

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Adam Brenton R1178

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State of Indiana

Owen County SS Owen Probate Court February Term 1834

On this 10 day of February 1834 personally appeared in Open Court before the Hon John Dunn Sole Judge of the Probate Court now sitting Adam Brenton a resident of said County of Owen, aged seventy years who being 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated, towit,

That he was a substitute for James Lawson in a company that was drafted in what is now called Fiatt County in the State of Pennsylvania [sic: Fayette County, then part of Virginia], that Thomas Brown was the commander of said company That said Company was stationed at Red Stone old Fort [Redstone Fort at present Brownsville] situate on a bluff on the Monongahela River, to guard a magazine of Powder and lead, that the officer above named was the commander of the Guard aforesaid, that the time for which said company was drafted was one month, that it was in the year 1778 applicant believes in the month of February in said year, that applicant served during said Tour of one month, as such substitute.

That a second Guard like the first above named at the County of Fiatt was raised at the expiration of the months service above stated to take the placed of those whose term of service was on the eve of expiring in the month of March (as applicant believes) in the year 1778 That during this last named month he was employed as a substitute for John Purdy, and served during the last named term of one month as his substitute, in guarding the magazine aforesaid, that for neither of the above terms he never received a written discharge for his service or if so time has erased from his memory the recollection of the fact The the magazine aforesaid was guarded to prevent its being destroyed by the tories

That he again entered the sevice of the United States in what is now called Kentucky, then virginia in the commencement of the summer in the year 1781, that the County at the time he does not distinctly recollect, that it was in what is now called Mercer County, that the company was commanded by James Kincaid, that the term for which the company last named was drafted was for one month, that they were stationed at the mouth of Shawny run [sic: Shawnee Run] where it empties into the Kentucky river, that the company aforesaid was stationed at the place aforesaid for the purpose of guarding the continental buffaloe meet [buffalo meat], that was brought there by canoes on the Kentucky river, that applicant served during the term last aforesaid and was discharged, that the reason which induces applicant to believe that it was early in the summer, it that they pealed bark to sleep on during said term, that he knows it was in the summer season of that year

That he again entered the service of the United States on the Ground where Danville now is, in what was then virginia now Kentucky, that this was in the month of October 1782, that Samuel Kirkham was captain, Henry Grider Lieutenant of the company, that the Colonel of the regiment to which said Company belonged was by the name of Benjamin Logan, that George Rogers Clark was the General who commanded in chief that they were marched across the Kentucky river, and on to the forks of Licking river, thence down Licking on the south side thereof to its mouth, thence across the Ohio, near or at the place where Cincinnati now stands – where there was a cabin, called the buckeye Cabin where the invalids were placed, thence to Old Chilacothé [sic: old Chillicothe] on the little Miami, here the indians stole some of horses among whose was our adjutant's (John Crows) thence to the Pickaway town [sic: Piqua] on the big Miami, there we remained some days, a part of the army scouted over the adjoining country while we were here the indians shot across the Miami and shot one Reynolds in the hip of which

wound he died as we returned home, Capt. William McCracken was also wounded and died on his return home [sic: William McCracken, said to have died in Nov 1782], at a big hill near where Cincinnati now is. McCracken was a captain of the light horse and Greene Clay was Lieutenant of the Light Horse. that after we left where Cincinnati now is on our return home we had no provisions save what we killed in the woods till we got home; that this tour was for five weeks, they got home in November 1782.

That he again entered the service of the United States at what is now called Garrett County in the State of Kentucky in the month of September in the year 1786, that he was employed as a substitute for Edmund Parker Capt. John Downing – Lieut. William Montgomery, the major was by the name of James Dowling Col. Barnett, and G. R. Clark General, they were marched across the Ohio river at the falls [at present Louisville] here three soldiers were drowned in crossing, named John Brunts Macum McCullum ___ Shaw. from thence we were marched across Blue river to Vincennes. a part were sent round by water with the cannon and provisions, applicant was one of those who were marched across by land, the waited at Vincennes ten days for the cannon and provisions, when they got to Vincennes two companies were sent on down the Wabash to meet the cannon and provisions. the companies that were selected were commanded by Captains Robert Saunders and Robert Floyed [Robert Floyd] among whom this applicant was taken as on of Capt. Floyed company that after they met with the boats a part of the company were marched on land as a land guard, among whom was this applicant after we returned to Vincennes. and thence crossed the Wabash and marched some distance, then recrossed, and were marched some distance further when the provisions were about to fail, and the officers called a council, as to whether they should go further, that the officers and some of them gave out the idea that the soldiers must starve if they went on, and then voted in the Council to go on, among whom was one Capt. Baker Ewing, here a large portion of the soldiers determined to return and marched about a half mile back, when the remainder of the army came, on back and they were marched on back home by way of Vincennes that they had little or no provisions from Vincennes to the falls of the Ohio. that this tour was for six weeks, that they had no engagements, that they had but four beeves when they started back, and they were lost before we got to Vincennes that during this last tour he served as a substitute as aforesaid and for which he got a gun.

That he was born (as he was informed by his parents) in Hampshire County of Virginia on the waters of the Potomac on the 8 day of May 1763, lived about 7 years moved to Cheat river in Virginia a fork of the Monongahela river, lived about 2 years thence moved to Red Stone old Fort – lived about 7 years, thence to Kentucky (then Virginia) lived on Cain river near Harrodsburgh, lived 1 year moved to where Danville now is lived two or 3 years, moved Millers Station Garrett Shelby &c. moved in the year 1798 moved to Indiana to Clarks Grant lived here till 1816, lived in the neighborhood of his present residence in Owen County Indiana where he has resided ever since,

That he has no record of his age save one made by himself in his family bible as given to him by his mother

That he was drafted and served as a substitute as above stated, for which he received no compensation from Government.

That he volunteered in what is now called Waynes Campaign while in Mercer County Ky – in the year 1791 under Capt. Daniel Barley, Henry Grider Lieutenant of the company Col. Caldwell commanded the regiment to which applicant belonged, Brig Gen'l. Thomas Barbee, Major G[?] Scott Anthony Wayne Commander in Chief, rendezvoused at Scott County Kentucky, thence to Cincinnati, thence to Fort Recovery, thence to where the Rivers Oglaze [sic: Auglaize], and Maumee form a junction there we destroyed much corn, thence, down the river to where we had an engagement with the Indiana's after the battle was over here, we were marched back to where we built Fort Defiance, thence we marched to Greenville for provisions, thence to Fort Wayne, and from thence we were marched home by way of Cincinnati This tour was for four months, and for this applicant received pay. that Applicant has no recollection of having received a written discharge for any of his servises, that if ever he did receive any

they are lost

That he served as he states	2 months at Red Stone old fort	0.2.0.0
	1 month at Shawnee run	0.1.0.0
	6 weeks in Clarks Campaign	0.0.6.0
	4 months in Waynes campaign	<u>0.4.0.0</u>
	1 Tour with Clark in 1782	8:0
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Making in all Nine months and three weeks in the service		9.3

of the United States as a private, and for which he claims a pension, or for so much as by the Act of Congress he may be entitled to receive pay at this time.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can now procure, who can testify to his service.

That for a knowledge of his moral character in addition to the evidence hereby conveyed he refers the department to the senators Hon. John Tipton, Wm Hendricks, and the Hon John Carr Rep'r. in congress with each of whom he has for many years been acquainted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim except the present to a pension or annuity whatever, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State in the union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written Adam Brenton