

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Brest S10420

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State of Kentucky } To wit  
County of Bourbon }

On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit court of the County of Bourbon afores'd. John Brest a resident of the County & State afores'd. aged 72 years the 25<sup>th</sup> of March last, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1789 with (John Henry who was afterwards in his mess both enlisting at the same time), in the second Virginia Detachment under the following named Officers. His captain was Conaway Oldham [sic: Conway Oldham] & S. Snead [Smith Snead] was Maj'r. commandant. He left the service on the last day of December 1781 having served for the term of eighteen months, that being the period for which he enlisted; He lived at the time of enlistment in the County of Berkley [sic: Berkeley] State of Virginia; passed thro' Virginia by Culpeper Court Court House to Hillsborough [sic: Hillsborough NC] at which place he drew his arms, then took up the line of March in pursuit of Corn Wallace under Gen'l. Green [sic: see endnote]; at Guilford Ct. House N. Carolina, Cornwallace encamped & the battle at that place was fought in which he was [15 Mar 1781]. He was afterwards at the siege of ninety six which lasted 30 days [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] & afterwards [sic] he was at the battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] & afterwards was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] in which battle his Capt Conaway Oldham was killed. He was then attached to the Company of J. Anderson [John Anderson] who was his Captain till the expiration of his term of service & who gave him his discharge which accompanys this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afores'd.                      John hisXmark Brest

The bearer hereof Jno. Brest in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Va. Detachment And in Capt. Andersons Company having served till The last day of Dec'r. 1781 the time for which he was engaged Is herby Discharged from the Service and we further Certify that the said Jno. Brest behaved as A faithfull and Brave Soldier.

Given at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury NC] the 17<sup>th</sup> Ja'y 1782      J Anderson Capt  
S. Snead Maj'r Comr

NOTE: The army of Gen. Nathanael Greene was, in fact, being pursued by Gen. Cornwallis.