

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

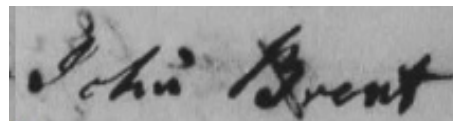
Pension Application of John Brent R1176 Jane Brent VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 1 Dec 2017.

To the Honorable J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War [notarized 28 July 1818]

The petition of John Brent sheweth that in the fall of the year 1775 he enlisted for one year as a soldier in the 2^d Regiment of the Virginia continental line in Captain Morgan Alexander's [VAS2203] company the regiment was commanded by Col. Alexander Spottswood [sic: Alexander Spotswood R18089] and served until August of the following year when he enlisted for three years in the same company & regiment, and was allowed a furlough of three months. under this second enlistment he served three years and was discharged, on the 8th day of August 1779.

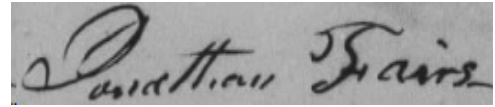
On the 2^d day of April 1781 he again enlisted during the war in the 2^d Regiment of the Virginia Continental line in Cap't. Kirkpatrick's [Abraham Kirkpatrick BLWt1210-300] company, the regiment was commanded then by Col. Christopher Feibeger [sic: Christian Febiger VAS675], and served faithfully during the war and was honorably discharged the 6th day of June 1783. some part of the time he acted as a artificer he being a blacksmith, he has lost all his discharges. he fought in the battle of Branywyne [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777]. he assisted in defending Mud Island fort when besieged by the British during the whole time of the siege [Siege of Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777], he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and was there wounded in his right side he assisted at the storming of Paulus Hook under Major Lee [Henry Lee, 19 Aug 1779]. he served the United States faithfully and continually during the terms of his several enlistments except such times as he had leave of absence from his commanding officer, he knows of no person in Tennessee who knew him in the army. After the war he resided some time in Virginia, and married. Then removed to North Carolina where he continued to reside until about four years ago when he removed to the State of Tennessee and resides in Smith county near the town of Carthage.

Your petitioner states that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for his support. he will have compleated the sixty seventh year of his age on the [looks like] 23st day of November next. he has almost entirely lost the use of his right arm so that he is unable to work much. he has no property except two sows & pigs & some little house hold furniture. he has a wife & six children. the youngest about six weeks old. and one of his children is affected with fits. he never has received a pension from the United States nor from the State of Virginia nor from any other State and releases all claim to the same He therefore prays to be allowed a pension agreeably to the act of congress of the 18th of March 1818.



State of Tennessee } [8 Aug 1819] Jonathan Fairs [Jonathan Faire S38691]
Smith county } personally appeared before me and made oath that to the best of
his knowledge that John Brent was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and did belong to the same
brigade in which he the said Fairs was a sergant at the time of the siege at four Mifflin and the
battle at the Redbank fourt [sic: Fort Mercer at Red Bank NJ, 22 Oct 1777] not that I the said

Fair was personally acquainted with the said Brent but from several Quetians which the said Fair asked the said Brent on occurances which took place at the above mentioned battles and his answers to me convinces me that the said Brent must have been there. given under my hand and seal –



State of Tennessee }
Smith County Court } August Term 1820

On this 21st day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid, John Brent aged sixty eight years, a resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, he entered the service in 1775, and seved 6 years, in the 2^d Virginia Regiment, and was discharged at Winchester Barracks

And I do 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 person 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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed. to wit one old man, 2 cattle, 2 sows & 8 shoats, plow and geer, one pot, one frying pan, an axe, and hoe. has a wife named Jane, forty three years of age, has three Children, Nancy nine years old, subject to fits, Franky six years old, and Elizabeth, two years old – he is by profession a black smith, and so disabled that he cannot work

John Brent

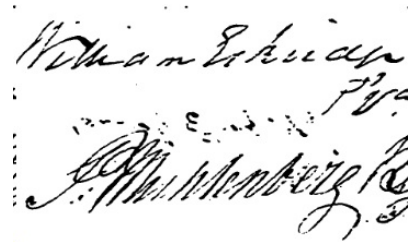
[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of John Brent VAS2630.]

Winchester Barracks June 1st 1783

I do Certify that John Brent Enlisted August the 20th[?] 1776, in the Virginia Continental Line for three years. Reenlisted April the 2nd 1781 for the War.

William Eskridge [W4192] Lt 1st Va Reg't

P. Muhlenberg BG [Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850 Brigadier General]



I do hereby Authorize Capt. A. Kirkpatrick to settle all the Rights due unto me in the within Certificate

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Brent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: John Brent/ age 29/ height 5' 5"/ dark-brown hair/ dark complexion/ "well made"/ blacksmith/ born in England/ residing in Berkeley County/ enlisted in Culpeper County on 1 Apr 1781 for the duration of the war.

On 6 Feb 1837 Jane Brent, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married John Brent on 9 Jan 1779, and he died 21 July 1833. Her claim was rejected for want of proof of the marriage. On 27 Oct 1837 she applied again but without additional evidence. On 3 Jan 1842 Samuel Brent, 50, stated that Jane Brent had reapplied under a later pension act and had since died, leaving the following children: himself, Polly Johnson, Susanah Hall, and Elizabeth Hall. He stated that "to the best of his recollection [his parents] dated their Marriage about five years after the date of the Revolutionary War say in Seventeen hundred and eighty five." On 27 Oct 1849 Thomas Hall of Smith County TN applied for a pension as heir of his wife, Elizabeth Hall, formerly Elizabeth Brent. He stated that Samuel Brent and Elizabeth Hall were the children and heirs of Jane Brent when she died in Lawrence County AL on 19 July 1838, and that he had also lived in Alabama until the previous October.