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Cato Treadwell

Pri Rev War

Act: 18 March 18¹²

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Frank J. Gustin
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Cato Treadwell

Mch 23. 1818 –

Huntington Conn. – 55

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Capt Wright

Cnn.(?)

Col Heman Swift

Pvt – 3 yrs

No Bab(?)

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Frank J. Gustin.
Lawyer.
Salt Lake City Utah.

P. O. Box 1405.
Salt Lake City, Utah, May 27, 1901.

Hon. H. Clay Evans,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C. O. W. & N.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Isaac L. Manning, an old negro, has called upon me and asked me to investigate the matter of his father's pension, and I trust that it will not be too much trouble for you to give me what information you have in relation to it.

It seems as if Cato Tredwell, an old negro, was a soldier and served in the Revolutionary War; that he was drawing the sum of \$96.00 a year pension; that he enlisted from Connecticut, and that he had a wife who survived him some 12 years and who never made application for the pension, or at least and in any event she never received any money. This Isaac Manning is very old and I am unable to obtain any further data from him in relation to the matter, however, I have written some letters to some of his relatives from whom I hope to hear further. However, I deem it that your records will be sufficient to give use the required information.

Kindly let me know what, if anything, they show in relation to the matter.

Very respectfully yours,
Frank J Gustin

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Ann Arbor. Mich. July. 25. <1884>

Wm. W. Dudley.
Sir

In The Clame of
Isaac Lewis Treadwell
Pension of Cato
Treadwell Who Was. A.
Soldier in the War of
.1812. Who Died At
Crumbell [sic – Trumbull]. Connicute.
March. 5 – 1849.
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Wife Died may the. 15.
1861. At. Keokuk. IoWa.
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To his Death his Wife
Servived him. 12. years
And didnot DraW

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The tWelve years had
8. Children Duren ther
Marrage. 3. boys Isaac
L. Tread Well Age. 69.
Isrell Tread Well. dead
Peter Tread Well Age. 61.
Died. february. 1883. At.
Milford. Mich. Okland. Co[unty]
five girles All DeAd
Isaac L. Tread Well The
only Serviving Are
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Please To Informe
me What is to be Done
In The Clame you have
the Cobby of the PoWer
of Atty and The acts of The
War. 1812.

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An Earley ~~XXX~~
Respeclfully yours
Samuel. B. Thompson
Atty

8502
Connecticut

Cato Treadwell
of Fairfield Coy. in the state of Connecticut
who was a private in the regiment commanded by
Colonel Swift of the Connecticut
line, for the term of three years

Inscribed on the Roll of Connecticut
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on
the 23d of March 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 27th of March 1819
and sent to Saml. W. Johnson Esq.
Judge Stratford Fairfield Coy. Connct.

Arrears to 4th of Mar 1819 = 11 9/31 \$91.35
Semi-anl. all'ce ending 4th Sept 1819. \$48 –

\$139.35

{Revolutionary claim, }
{Act 18th March, 1818.}

1884 Aug 4 S. B. Thompson that <***> no
<one> Can Claim ~~**~~ the pension to which the
Widow may have been entitle after
her death:

1884 Augt 13. S B Thompson – that no person
Can claim the pension to which a widow
may have been entitle, after her death

Prior

Date of death
not all ____ (?)

Notification sent the 27th June 18__ (?)
David(?) Burr Esqr
Fairfield
Conn

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Cato Treadwell <(Black man)>

Affidavit – Private

March 23d 1818.

Swifts Connect. Regt.

1780 – 3 Years

v.
Adm.c

[Faint, stained, and torn:]

The certificate of the
Judeg is __ named in
[rest is illegible]

State of Connecticut Gs. Stratford in the County of Fairfield – I Cato Treadwell of Huntington in said County before the Honble. Samuel Wm. Johnson Judge of the County Court for said County do under oath declare that I am now and ever have been a resident citizen of the United States of American, and am a free negro man, - that I was born & brought up in Said County & am now fifty five years old – that in the <year> AD. 1780 I enlisted for three years as a private soldier in the company commanded by Captain Wright, (I think his name was Joseph Allen Wright) in the Regiment commanded by Col: Heman Swift of Cornwall in said State, in the Connecticut Line and upon the continental establishment in the late revolutionary army – and that In the fall of the year 1780 I joined Said Regiment at the Highlands near West-point and served faithfully in said Regiment from that time viz. the fall of the year 1780 until the close of the said Revolutionary war in 1783 and was in actual service <as a private soldier in sd. Regiment> during that whole period – that the latter part of the period aforesd. Capt. Peter Robinson [sic – Robertson] commanded said company – and that at the close of sd. war I was discharged at New Windsor not many miles from West-point and received a regular discharge in writing – which was, about two years afterwards, destroyed with the house in which I dwelt, by fire – that I am extremely poor and by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I am in great need of assistance from my country for support Dated at Stratford aforesd. this 23rd day of March AD. 1818. -----

Cato X <his mark> Treadwell

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State of Connecticut ss. Stratford in the County of Fairfield March 23rd AD. 1818 –
The personally came Cato Treadwell the negro man within named, and, being duly
sworn, made oath to the truth of facts stated in the within declaration by him subscribed,-

{seal} Sam W Johnson Judge
 of the County Cort for the County
 of Fairfield

State of Connecticut Ss: Stratford in Fairfield County –

I Samuel W Johnson Judge of the County Court for Fairfield County do Certify
that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Cato Treadwell above described
served in the Revolutionary War against the common
<& is in reduced Circumstances & in need of assistance from his Country for
support>
enemy as stated in his foregoing Declaration. In testimony whereof I have
subscribe the same and affixed the seal of said Court this 6th Day of May 1818
Sam W. Johnson

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District & State of Connecticut Ss. Stratford May 6th. AD. 1818_ I Samuel Fayerweather of Weston in the County of Fairfield & State aforesaid do testify & say that I am well acquainted with Cato Treadwell, of Huntington in said County, the free negro man named in the foregoing declaration, that I knew him well in the army in the late revolutionary war, and have known him ever since_ that in the year AD. 1780 he enlisted as a private soldier in the Company commanded by Captain Wright in the Regiment commanded by Col. Heman Swift, in the 2nd Brigade <in the Connecticut Line> upon the Continental Establishment, and that he served faithfully in said Regiment for three years & w____[lacuna] of said revolutionary war, when he was _____[lacuna] discharged_ that he was a good soldier, and was often _____[lacuna] [call?]ed in the army by the name of Cato Freeman, & think it probable that he was by that name entered on the muster roll, but I then knew his name was Cato Treadwell, - that he is extremely poor, and from his reduced circumstances, is in need of assistance from his country for support, and has always been a resident citizen of the United States and an inhabitant of said County of Fairfield and that the said company in which he enlisted as asforesd. was afterwards commanded by Capt Peter Robinson [sic – Robertson] whom I well knew in sd. army - & that I was in service during the war in the first brigade in the Connecticut <line> that is – from March 1st AD. 1777 to the close of the war in June 1783_

Saml. Fayerweather

State of Connecticut Ss. Stratford in Fairfield County On the 6th day of May 1818
Personally came before me the above named Samuel Fayerweather and made solemn
Oath to the truth of the foregoing Deposition.

Sam W Johnson Judge
of Fairfield County Court

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Cato Tredwell
(E—d)

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At a County Court, held in and for the County of Fairfield in the District and State of Connecticut, on the 13th day of June 1820 the same being a Court of Record, and having a seal, by virtue of the laws of said State.

Personally appeared in open court, Cato Treadwell – a resident in the town of Huntington in the County of Fairfield in said State, and exhibited and subscribed the following Schedule, and made oath that the same is a true and perfect Schedule of all his income and property, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) viz. I own one old log-house standing [smeard] and belonging to Israel Hawley in said Huntington – 1 table – 1 plane chest – 6 old chairs – 2 trommels¹ – 1 shovel & tongs – 2 tin pails – 1 Porrige pot – 1 pr steelyards² – one old chest – 1 silver watch – 1 sad iron³ – 1 pr andirons – 1 bake-kettle – 8 earthen p[lacuna] spoons – 1 umbrella – sundry small articles consisting of broken crockery & furniture – 2 cider barrels – 1 half barrel – one ax - & one adz.

Cato Tredwell_

¹ A cylindrical revolving screen used for screening or sizing rock, ore, or coal.

² A large metal balance for weighing items.

³ For ironing clothing. “Sad” anciently meant solid or heavy.

District and State of Connecticut, ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That in the County Court, held in and for the County of Fairfield in the District and State aforesaid, on this 13th day of June 1820 the same being a Court of Record, and haivng [sic] a Seal, under the Authority of said State, personally came and appeared in open Court, Cato Tredwell, aged 57 years, resident in the Town of Huntington in the County of Fairfield in said State and being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows:

I was enlisted about the year 1780 according to the best recollection by Capt. Gray at Stratford in said County of Fairfield, and from thence went onto the highlands near West-point, and was enrolled in Capt. Wright's company in the Regiment commanded by Col: Swift, and continued my faithful service in said Regiment until the close of the war, comprising the term of three years, when I was honorably discharged and I not having my discharge in consequence of the [lacuna] destroyed by fire soon after the war, with [lacuna] affects(?) my house being burnt up, and for the partic[ular circ]umstances relating to my service, reference may be had [lacuna – ori]ginal declaration, at the Secretary of War's office [lacuna] 3d day of March 1818.–

that the original Declaration made by him, for the purpose of obtaining a Pension, under the Act of Congress of the 30th of March, 1818, was dated the 23d day of March 1818 that in pursuance thereof he was entered in the List of Pensioners, and received a Pension Certificate No. 8502 And I do further 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, 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, 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 herein annexed, and by me subscribed. And I do further declare that my occupation is that of a day-Labourer and that I have a family residing with me viz. my wife Margaret aged 59 years, who has a shock of the numb palsey about two years ago, and ever since has been unable to do much labour, and that I am indebted ten dollars

all which is subscribed by me this day and year aforesaid. Cato Tredwell

Sworn to, and declared in the Court aforesad [sic]. Whereupon said Court is, on satisfactory proof exhibited in Court, of opinion that the total amount of property contained in the aforesaid Schedule is fifty one Dollars and one Cent~~s~~, and doth order these proceedings to be entered in the Records of said Court.

Test David Burr Clerk

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State of Connecticut, ss. Fairfield County

I David Burr, Clerk of the County Court for the County of Fairfield, in the said State, do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of the said Court, and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is Fifty one Dollars & one Cent. –

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court at Fairfield, this 13th day of June AD. 1820.

David Burr Clerk of the County Court for said County of Fairfield

District and State of Connecticut, ss. Fairfield, June 13th 1820

I ROBERT FAIRCHILD, Chief Judge of the County Court for the County of Fairfield, in said State, do certify that DAVID BURR, Esq., is the Clerk of said Court, duly appointed and sworn; and that the said Court is a Court of record, made so by the statute laws of said State; that it proceeds according to the course of the common law, has a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, with the power of fine and imprisonment, and keeps a record of its proceedings.

Robert Fairchild

Chief Judge of the County Court for
the County of Fairfield.

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Old war Div.
InB Ex'r.

Department of the Interior
Pension Office
Washington D. C. Agust [sic] 4, 1884

Return this letter with your reply.

Sir

Yours of the 25th ult is received claiming in behalf of Isaac Lewis Treadwell, as the heir of Cato Treadwell, who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution from Connecticut and a pensioner, the reversion of the pension to which <it is alleged> the widow of the above Soldier was entitled up to the day of her decease in 1861~

Cato Treadwell was allowed and paid a pension from 1818 to the day of his death, and if his Surviving widow Eliza was entitled to a continuance of the pension which she neglected to ~~Claim~~ <establish> during her life time, there is no law existing that will give the right to their children or other heirs to claim the Same after her decease ~

Your attention is invited to the enclosed printed circular that refers to the law preventing the favorable consideration to a pension after the decease of a Revy Soldier & his widow

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July 17, 1935

Cato Tredwell – s.35358

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.35358, based upon the military service in that war of Cato Tredwell, a free man of color.

Cato Tredwell (the name also appears as Treadwell) was born and reared in Fairfield County, Connecticut. The date of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown.

Cato Tredwell enlisted at Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, sometime in 1780, served as a private in Captain Joseph Allyn Wright's and Peter Robertson's Companies, Colonel Heman Swift's Connecticut Regiment and was discharged at the close of the war in 1783. It was stated that he was known in the army as Cato Freeman.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 23, 1818, at which time he was aged fifty-five years and resided in Huntington, Fairfield, Connecticut.

In 1820, soldier referred to his wife, Margaret, as aged fifty-nine years. There are no further date in regard to her and no reference was made to children.

This history to be furnished
if ever called for.
It was written just to have a
Record of negro soldiers.

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Catol Treadwell

Mch 23. 1818 –
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Col Heman Swift
Pvt – 3 yrs

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