

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Brandon R1156

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Virginia, to wit;

On this 27th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Halifax County now sitting Francis Brandon a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged 77 years the 16th day of May next, 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered in the Militia in the year 1781 and served a tour under Capt Byrd Wall, marched from Halifax County Virginia crossing Haw river at Highrock ford [High Rock Ford] to Guilford, and was in an engagement there [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and after the battle at Guilford was detailed for waggon guard and received his discharge of Capt Byrd Wall near Rugeley's mills [about 12 mi N of Camden SC] that he served that tour in the 2nd Virginia Redgt. of volunteers. That a second time he was a drafted militiaman and served under Capt Flemin Bates [sic: Fleming Bates] marching from Halifax County crossing Dan river at Boyds ferry and Staunton [River] at Bibb's ferry to Petersburg from thence to Williamsburg and from thence to Littleyork [Yorktown] and after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], was sent on to guard the prisoners and was discharged at Nolen's ferry [sic: Nolands Ferry on Potomac River] for that tour of duty making six months of his services as a soldier in the Revolution. that he has in possession a discharge for both of his tours of service. That he was born in Halifax County in the year 1756, from his father's register that he was living in Halifax County and State of Virginia in the time of the Revolutionary war and now lives in the same that there is no Clergyman convenient in his neighbourhood That he has no recollection of the Regular officers or continental and Militia Redgts. that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services, that Jacob Vanhook Alva Oliver and Thomas Brandon & Mastin Powell can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State Francis Brandon

March 31 1781 This is to certify that Francis Brandon a soldier in the 2^d Virg'a. Redgm't of Volun'r has served his Tower & is hereby discharged from his next Tour of three months by Order of Colo Colo Cock Byrd Wall Capt.

[The following two discharges are on the same page, badly faded and transcribed with the help of Will T. Graves. The first is for William Hall, pension application S16859. In the second, the name "Thomas" is presumably an error.]

Camp Nolins Ferry November 6 1781

This is to Certify that William Hall has Faithfully serv'd his Present Tour and is hereby disch'd by order of Maj'r [illegible]

Camp Nolins November 6 1781

This is to Certify that Thomas Brandon has Faithfully Serv'd his Present Tour of duty and is hereby Discharg'd by order of Maj'r [illegible]

Leesburg November the 7, 1781

This is to Certify that Francis Brandon a Militia soldier in my Company [three interlined words illegible]

has Faithfully Escorted the Prisoner taken at York up to Nolens Ferry for which he is to have Credit for a
Tower of Duty
Flem Bates Capt