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Pension Application of Robert Brumfield R1365

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[On 27 Mar 1834, 28 May 1834, and 4 Sep 1834 Robert Brumfield made declarations that are virtually identical to the body of the following.]

State of Virginia, King William County S.S.

On this twenty eighth day of January 1835 Personally appeared before me Richard Wilroy, a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Robert Brumfield, aged eighty years, on the 24 day of June last, who being 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 the seventh 1832. That he the said Brumfield enlisted into the state service [Virginia State Artillery Regiment] of the United States and revolutionary army for three years, which three years service he faithfully performed in the state line. He the said Robert Brumfield enlisted into the state service of the United States under Captain Harry Quarles of King William County at Major Burwels Mill, and marched from thence to little York, passing through the County of New Kent and was there stationed for a considerable length of time, and was marched on from thence to a place caled Hillsborough he believes in the state of South Carolina [sic: North Carolina] and after being there stationed a considerable time, he was marched on and was at Gates's defeat [Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], and after Gates's defeat some time he was marched back again to little York, and there remained until he was discharged, after having served his full time of enlistment of three years, the day or date of his enlistment or of his discharge he cannot now recollect, but to the best of recollection (which at this time is very imperfect owing both to bodily & mental infirmity) he enlisted in the fall of 1776 or 1777. He the said Brumfield returned home after being discharged from the state service, and after being at home some time, He was drafted into the malitia service of the United States, under Captain Richard Dabney of King William, and met at King William Courthouse on or about the fifth day of January 1781, and marched from thence to Holts forge , from thence to bacons ordinary, from thence to Williamsburg, from thence to Portsmouth, and from thence he was marched back again to Williamsburg, and was there discharged, after having served a tour of two months. He the said Robert Brumfield was again ordered out by draft under Captain John Quarles and met at Hanover town on or about the fifth day of May 1781, and marched from thence to four mile creek below Richmond City [Fourmile Creek in Henrico County], from thence to Malvern hills on James River, from thence to Charles City County, and there remained until discharged and there remained until discharged after having served a tour of two months. He was again ordered out by drafts under Captain Abrahams, and met at Frazers ferry in King William County on or about the twentieth day of October 1781, and marched from thence to Ware Church in Gloucester County from thence to Ware church, from thence to Sewels ordinary, from thence to Gloucester point, from thence to West point, where he was discharged, after having served a tour of two months; making in the whole a service of three years in the State Service, and a service of six months in the malitia, for which he claims a pension. He was in a skirmish near Sewels ordinary and one a little below Gloucester point, and he was at the Seige at little York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. He recollects the following named field officers major Armstead [sic: Thomas Armistead], Col Hot Richeson [Holt Richardson], Col [Francis] Taylor, Col Ennis [sic: James Innes], Col [Charles] Dabney. He cannot now recollect the regiment he was in. He drew the greater part of his pay from the pay master himself of his regiment for his service in the State line, but drew nothing for his six months service in the malitia. He did not apply for his pension sooner because he did not know until 12 or 15 months ago, that he or any officer, or soldier of the revolution was entitled to a pension at all, having been much afflicted for eight or ten years past so much so that he has been unable to leave the house for several years, consequently has seen scarcely anybody by whom he could be informed of his claim for

state or militia service; His brother William Brumfield was in the State Service with him and in the same regiment but enlisted in the service some short time before him. He was born in the County of Cumberland State of Virginia from which County he removed at about the age of six years to the County of King William, where he has lived ever since, he has no record of his age, he took the oath of allegiance. Thos W. S. Gregory, William Newman, Thos Pemberton, and Alexander King residents of King William County are living in his neighbourhood know the said Brumfield, and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state.

Robert hisXmark Brumfield

Interrogatories

Question the first Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Cumberland and was born in the year 1754

Question the 2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have no record of my age

Question the 3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, & where have you lived since?

Answer I was living in the County of King William when I was called into service where I now live & have lived since

Question the 4 how were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you substitute

Answer I first enlisted into the State Service for three years, and after I had served three years, I was then drafted 3 several times for three tours of duty of two months each

Question the 5 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 services as you can recollect.

Answer That I have done in the body of my declaration

Question the 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer I did receive a discharge from the state service, but I do not know at this time what has become of it.

Question the 7 State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer That I have done in the body of this my declaration

NOTE: Several former neighbors of Brumfield certified his service, including David Valentine (pension application S9502), who stated that he served one militia tour with him.