

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Todd S17736

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State of Kentucky, County of Madison

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James Dejarnett, William Goodloe & George Alcorn justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Todd, aged 72 years, a resident of said Madison County, who being first duly sworn according to 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 & served as herein stated. That in June 1777, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the month, he thinks, it was the day he was 17 years of age, he enlisted in Rowan County State of North Carolina in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the N. C. Troops on Continental Establishment for nine months – under Captain David Cowan – General Sumner was Commander – we marched at first towards the Virginia line to a place called Moore's Creek – we then marched to Charleston or the ten mile House this side then to Bacon's Bridge then to Savannah – was at the Stono Battle – that he continued were with the Army at this time 14 months & seven days – after his nine months enlistment were out the Country was in great want of men & he was prevailed upon to continue & did continue under his first enlistment 14 months & 7 days & was then discharged near Purysburg South Carolina.

That afterwards, as he thinks in 1781, it was after General Greene took the command in the South he served a three months Tour in the militia as a Substitute for his Brother Benjamin Todd – went from Rowan County North Carolina under Captain James Gray [sic, James Craig] – Colonel Davie was commander – we were engaged in guarding & protecting the Country against the Tories & British – were stationed at no particular place – was discharged in Salisbury N. C. -- his house was burnt & all his papers are in it – he has no documentary evidence to prove his services – but can prove them by Will. Todd &c He has lived in Madison County, Kentucky between 30 & 40 years – he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S Thos. Todd, X his mark

We William Todd & Nathaniel Simms residents of Madison County aforesaid do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Thomas Todd who has sworn to & subscribed the foregoing declaration, that we believe him to be 72 years of age – we further certify that he is believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution in the neighborhood where he resides – we further certify we concur in that opinion – the said Will Todd states that on his own knowledge he knows said Thomas Todd was a soldier of the Revolution & that he performed the service as in his declaration set forth.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Todd

S/ Nathaniel Simms, X his mark

State of Kentucky, Madison County

I Peter Todd<sup>1</sup> of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that I was 76 years of age in June last – was born in the State of Pennsylvania, was living in Rowan County in North Carolina at the commencement of the Revolutionary war. That Thomas Todd, an applicant for a pension from the County aforesaid, it is my Brother – younger than I am by three or four years – I know that said Thomas Todd was a Soldier in the Revolution. That he went from Rowan County into the Army – I cannot state in what year nor can I state certainly who was his Captain – but I recollect he enlisted [?] for nine months – was called a nine months man – that he was absent in the Army longer than he started for – I cannot say how long, but to the best of my recollection it must have been between 12 & 18 months. I have always heard said Thomas say that he served in that tour or an enlistment 14 months & some

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days. I have lived a neighbor to said Thomas ever since the Revolutionary War. I am entirely satisfied that he is correct as to the statement of his services in his declaration. I recollect that after his long trip towards the close of the war said Thomas served a tour of two or three months for our Brother Benjamin Todd. I cannot certainly state the length of the tour.

Subscribed & sworn to this 6 December 1832 before me & I certify that said Peter Todd is a credible man on oath.

S/ Henry B. Hawkins, JP

S/ Peter Todd

State of Kentucky, Madison County

On this \_\_ [blank in original] day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the court of the County aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Todd, a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, supplementary to his declaration made in this court on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He further states that he is confident he entered the service as stated in his original declaration -- & served the length of time therein stated. He thinks that the volunteers made choice of David Cowan as their Captain – that said Cowan afterwards & before the applicant left the service became very [indecipherable word, looks like “intenuate”] & was either discharged or suspended from Command – his recollection is that Cowan objected coming under the Continental Discipline or some difficulty in that way – after Cowan was suspended John Armstrong acted as Captain – was called Major Armstrong – he commanded us at the Stono Battle – Col. Dixon was Colonel at the Stono Battle & was wounded in the neck – that he saw him when wounded – when applicant turned out for nine months it was called the New Levy – He knows he served full time 14 months & seven days. He feels confident he was in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment North Carolina Troops. On his second Tour he served two months, although it was a three months tour – but by finding his Horse & serving in the light Horse the Tour was to be discharged in two months.

He was born near Easton in Pennsylvania in June 1760 – he had a record of his age in a large Bible, which he gave to his son, who now lives in Indiana. He lived in Rowan County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War & lived there two of the moved to Kentucky about 36 years since where he has ever since resided in Madison County. He thinks he had a written discharge for each Tour but does not recollect who signed them – they were burnt in his House 36 or seven years since. He states that William Todd & Peter Todd know that he was a soldier of the Revolution & he thinks have proved his services. That Thomas S. Branston is his neighbor & a clergyman & has testified concerning his character & the belief of his services.

S/ Thomas Todd, X his mark

Subscribed & sworn to on the day & year aforesaid.

[On September 5, 1839, veteran lived in Lawrence County, Indiana and applied to have his pension payments transferred there. In this petition, he says he served under Captain James Craig in the regiment commanded by Col. Davie.]

State of Kentucky, Madison County

Coonrod Cornelison [sic, Conrad Cornelison]<sup>2</sup> a resident of Madison County aforesaid being first duly sworn according to law states upon oath that during the Revolutionary War he was living in Rowan County North Carolina – that he was then & there well acquainted with Thomas Todd, now a resident of Madison County aforesaid & applicant for a pension from the United States – this affiant is now in his 70<sup>th</sup> year – said Todd is a few years older then he is – That he was raised a Boy with said Todd – that affiant went into the Service of the United States in the year 1779 – that before that time &

before of affiant was old enough to go into the service, he knows that said Todd had been out in the nine months service from Rowan County aforesaid affiant thinks it was in 1777 that Todd first went into the service – affiant had a Brother John Cornelison, who went into the service at same time with said Todd – that he entered the service for nine months and served that long or more – affiant cannot state the exact length of time they were out nor can he state the names of their officers, but he is confident they were out more than nine months – this affiant thinks said Todd served a second Tour but cannot state the particulars. He has known said Todd ever since the Revolution & most of the time lived in same neighborhood with him – always understood same thing about his services as a soldier of the Revolution – believes said province declaration true.

S/ Conrod Cornelison

Benjamin Howard,<sup>3</sup> a resident of Madison County, State of Kentucky, aged 77 years, states that he was well acquainted with Thomas Todd in the revolutionary war. He knows of his own knowledge that the said Todd served a tour of two months in Captain James Craig's company of Horse, and he believes he was in 1781 he rendered the service. He, deponent, belonged to the same company, and of course was personally acquainted with said Todd and his services. Todd furnished his own horse. Sworn to and subscribed to, this fourth day of January 1833.

S/ Benjamin Howard, X his mark