

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Brickey R1192

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Virginia

At a court held at the Court house for the county of Botetourt on Monday the 10th day of December 1832

On this 10th day of December in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court the same being a court of record for Botetourt county Peter Brickey now a resident of said County aged about 71 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 provision of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 that about the last of September 1780 he was drafted in the County of Botetourt and sent to guard the lead mines on New River [at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County VA] from which the armies of this country derived their principle supply in lead, to prevent the Tories from taking possession of them where he was then placed under the command of a Captain Saunders who was the Commanding officer of the place and immediately on his return from this expedition he was again drafted into the service under Captain William McClanahan [William McClenahan] of Botetourt County with whom he marched to the State of North Carolina and joined the army of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] during the celebrated retreat before the army of Lord Cornwallis through the State of North Carolina a short time after the Battle of the Cowpens [on 17 Jan 1781] and remained in the army of General Green untill near the last of March after the Battle of Guilford [Battle of Guilford Court House, 15 March 1781] during the whole of this campaign he served under Captain William McClanahan was engaged in several skirmishes one of which was called the battle of Alamants [sic: skirmish at Clapp's Mill on the Alamance River in early March 1781] where Major [Thomas] Rowland of Botetourt County was wounded and when a certain Philip Walkins and Archy Hill two of Captain David Mays Company from Botetourt County were killed and the other was the battle of the Reedy fork of Haw River [skirmish at Wetzel's Mill, 6 March 1781] where Colo. Cloyd and Major Rowland commanded he was in the hard fought battle of Guilford and remained in the field of Battle during the whole day he further states that he was in the service of his Country in the Revolutionary Army in these two expeditions about six months altogether that he is entirely illiterate and does not recollect the different places to which he was marched or much about the Geography of the Country. he states that he has no record of his age and was born the 10th day of April 1761 he received a written discharge both from Capt Saunders and Captain McClanahan but he has lost them both not supposing that they would ever be of any use to him he took no care of them he has no documentary evidence of his service but can prove by William Brickey who is now in Court that he was a soldier in the Army of the Revolutionary army and that Henry Buchhanan James Style[?] Esq'r. and the Rev'd. Jonathan Lee will testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution he hereby relinquishes all claims 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 Sworn to and subscribed in open court

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Botetourt County to wit – Peter Brickey

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace for said County, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grade; For tow month under the command of Capt. Saunders in guarding the lead mines on New River, I served as a private; and for four months under the command of Capt. William McClanahan in the army of Gen in the state of North Carolina I served as a private – altogether I served six months as a private in the two foregoing tours; and

for such service I claim a pension.

Given under my hand & seal this 27 day of May 1833

NOTE: On 9 Nov 1855 Elizabeth Brickey, about 56, of Carter County TN, applied for bounty land stating that as Elizabeth Dunn she married Peter Brickey in Botetourt County VA around 1820, and that he died there about 1834. Her application was certified by George W. Brickey and Susan Syrah.