

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Breston R1180

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State of North Carolina }

Iredell County }

The affidavit of Uriah Patterson resident in said County taken before me James Campbell a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid who being first sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith that he is about forty six years of age, that he has been acquainted with Edward Breston in whose house he now is for sixteen years and upwards having married his daughter about sixteen years ago. That the said Edward is an old man and he believes him to Eighty years of age that he has frequently heard before he lost his memory tell of having served in the Revolutionary War, has heard him speak of being in the battle or near it of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and at the Capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood that he was a soldier of the Revolution in which opinion the deponent concurs. deponent further saith that for several months past the said Edward has been in a great measure deprived of his reason & memory and is incapable of giving an account of his services. Sworn & subscribed this 22^d day of September 1832 before me [signed] Uriah Patterson

The affidavit of John Luck [pension application S13635] aged 72 years who being sworn in due form of law saeth that about fifty one years ago he became intimately acquainted with Edward Breston who is now here present. At that time Breston lived in Pittsylvania County Virginia. That this deponent served with the said Edward Breston a tour of duty at the time Cornwallis was besieged at Yorktown, that they were messmates under Charles Williams Captain in the Militia. That before that time he has seen him in the service, that he had been discharged a few days before the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781]. This deponent saith that he well knows that in each of these tours Breston was in the service. The deponent is unable to state how long Breston served in the tours that preceded the battle at Guilford Court house. He knows that the time of service at time of Cornwallis' surrender was three months, but it had not expired at the time of the surrender & he is of opinion that Burtons services at that time were about two months. deponent believes Brestons memory & reason so far lost that he is at this time incapable of stating his services. [signed] John Luck

Sworn & subscribed this 22nd day of Sept. 1832 before me

Peter Claywell Sen aged 76 years says that he has been acquainted with Edward Breston & has lived near him for thirty one years. That he has often heard him speak of being in the service of the Country a tour of duty whilst he lived in Loudoun County Virginia before he removed to Pittsylvania County, and of the two tours mentioned in Mr Lucks deposition. Deponent well believes that Breston served as he told him being a man of truth; and now he is unable by being deprived in a great measure of his reason and memory to state his services

Arthur Blankenship aged forty seven years says that he has known Edward Breston for twenty five years or more, & has heard him often speak of the three tours of duty mentioned in the foregoing depositions. He is well acquainted with Breston and believes the general opinion in the neighbourhood is that Breston was a soldier in the Revolution & deponent concurs in that opinion

Sworn & subscribed the 22^d day of September 1832

[signed] Peter Claywell Sn'r.

[signed] A. Blankenship