

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Brittain R1220

Mary

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State of North Carolina [Pitt County]

On this 26 the day of March in the year 1852 personally appeared before Ormond Cherry a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Pitt in the State aforesaid Mary Brittain a resident of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina aged eighty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 3rd of March 1843 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of John Brittain who was a Revolutionary Soldier: but she cannot state the Regiment or Corps to which he belonged except what appears by the accompanying proof and certificates: That she was married to the said John Brittain about the year 1786, certainly before the year 1790 and she cannot state the time with more precision because the record if one was made of the marriage has been destroyed or lost: her husband the aforesaid John Brittain died about the year 1828 she cannot state the precise time as she has no record thereof: and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed: and that she has never received any pension.

S/ Mary Brittain, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year 1st above written and I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the said Mary Brittain, that she is a respectable lady, quite aged and the reputation generally is that she is as old as he says: that she is the widow of John Britton: that he was a Revolutionary soldier and I believe the facts set forth in her declaration above all correct.

S/ Ormond Cherry, JP

State of North Carolina

On this 26 day of March in the year 1852 personally appeared before me Ormond Cherry a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Pitt in the State aforesaid George Brittain a resident of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina aged seventy-five years on the 10th day of June next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare and say: that John Brittain formerly of this County was a brother of this deponent and was born about nineteen years before this up deponent: the said John was born as this deponent was informed by

his parents the same month (June) that this deponent was born (the day this deponent cannot state) nineteen years before this deponent: this deponent during the Revolutionary War was too young to recollect now but little about it; but he has always heard from the family and the people generally that the said John Brittain served for some time in the Revolutionary War: that the said John after the close of the Revolutionary war sometime married Mary Sessoms, the present Mary Brittain the widow of the said John Brittain: this deponent cannot state with precision the date of said marriage but by a calculation from the age of the oldest son of the said John Brittain and the deponent's own age, he thinks the marriage took place about the year 1786: he is satisfied it took place before the year 1790: deponent believes at that the said marriage he was between 8 and 9 years of age: This deponent was born in Hertford County and so was the said John: after his marriage some time he removed to Pitt County, and sometime after that this deponent married and removed to Pitt also ever since the said removals this deponent and the said John have lived neighbors to each other until the death of the said John which took place as well as this deponent recollects either in the year 1820 80 1829: that the said Mary Brittain is the widow of the said John Brittain and has continued a widow ever since the death of the said John and that she is about the age of 88 years according to the best information and belief of this deponent.

S/ George Brittain, X his mark

[Acnor Hill, Sebelo Gray and Lemuel Perkins gave affidavits in support of the widow's application.]