

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Brent R20335

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[State of Mississippi, Jefferson County]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved 15th May 1828 I William Brent of the County of Jefferson and State of Mississippi do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its Service until I was taken prisoner at the Siege of Charleston in the year 1780 at which period I was a private in Captain John Stokes['] Company 2nd Virginia Regiment and I also declare that I never received a Certificate of the reward of Eighty dollars agreeable to the resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778 But I did receive at the time of my Enlistment the usual bounty given in such cases

And I further declare that I was not on the Pension list of the United States the 15th of March 1828 Signed This the 2nd of August 1828

S/ William Brent, X his mark

Before me John L Irwin one of the Justices of the County Court of Jefferson County & State of Mississippi personally appeared this day William McDonald and Asa Walking of the said County who did severally make oath that William Brent by whom the foregoing declaration was Subscribed is generally reputed and believed to have been a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in manner as therein Stated

Witness my hand this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord 1828.

Signed

S/ Jno L. Irwin

Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

29 January 1829

William Brent of __ in the County of Jefferson in the State of Mississippi has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain Stokes's Company, in the __ regiment of the Virginia line; and that he ^{did not} received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a

pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
31st January 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

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The name of William Brent cannot be found among those of the Virginia line, to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued.

S/ Peter Hagnor, Aud.

General Land Office
February 13, 1829

The name of William Brent does not appear on the List of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia so far as they had been received

S/ G. W. Graham
Commissioner

War Department
Bounty land office
5 May 1829

The records of this office do not show that William Brent of the Virg^a line, ever received, or is entitled to bounty land of the U. States.

S/ Robert Taylor

Revolutionary Claims

Under the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved 15th May, 1828.

Treasury Department,
7 May 1829

Sir:

Your claim under the above mentioned act has been examined. The act provides for no other non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, than those who enlisted in the Continental line for the war, and served until its termination. You state that you were taken a prisoner at the Siege of Charleston and continued so until you made your escape but it neither appears from your own shewing or the records at Washington that you ever returned to the service. Under these circumstances your claim has not been admitted.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

(Signed)

Asbury Dickins
Acting Secretary

Mr. William Brent
of Jefferson Co.
Miss.

Care of the Hon.
Thomas Hinds,
Greenville,
Miss.