

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Brummal S14984

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State of Kentucky } Sct

County of Cumberland }

On this 12th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before John M Emerson Vincent Taylor & A King composing the county court for Cumberland county now sitting Benjamin Brummal a resident of the county afores'd aged about 74 years who being first duly sworn according 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.

He states that he served under Col Robt Goode [Robert Goode] his captain was named Barnet Markham who was afterwards promoted to the command of a regiment He states that from his youth inexperience and from the long lapse of time he is unable to name any other of his officers or the time precisely at which entered or left the service

He served three tours out of his county He served 2 tours under Col Goode But cannot say under what commander he served beside. He was a citizen of the State of Virginia and county of Chesterfield when he entered the service. He was drafted. He was never in an actual engagement. He marched on the first campaign thro New Kent Charles City Williamsburg to Yorktown where he was stationed This was when the British fleet first came round to Hampton Roads. He was subsequently at Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] Mackeys mills [Mackie's Mill south of Smithfield in Isle of Wight County] and other points on the south side of James River. He was afterwards for some time about Petersburg when Tarleton was through that country with his troop of horse [1781] He was before that at Ware bottom Church [near Osborne's in Chesterfield County] where the American Army were forced to retreat from that place and the British burned Petersburg He also started to join Genl Ho. Gates with the army under his command on its march to the south [Horatio Gates, July 1780]. Had actually gotten as far as Dinwiddie Court House when the company in which he served was discharged. He states he has no discharge or documentary evidence of his service. He states he knows that all the time of his service will amount to twelve months but is unwilling to say more

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Rolls of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. B. Brummal

I William Baker [pension application S12967] of the county of Cumberland State of Ky do on oath state that I am and have been for upwards of 50 years acquainted with Benjamin Brummal of the afores'd county and was his neighbour in Virginia. I was in the army with Mr. Brummal and knew of his having been on the tour of 1779. We marched through Petersburg to Cabin Point – there we joined the army commanded by Baron Steuban [see endnote] thence to Smithfield thence to Mackay Mills We lay there some time all of which time we were mess mates I know of his having been out at other times but cannot say any thing specifick. [signed 13 Aug 1832] Wm. Baker

[John Baker (S30843) also stated that he had served with Brummal, and that "Brummal never hesitated to go on duty when he was required."]

State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct

On this 14th day fo January 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the

Cumberland County Court now sitting Benjamin Brummal a resident of the County of Cumberland and State of Kentucky aged 74 years who being first sworn according to law makes the following Statements by way of Amendment to his original declaration sworn to and subscribed on the 12th day of August 1832 in said Court for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He states that he was born in Chesterfield County Virginia in the year 1759.

he lived in Chesterfield County Virginia where he was born and raised until 1806 then he moved to Cumberland County and State of Ky where he now lives and has lived ever since. he has no recollection of ever having received a written discharge at any time from the service of the United States.

he entered the service according to the best of his recollection in the year 1779 and left in the year 1781. He further states by way of amendment to his Original Declaration that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the following periods mentioned below as a private soldier in the army of the revolution in the militia of the State of Virginia. I served including all the different tours fully 12 months. and for such service I claim a pension.

He is known in his neighbourhood by William Baker and John Baker who can & have testified as to his service.

and to James Baker & Godfrey Elam who can and have testified as to the applicants character as a person of veracity and of their general knowledge and belief of the said Benjamin Brummals having been in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war as stated in his declaration

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Benjamin hisXmark Brummal

NOTES:

Gen. Baron von Steuben did not arrive in Virginia until Nov 1780.

A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of Benjamin Brummal received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 8 Sep 1842.