

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Aaron Brinkley R1214

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State of North Carolina } SS.
Edgecomb [sic: Edgecombe] County }

On this the 19th day of November 1844, personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County, Mrs Sarah Brinkly, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged about ninety years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declaration – in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Aaron Brinkly, who was a soldier in the revolutionary war between this Country and Great Brittain. That he served and did duty under one Captain Reddick [sic: Riddick], and was stationed at Suffolk, Portsmouth and other places in the State of Virginia. That they were married the 11th day of May Seventeen hundred and seventy three and that at the date of their marriage they were both citizens of Nansemond County, State of Virginia. That she was married to the said Aaron Brinkly before and during the Revolutionary war. That her husband has never received a pension from the United States. That after the Revolutionary war ended, she with her husband and children moved to the County of Edgecob and State of North Carolina, and continued together as husband & wife until the death of the said Aaron Brinkly, her husband, which took place in the year Eighteen hundred & four, and from that time she has been and still continues a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. That she was married to the said Aaron Brinkly by one Parson Lunon's at Henry Griffin's her father's, all of Nansemond County Virginia, by having the bands of matrimony published in the Church of that County before the marriage. That her oldest child now living is sixty six years old.

Sarah herXmark Brinkly

State of Virginia } Sct
Nansemond County }

Be it known that on the 30th day of April 1845 personally appeared before me Admiral Brinkley a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Jeremiah Peel [Jeremiah Peale, Peal, or Peel, pension application W5521] of said County and State aged about ninety years who having first been duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration
That he was well acquainted with Aaron Brinkley a revolutionary soldier. that he served with him in the war of the revolution, under Capt. Abraham Cole for About six weeks at Pourthmith Va. that the said Aaron Brinkley was raised in the County of Nansemond aforesaid and married Sarah Griffin of said County that he thinks he served at different periods during the War, but as he was then at the South in the army he cannot be positive except as to the time above stated. that the said Aaron Brinkley and wife remained in the County of Nansemond aforesaid until after the close of the war when they moved to the State of North carolina. that he has known no other person by that name before or since but knew him well as they boy and young men together and was well acquainted with each other. and further deponent saith not

NOTE: In the file is a copy of a deed dated 4 May 1786 by which Aaron, son and heir of Henry Brinkley, and Sarah Brinkley sold to Mills Brinkley land bordering the property of James Brinkley. William Brinkley was one of the witnesses. A statement lists the children of Aaron and Sarah Brinkley as: Myal, Louisa (or Louie), and Mary. On 17 Jan 1855 Mial Brinkley and Levi Brinkley appointed power of attorney to obtain benefits as heirs of Aaron Brinkley.