

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Braxton R1169

Mary Braxton VA

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Application for a new Certificate

County of Caroline to wit

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County personally appeared James Braxton who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged the third Troop of Dragoons Commanded by Captain Covington attached to General Anthony Wains [sic: Anthony Wayne] Army in the service of the United States [in the Indian Wars of the 1790s] that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Virginia, that he has never received a Certificate of that fact.

James hisXmark Braxton

[On 20 Sep 1820 Braxton was issued a certificate for a pension of \$6.40 under the act of 24 April 1816.]

State of Virginia } SS

County of Caroline }

On this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1839 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for said County James Braxton a resident of the County and state aforesaid 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under Capt. Samuel Hawes in the fall of 76 or 77 he cannot distinctly recollect now which, that he marche to Philadelphia and in consequence of Capt. Hawes being promoted [to Major, 4 Oct 1777] he was transfered to Capt. Richard Stevens to whom he acted principally as Beauman [sic: Bowman, i.e. servant], he recollects Major Rudolph and Major [Richard] Campbell with whom he was whilst at the North, and that he was stationed at one time at Valley forge and at various other places and under various officers which he cannot call to mind, till about 1780 he marched to the South and in the early part of the year 1781 he was engaged in the battle at Guilford Ct.house [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] at which place Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] had the Command, he recollects that [Gen. Daniel] Morgan was there, after this battle he does not recollect being in any other engagement untill at the Seige at at York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] where he thinks he was attached to Col. Matthews's Regiment and was there until discharged, he thinks in the spring or early part of the year 1782 – and that about the year 91 or 92 he went in the Indian War under Capt. Brock and Lieut. Towles and joined Gen'l. Harman [sic: Josiah Harmar] Troops, after he had been there some time Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne took command, and that he was in several engagements with the Indians, one at an old English fort, and at the battle of Miami [Battle of Fallen Timbers near Fort Miami, 20 Aug 1794] he received a wound in consequence of which he is now receiving an invalid pension

James hisXmark Braxton

SURGEON'S AFFIDAVIT.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, That James Braxton a private in the company of Capt. Covington in the third Troop[?] Regiment of the United States under Gen'l. Wain is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a soldier, by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, viz.

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination, it appears that on the 20 day of

August in the year 1794 being engaged against the Indians under Gen'l. Anthony Wain at or near a place called the Lakes in the district, or territory, of [blank] he received a Bullet wound in his shoulder [the following eight words faint] Enfllicted fracture to his collar bone and disabled [two illegible words] and which by reason perhaps of the Encreasing infirmities of age renders him totally disabled or incapacitat'd from obtain'g his livelihood by manual labour. and he is thereby, not only incapacitated for military duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is totally disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor.

Burton Wright Surgeon./ George D. Baylor Surgeon

[8 July 1833]

Washington D.C. Feby 19<sup>th</sup> 1855

I hereby certify, that upon the Duplicate Pay Rolls in my possession of Lieut L. Convingtons and Capt Bowyers Company of Light Dragoons the name of James Braxton, a private, is found from May 7<sup>th</sup> 1792, to Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1794 when he is reported "at [Fort] Defiance, wounded 20<sup>th</sup> of August."

Jno. P. Dickinson

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I James Braxton of Caroline County, Virginia, a Revolutionary Pensioner, do hereby certify and declare that I enlisted into the Virginia line on Continental establishment, under Colonel Samuel Hawes, to serve during the war, and that I did serve as a private until the close of the said war having served about 2 years & 6 months from the date of my enlistment Given under my hand this 8th day of September 1830. James hisXmark Braxton

1831 May 26 Rejected/ no evidence credibility

NOTE: On 2 Mar 1847 Mary Braxton of King George County VA applied for the uncollected pension due her husband to his death on 13 Mar 1842, stating that as Mary Colburt she married James Braxton in Caroline County on 3 Apr 1804. On 10 Feb 1855 she applied for bounty land.