

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Teeter R10446

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State of Missouri County of Howard: SS

On this fifth day of May personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Howard County in open Court Samuel Teeter a resident of the County of Howard in the State of Missouri aged about seventy-one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: states that he [was] born in the month of February 1763 in Botetourt County State of Virginia, that in the year 1779 his father moved from that state to what is now the state of Kentucky I was then about sixteen years of age on our way from Virginia at Cumberland Mountain the Indians fired on us and defeated us killing one man and wounding two men (my Father being one of them) when we arrived at the district of Kentucky we Settled near where Danville now stands in the year 1780 [last digit written over and could be 1781], there was a Company of Militia called for to go to where Bryants Station [Bryant's Station] was and to guard the same against the assaults of the Indians and the British who were supposed to be at that time in the neighborhood. A draft was made for said Company and my father was drafted (his name was George Teeter) to stand that tour of one month. It being inconvenient for him to go I took his place as a substitute and joined the Company Commanded by Captain John Adison [John Addison?] Our Major was by the name of John Logan: we went from Lexington to Bryant's Station when we arrived we were ordered to go to Martin and Riddle's Station having understood that the same were burnt by the Indians and British. These Stations were on Licking River. We marched accordingly to said Stations when we arrived there we discovered that the stations had been just burnt to ashes and the people who had resided there had been murdered and taken prisoners, not being able to afford any relief we returned to Lexington and were placed under the Command of Captain Levi Todd who at that time had the command at Lexington and was engaged to build a Fort. We were immediately on our arrival put to building a Fort during the time we were engaged in building the Fort some men were sent out in the woods to procure some timber to be used in the Fort about the spring shortly after they went out the Indians fired on them and killed a man by the name of John Wimes [?] when the firing was heard some men **and** myself ran to their relief and got in gun shot while the Indians were scalping the man they had killed and the Indian chief who was in the act of scalping the white man was called Wolf he had a hair lip the chief was shot by our men and he fell on the man he was scalping. We tomahawked him and left him, the month's Tour that I had engaged for was now out and we were discharged at Lexington by Major John Logan. I went home between this time and the year 1782 I served in several Scouting parties the length of time not now recollected, in the month of August 1782 I volunteered and went under the Command of Colonel Benjamin Logan to bury the dead that were killed at the Battle of the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782]. We went on and at

Bryant's Station we met some men who had been on before us returning, they had been in the battle. We continued on to the Battle ground, buried the dead, all that we could find, and then returned home being out twenty days – in the fall of the same year 1782 I was drafted to go a tour against the Shawnee Indians in a company commanded by Captain James Downing & Benjamin Cooper Lieutenant. We were all under the Command of Benjamin Logan as Colonel. We started from Lincoln and marched through the wilderness to where Cincinnati now stands, at that place we met with General Clark [George Rogers Clark] who had command of the Regulars, Logan commanded the militia. Clark and Logan here joined their forces and the whole were commanded by Clark. We marched from here into the Indian country and the Indian towns Chilacotha [Chillicothe], Pickiway [Piqua or Pickaway] and Browns Town killing several Indians and taking some Prisoners and Burning the Towns as we came to them, we then returned to our little Fort where Cincinnati now stands where we were discharged and returned home. We were engaged in this service in this tour at least forty days.

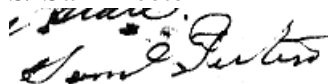
I was stationed there remained at Clark's station near where Danville now stands from the year 1779 until 1781 except when out on duty, while I was in the Fort at Clark's station one day I went out to killed some meat for the people in the Fort. On my return close by the Fort I was attacked by the Indians and in the affray was severely wounded.

I went several other Tours and rendered considerable services against the Indians but it was just after peace had been made and the close of the Revolution which on that account are not now asserted.

To the questions directed to be propounded by the Court, the applicant answers.

1. That he was born in Botetourt County, Virginia, in the month of February 1763, and on the 27th day of said month.
 2. The record of my age is in my Bible at my house in Howard County Missouri and was taken by myself from the Bible of my father.
 3. I was living in Kentucky, near where Danville now stands, when I was called into service. Since the revolutionary War I have lived in Lincoln, Madison & Garrard Counties, Kentucky and in Howard County Missouri, where I now reside.
 4. In my first tour I was a substitute for my father George Teeter. In my second tour I volunteered and the third tour I was drafted. While I was in service in Station I considered myself under the requisition of my officers – and subject to be marched at their order, either with or without a draft.
 5. Colonel Benjamin Logan & General George Rogers Clark were with the troops I served with. Colonel Logan commanded the Regiment I was with. Colonel Stephen Trigg, Colonel Hugh McGary & Major Harlan commanded other regiments &c in service.
 6. I never received but one discharge & for one campaign. This was at Cincinnati. If it was in writing (which I cannot now recollect) I lost it directly afterwards.
 7. I am known to the Reverend Thomas Turner of Howard County & William Reynolds of the same County who can testify as to my character for veracity, and of their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. In addition to this, he has procured the testimony of Samuel Brown Senior, as to one of the Campaigns which is all the witness he can procure.
- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present: & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

S/ Saml Teeter



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court before me the clerk of the said court

S John B Clark, Clerk

[Thomas Turner, a clergyman, and William Reynolds gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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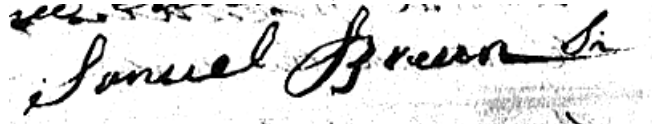
Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for Howard County Missouri Samuel Teeter, who being duly sworn deposes and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grade

For three and a half years I served as a private soldier & for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Saml. Teeter

I Samuel Brown, Senior, of the County of Howard & State of Missouri, make oath & state that I am well acquainted with Samuel Peter of Howard County, Missouri, who has this day made application for a pension, and that in the fall of the year 1782 (commencing in the month of September) I served a campaign in a Regiment to which he belonged against the Northern Indians. From old age and the consequent loss of memory I cannot state the precise length of this tour – that I recollect that we destroyed at least three Indian towns on this campaign

S/ Samuel Brown, Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel Brown Sr.", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.