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Pension Application of George Brock R1231

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State of Indiana } SS

Washington County } Washington County Probate Court

On this 14th day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge thereof now sitting, it being a Court of Record, George Brock, a resident of the said County of Washington and State of Indiana aged 72 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States some time in the summer of 1789 [sic] at Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia, where he then resided as a drafted militia man; that he was drafted for the term of 2 months, and served as a private for said term of time, in the company of Capt. George Rinker which belonged to the Regiment commanded by Col. Jacob Rinker. That afterwards, and between that time and the summer of 1782, he performed four other tours of duty in the militia, three of which were for 2 months each, and performed by him as a private drafted militiaman, in the same company of Capt. George Rinker and under Col. Jacob Rinker; that the other tour of service, he performed as a Volunteer, which was for three months, and was rendered as a private in the company of Capt. Sharp which was under the command of Col. Booth – [Nathaniel] Welch was Major – that his whole services rendered as here stated, and within the time stated amount to not less than 11 months – that he marched to Richmond and traversed the country between that place and the seashore & was stationed at different places on James River, and on the Chickahomine [sic: Chickahominy], and marched through a portion of North Carolina about the sea shore, was in many skirmishes, and was in the battle at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] – the last service which this declarant performed consisted in assisting to guard the prisoners taken on the surrender of Cornwallis at the barracks near Winchester He further states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State

George hisXmark Brock

The following are the Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the said Applicant as prescribed by the War Department with his answers thereto –

- 1 Where and in what year were you born?
 - A. I was born in Shenandoah County [then part of Frederick County] in the State of Virginia in August 1762, as near as I can recollect
- 2^d. Have you any Record of your age?
 - A. No
- 3^d Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
 - A. In Shenandoah County Va. when called into service; Since the Revolutionary war I lived in the same County 6 or 7 years, then moved on to the waters of the Holstein [sic: Holston River] in Va & lived there about 18 years, then moved to Kentucky and lived there 3 or 4 years, then moved to this County where I have lived ever since, & still live.
- 4 How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if a substitute, for whom
 - A I was drafted at 4 different times for 2 months each time and three months I served as a volunteer as I have above stated.

- 5th State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service
- A I recollect Gen'l. Washington, Lafayette, and Gen'l Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens, a militia General], but by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory I cannot recollect the officer, the Continental and militia Regiments, and the general circumstances of my service more particularly than I have stated above, except that during the time I was performing the service as I have stated, I was frequently sent out with small detachments, and in scouting parties, and in this way I was under different Captains, their names I cannot now recollect.
- 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?
- A. According to my best recollection I rec'd discharges at the end of my several Tours of service from the Captains under whom I served, but I considered them of no consequence, and have long since lost, or destroyed them.
- 7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.
- A. Nicholas Hubbard, Adam Barnett, Hugh McPheeters, Eli W. Malott, Adam Cauble, Jonathan Lyon, Christopher Harrison, John Flienor. I further state that there is no Clergyman in my neighborhood sufficiently acquainted with me to testify as to my age, character for veracity, & belief of my services in the Revolution.

State of Indiana }
Washington County } ss In the Probate Court of said County

On this 13th day of June 1835 personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon'l. Samuel Pick the Judge thereof George Brock a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 73 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 made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States about the month of September 1779 in the County of Shenandoah State of Virginia, where he then resided, as a private in a company commanded by Capt Sharp which belonged to a Regiment under Col. Booth Welch was major, that he joined said company as a volunteer, for the term of three months, that he march'd with s'd Company to Baltimore, and served faithfully in the same for the full term of three months, and was then discharged by his said captain. that afterwards & between the months of December 1779, and April 1782, he performed four tours of service as drafted militiaman, of 2 months each, making in all 8 months that he was drafted each time at the same County of Shenandoah Va. where he resided, and served as such private in the militia under Capt. George Rinker in a company belonging to the Regiment of Col. Jacob Rinker; that in performing the said several tours of service he was sometimes in the company of Capt. Rinker, and sometimes in companies commanded by other captains, their names he cannot now recollect, in consequence of old age and the loss of memory, except that in his last tour of service he was under Capt. Fry – that his services consisted in guarding the country about James River and the sea shore, in Virginia & North Carolina; was stationed some time in Wilmington; In the winter of 1780 & 81 was stationed with his company upon the Chickahominy; was in many skirmishes, but in no general battle; was on the march to Yorktown at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis & met the troops & prisoners returning from the battle, and assisted in guarding the prisoners until his term of service expired. In consequence of old age, & the loss of memory he cannot state all the particulars relative to his service He is positive however that he served as a private as above set forth not less than three months as a volunteer, and eight months as a drafted militia man, making in the whole eleven months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any

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[Certified by Adam Barnett, who also added the following:]

I, the said Adam Barnett further certify, that in the year 1808, I saw the said Col Booth mentioned in the foregoing Declaration, and the said George Brock declarant, in the State of Kentucky, and heard them converse together, & in that conversation the said Booth recognized the said Brock as a soldier who had served under him in the revolution, and the said Brock recognized him as his Colonel

NOTE: On 16 July 1853 Barbara Barnett assigned power of attorney to obtain a pension for the services of George Brock, her deceased father.