Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Henry Tarrant W998

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State of Tennessee } First Judicial Circuit of said State Green County }

On this 9 day of September 1819 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State of Tennessee being Courts of record, personally appears Henry Tarrant a Citizen of said County and State aged fifty three years resident in said Green County -Who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the U. States in the revolutionary war. He the said Henry Tarrant inlisted as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War of the U. States with Captain Le Brown [possibly Le Brun] in the County of Loudan [sic: Loudoun] and Com[monweal]th of Virginia in the year (Spring) of 1782 for the term of three years or during the war - thinks it was in the month of April. Was afterwards attached to a company commanded by Capt Briffad [probably Brevard] in Armand Legion [see note below]. that he continued in said Company and Legion until late in the Autumn of 1783 at Little york in Pensylvania, when he was discharged. Which said discharge he has lost or mislain so that he can not now produce the same. The discharge to the best of his recollection was signed by Godfrey Siratts. That he does not know that it is in his power to produce any other evidence of his said services but by his own oath and declaration. But he did in 1817 Produce to and leave with Nath Cutting in the City of Washington, the depositions of John Rock and Robert Henwood certifying and proving said service - and at this time does not know the residences of said Witnesses. That he was in no Battles. That he is reduced in his pecuniary circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support — and pleads his age and services to entitle himself to the same.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year abovesaid. [signed] Henry Tarrant

State of Tennessee Green County SS.

On this 23d day of October 1820 personally appeared, in open court being a court of record for the county of Green Henry Tarent aged 55 years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st May, 1820, that he, the said Henry Tarrant enlisted, for the term of 3 years or during the war in the spring of 1782 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by captain Le Brown in the regiment commanded by Colonel Armand in the line of the state of [blank] on the [blank] continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until October 1783 when he was discharged from the said service, in Little York in the state of Pennsylvania. He remained in Browns Company about a month and the was attached to Capt Brefar's company where he remained until the end of his forsaid service as a Dragoon in Virginia Pennsylvania & Maryland and was not in any battle and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said services, except some depositions left with Mr Nath Cutting of Washington City in 1817 and does not now know where said witnesses are

And, in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820, I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; 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.

one saddle of the value of \$4 one axe 1 three or four old hoes and two old shovel plows 1 Bridle 50

He is a farmer

In his family are a wife over fifty years of age A daughter 38 1 D[itt]o 3[?] 1 Do 25 1 Do 23 2 Do 18 1 Son 13 1 Daughter 10 years of age with whom he resides

Sworn to, and declared, on the 23d day of October before the Court of pleas and quarter sessions forsaid [signed] Henry Tarrant

NOTES:

In 1778 Col. Charles Armand was authorized by Congress to form an infantry/cavalry legion, the "Free and Independent Chasseurs," and in 1782 Armand was made Brigadier General and commander of all Continental cavalry. Like him, many of the officers in this Legion were French volunteers. In 1779 Congress offered bounty land to Americans who volunteered, and the name "Henry Torrent" is recorded on a list of Virginians who received a bounty of 200 acres when discharged on 15 Nov 1783.

On 16 Sep 1839 Ossiler R. Tarrant, "aged seventy one years Three months and twenty three days," applied for a pension stating that she married Henry Tarrant on 27 Oct 1785, and he died 7 Feb 1833. With her application is the original family register of the births of their children with the following entry: "Henry Tarrant, son of Manlove Tarrant & Frances his wife, was Born December the 2^d 1765 and was Married the 27th of October 1785."