James Tracy before me and being duly sworn saith that he served as a sergeant under Capt. Jacob Barnett in the state troops who were Commanded by Col. Wade Hampton for ten months in the late Revolutionary War and was to receive ten dollars per month and cloathing [sic] which this deponant [sic] has never received that this deponant [sic] came to Columbia to get Gen. Hampton to certify for him but finds he is gone to the Westward that the reason of this deponant [sic] not applying sooner is that he is an ignorant man and did not know how or where to apply until lately informed that the deponant [sic] is now an old man and very poor with a wife and children to support and stands in great need of assistance.

Sworn to before
me this 30 Nov. 1810

James Tracey

signature (Gist Q. U.)

I certify that I believe the above
stated facts to be true J. Gist ~

J. T. Transcript # 3

To the Honorable the President and members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina in
General Assembly convened ~

The Petition of James Tracey

Respectfully shewith

that during the late Revolutionary War he served ~~as a sergeant~~ for the term of ten months as a sergeant in the company commanded by Capt. Jacob Martin of the Regiment commanded by Col. Wade Hampton and was to have received therefore the sum of ten dollars per month in addition to his clothing, neither of which was ever paid to him ~ Your petitioner further shewith that the said Capt. Jacob Martin has since departed this life and your petitioner came to this place with an expectation of procuring the necessary certificates from Gen. Hampton but to his great disappointment finds that he is gone to the Westward; but confiding in the justice and liberality of your Honorable body he herewith presents his affidavit stating the above facts, & humbly hopes that it may be considered as satisfactory evidence of the justice of the claim ~ Your petitioner being extremely ignorant was not aware when he ought to have applied for the payment of this demand until very lately ~ Your petitioner further states that he is now considerably advanced in years and has a family consisting of a wife and a number of small children without any other means of support than his own personal labor.

Your petitioner thus prays your honorable body to take his care into consideration and grant such relief as to justice shall appertain and your petitioner will pray.

James Tracey

J. T. Transcript # 4

State of South Carolina

Personally appeared James Tracy before me and being duly sworn saith that he served as a sergeant under Captain Jacob Martin who is now dead in the state troops commanded by Colon. Wade Hampton for ten months in the late Revolutionary War and was to receive ten dollars per month and clothing which this deponent has never received that this deponent came to Columbia to get Genl. Hampton to certify for him but finds he is gone to the Westward that the reason of this deponent not applying sooner is that he is an ignorant man and did not know how or where to apply until lately informed that the deponent is now an old man and very poor with a wife and children to support and stands in great need of assistance

Sworn to before me

James Tracy

this 30 Nov 1810

J. Gist—Q. U.

I certify that I believe the above
stated facts to be true

J. Gist

J. T. Transcript # 5

Dec. 14, 1810
Report of the
Committee of Claims
on the petition of
James Tracy ~

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Tracy praying compensation for services during the late Revolutionary War. ~

Report that

they have had the same under their serious consideration and recommend that it be referred to the Comptroller Gen. to report specially thereon at the next session of the Legislature

Samuel Jenkins [?]
Chairman

Report on the Petition of Jas. Tracy ~

20 __?__ 1811

Rejected

agreed to

The report is completely illegible, so it was skipped.

J. T. Transcript # 6

South Carolina)

Union District) To the Honorable the President and members of the state aforesaid

The petitioner James Tracy Humbly Shewith

That early in the Revolutionary War he joined the armies of his native country as a volunteer and remained therein under the command of Captains Kilpatrick [sic Kirkpatrick]⁵, Jamison and Montgomery until General Hampton ten month men were raised, when he enlisted under Captain Jacob Barnett in Col. Hampton's regiment where he remained until the expiration of his time ~ That not being conscious of the importance of a discharge at the termination of his service and living at a great distance from the residence of my commanding officer he never attained one.

Your petitioner further shewith unto your honorable body that he was in the battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock and Eutaw ~ That he is far advanced in the winter of life, in extremely indigent circumstances, without any one to assist him in acquiring a support ~ That heretofore he had scorned to ask his country for compensation for his service as he fought her battles with different views than those of gain, but through penury and from information of the generous conduct of the legislature to men in similar circumstances, he is now induced to pray your honorable body to place him on the pension rolls of this state and should you think proper to do so he humbly suggests that at the last session of the Legislature he is informed his claims passed the Senate, but for want of vouchers they rejected in the house of representatives, on which account he humbly prays your honorable body to consider the propriety of doing so with a pension from the last year.

And your petitioner in duty
bound will ever pray
James Tracy

J. T. Transcript # 7

South Carolina)

Union District) Personally appeared James Tracy who being duly sworn saith that early in the Revolutionary War he joined the army of his country and remained therein as a volunteer under the command of Captains Kilpatrick [sic Kirkpatrick], Jamison, and Montgomery until General Sumpters [sic Sumter] ten month men were raised by enlistment when he enlisted under Capt. Jacob Barnett in Col. Hamptons regiment and in which he remained until the expiration of his time Tho [Though] from his distance from the residence of the commanding officer and not knowing the necessity of a discharge he never obtained one. This deponent further states that he was in the battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Blackstocks and Eutaw ~ That he is far advanced in life in very indigent circumstances and without any person to work for his support excepting himself and that he never received anything for his services directly or indirectly.

James Tracy

Sworn to before me)

This 20th Nov. 1821)

J. Rogers Q U

J. T. Transcript # 8

South Carolina)

⁵ I believe James Tracy is referring to Captain Thomas Kirkpatrick who served in the New Acquisition Regiment under the command of Col. Thomas Neel, Sr. Captain John Kirkpatrick does not fit the time frame since James Tracy was under the command of Capt. Jacob Barnett in Col. Wade Hampton's Regiment at the time John Kirkpatrick was commissioned captain on April 11, 1781.

Union District) Personally appeared before me Capt. John Bird who being duly sworn saith that he was a lieutenant in captain Jacob Barnetts company during the revolutionary war that he was acquainted with James Tracy of Union district who to the best of his recollection served as a sergeant therein, and he believes served out his time in that company and this deponent also recollects several times hearing the said Tracy in the militia under the command of Col. Brandon.

Sworn to before) Jno. Bird
me 10th Nov 1821)
J. McKibbin J Q)

J. T. Transcript # 9

South Carolina)

York District) Personally came this day William Misskelley, Sr. and after being duly sworn saith on his oath that he knew James Tracy and that he the said deponent knew the said James Tracy to be an orderly sergeant in the Revolutionary War in the first Regiment of the United States Troops commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton in Captain Jacob Barnetts Company Sworn to me and Subscribed before me this 29th day of October 1822

Robert Smith J. P.

William Misskelley

South Carolina)

Union District) Personally came Jno. Williams before me Wm. Mitchell one of the justices of the peace in and for the said District and saith on oath that he was acquainted with James Tracy in General Hamptons regiment and that the said Tracy acted as sargant [sic] in the ten months service

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fifteenth day of November 1821

Wm Mitchell

John Williams

J. T. Transcript # 10

Petition of James Tracy praying compensation for revolutionary services or for a pension ~

Claims

Postponed ~

to be referred to the

Committee on Pensions

Dan'l Thomas

To the honorable the Speaker of the house of Representatives

The Petition of James Tracy humbly shewith that early in the revolutionary war he joined the army of his native country and remained as a volunteer therein under the command of Captains Kilpatrick [sic Kirkpatrick], Jamison and Montgomery, until Gen'l Sumter ten month men were raised when he enlisted under Capt Jacob Barnett in Col Hampton's regiment in which

he remained until the expiration of his time. That not being conscious of the importance of a discharge at the termination of his services, and being at a great distance from the residence of his commanding officer ~ he never obtained one

Your petitioner further shewith unto your honorable body that he was in the battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, and Eutaw that he is far advanced in the winter of life, in extremely indigent circumstances without any one to assist him in making a livelihood or support that heretofore he had scorned to ask his country for any remuneration as he had fought in her battles with different views than the acquirement of money ~ The gracious conduct of this legislature of this state to men in similar circumstances has now reduced him to ask either for a compensation for his past services or for a pension to support his family the short time he may remain here all which he humbly submits to the consideration of your honorable body.

James Tracy

J. T. Transcript # 11

Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of James Tracy ~

Binbow Chm (?)

The Committee on pensions to whom was Referred the petition of James Tracy praying to be placed on the pension rolls ~ Report that they have had the same under their consideration and recommend the prayer thereof be Granted and that he be placed on the pension role [sic] ~

Binbow Chm.

J. T. Transcript # 12

December 15, 1821 (?)

Report of the Committee
on Pensions on the Petition of James Tracy

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of James Tracy, praying compensation for Revolutionary Services, or For a Pension respectfully report,

That after duly considering the same we (?) recommend the prayer therein (smudged) be rejected. ~

(signature smudged)
Chairman

(Note: Smudges hide the name (signature) of the chairman. James Tracy received his pension.)