

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Brinkley R1215
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State of Virginia }
Shenandoah County } Sct

On this 13th day of May 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County William Brinkley aged 67 years resident in said County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz: I enlisted on the [blank] day of December 1780 for the term of two years in this County in the Company commanded by Captain Abraham Tipton in the regiment commanded by Colo. Joseph Crocket [sic: Joseph Crockett] called No. [blank] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment he continued to serve in said Corps until after the time had expired for which he was enlisted when he was discharged by Lieutenant [Henry] Dearing the Captain having been killed at Powels Valley in Maryland [sic: see endnote] on the return from Kentucky. I was in no engagement whatever but was at Albemarle barracks in the state of Virginia for about 5 or 6 months. The discharge is not now in my possession nor can I obtain it and that he has no other evidence in his power except the evidence of Joseph Barnes and Frederick Sowers [pension application W6144] which is herewith forwarded. 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. I have no property real, personal or mixed. I have no family and I, myself am so feeble as not to be able to contribute to my own support.

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I Frederick Saur, do solemnly swear, that William Brinkley who is at this time, an inhabitant of Shenandoah county Virginia, was an enlisted soldier for the term of 2 years in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Abraham Tipton, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Joseph Crocket in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment of the United States, in the army of the Revolution and that he continued to serve in the said corps until he was discharged after the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]

That the said William Brinkley and I both served in our Company and were discharged at the same time; but as to the precise time of his enlistment, or discharge, I cannot say, but think it was in the year 1781 in the winter times, when he was discharged – November 4th 1821

Frederick hisXmark Sowers

NOTE: Abraham Tipton (see pension application R18512), together with Capt John Chapman (R13115), is generally said to have been killed by Indians on Beargrass Creek near Louisville KY on 2 Sep 1781, not in Powell Valley, which is in Virginia rather than Maryland.