

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Broaddus R1228

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State of Virginia

County of Caroline

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me James W Upshaw a justice of the peace for the County of Caroline, Reuben Broaddus, resident of the said County of Caroline and State of Virginia aged seventy two 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he was drafted in the militia, in the year of 1779 and marched to Williamsburg, where he continued in service about twelve or fifteen days, and there discharged, there being no want of an army there at that time. In this tour he does not recollect any of the officers under whom he served. Soon after this he was again drafted & thinks it was in March 1780 – and marched to Williamsburg again under Captain David Jamison [David Jameson] who commanded his Company & Col. [Sampson] Mathews and Major John Page were the field officers, he continued in this tour untill the British army landed at Burwells ferry [near Hog Island in Surry County; 20 Apr 1781] and came into Williamsburg, at which time our army marched out, not having a sufficient force to give them battle, but that night he was marched back in order to engage the enemy expecting to take them upon surprise, but in this they were disappointed, as the enemy were prepared, they however had a short engagement and retreated. They were then marched up to Richmond and continued there untill they were relieved in which tour he served forty or fifty days, or perhaps more. He then was appointed as deputy Commissary under his father John Broaddus who was one of the head Commissaris (or Commissioners) of the County, his employment in this capacity was that of collecting provisions and carrying it to the army in which capacity he served ten or twelve months. He was born in the County of Caroline & State of Virginia in the year 1760 and was a resident of the s'd. County of Caroline when he entered the service. he has a record of his age, and has been living in the said County of Caroline ever since. He does not recollect in what manner he was discharged from his first tour, but the second tour which he performed, he was relieved by another company from the s'd. County. He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person who can testify positively to his time of service. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Reuben Broaddus

[Certified by John Broaddus, probably pension applicant R1227.]

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace for the County of Caroline Reuben Broaddus, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively 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 grades, vizt For two months I served as a private & for Ten months I served as Commissary and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 18th day of Jan'y. 1833

[signed] Reuben Broaddus

Depart't. of War/ Pension Office/ Sept 5 1833

Sir The declarations of Reuben and Pryor Broaddus [pension application S8109] have been again examined.

The former rests his claim upon his having served 12 mo. as a deputy commissary in the militia – During the revolutionary war, a Commissary Depart't. was established in the regular Army, and all acting as such acted by virtue of commissions from the constituted authorities. In the militia, no such officer was known, – the service of the applicant therefore, can be considered in no other light than that of a civil employment, and as such is inadmissible.

The claim of Pryor Broaddus is admitted for 14 mo as private; his claim for service as Commissary being rejected – His certificate you will find enclosed I am
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