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Pension application of John Braly R1149

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State of Tennessee, County of Carroll: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September term 1835

On this 15th day of September A.D.1835 Personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee, John Braly, a resident of the lost[?] Branch, County of Carroll and State of Tennessee, aged Eighty 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.

That He enlisted and served in the \_\_\_\_ regiment of North Carolina line, under the following named officers:

He enlisted in the year 1775 in the month of August under Captain George Davidson and served in the North Carolina line, but do not recollect the number of the regiment. I served under the following officers: Ensign Raulston [? Ralston], Lieutenant William Brandon, Captain George Davidson, Major \_\_\_\_ Davie and Colonel Alexander Martin. I was a citizen of the State of North Carolina and County of Rowan at the time I enlisted. I enlisted sixteen or seventeen miles from Salisbury in the County of Rowan. Shortly after I enlisted, I was marched to Salisbury where I remained several weeks. From Salisbury I was marched to Cross Creek; from Cross Creek, I went to Wilmington by water and was remained at Wilmington until I served out my term of enlistment it being 6 month and was discharged at Wilmington by Brigadier General Moore.

After remaining at home a few weeks, I again entered the service of my country as a volunteer under Captain Samuel Hart and was immediately marched to the Hanging Rock Branch in the State of South Carolina. From the time I entered the Army the second time under Captain Hart I was constantly in the service of my country till after the battle of the Eutaw Springs at which time I was sent with a party of soldiers under Captain Thomas Cowen to guard some British prisoners who were taken at the battle of Eutaw Springs to the State of Virginia to a Mayo or Mayho; from thence I returned to Bell's Branch in North Carolina Rowan County. I was in a skirmish with the Tories. Our party was commanded by Colonel Richardson. The Tories were commanded by Parson &

Fletcher. I was on my way under Major Davie to join General Gates near Campden [sic, Camden], but hearing of the defeat of the Americans and shortly after meeting General Gates, he ordered us to fall in his rear and cover his retreat which we did and retreated as far back as Charlotte in North Carolina. Now I wish to be understood in these statements; I have not stated them agreeably as they took place, for our marching with Gen Gates was long previous to my guarding them British prisoners to Virginia. I stated things as they occur to my recollection, my mind is treacherous and the time long, but this I state with entire confidence; that from the time I first enlisted under Captain Davidson till the close of the war I was generally in the service of my country. I enlisted under Captain George Davidson in 1775, I do not remember distinctly the time that I left the army and was finally discharged. My last discharge was given by Captain Samuel Hart. I feel warranted in saying and entirely safe in declaring that from my first enlistment until finally discharged I served exceedingly more than two years, not all the time marching and fighting, but still I was in the Army and in the service of my country.

I hereby relinquish my claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and I declare that my name is not on the pension rolls of any agency of this State or any other State. As about eighteen or twenty years ago I made an effort to draw a pension, proved my service by Thomas Stewart who knew me well in the Army. I was then living in Giles County Tennessee. Alfred Harris Esquire had charge of the business, he shortly after died and what disposition has been made of the business I do not know for I have heard nothing about it since Judge Harris's death.

He further states that by time and accident he has lost his discharges and that he knows of no person living within his reach by whom he can prove his service.

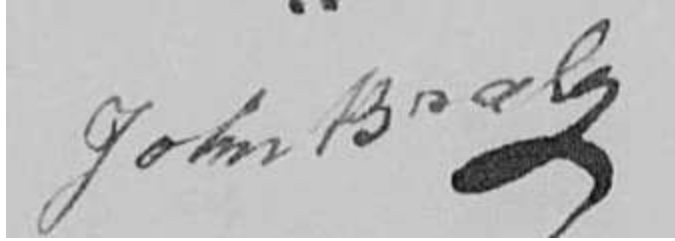
I was born in Ireland and left there at the age of twelve years as I have been informed by my parents. I have no record of my age. At the time I first entered the service, I lived in Rowan County North Carolina. After the close of my service I lived in North Carolina Rowan County, until about twenty seven or eight years ago when I removed to Tennessee, Rutherford County. I removed thence to Giles County Tennessee, and from thence to the State of Alabama, from thence to Carroll County Tennessee where I now reside. I entered the service as a regular soldier for six months. After the expiration of that time I returned & entered the service as a volunteer. I continued the service till the close of the war.

He states that from time, disease, and bodily infirmity, he can not remember a more detailed statement of the circumstances attending his services.

He further states that owing to disease, he has not been able to apply sooner, in fact until recently he did not expect to live until his papers could be made out and ruled on at the department.

He states there is no minister of the Gospel in his neighborhood with whom he is acquainted to whom he could refer for the reputation of his services & his character. He therefore refers to Robert Knox and John Waddle.

S/ John Braly

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in black ink on a light background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "John Brach".

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Gwin, Clerk of Carroll County Court

[Robert Knox and James Waddel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]