

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Bramblett S14996

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State of Kentucky

Breckenridge County Sct.

On this 18th day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Breckenridge County Court James Bramblett Sr. a resident in the County of Breckenridge in the State of Kentucky and about 69 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated He entered the service in the militia of Virginia under Capt. John Oaty [sic: John Otey] – Colonel [Alexander] Dick – General Mathis [sic: Sampson Mathews]. He entered the service about the first of January 1781 and was dismissed the 5th of April of the same year. making this a tour of about 3 months. Resided in the County of Bedford in Va when he entered the service He was drafted into the service. During this term of service Captain Oaty's Company to which I belonged and in which I acted was sent out to reconnoitre the enemy a body of whom was stationed at Long Bridge Fort [fort at Great Bridge] on Elizabeth River. We fell between the Fort & Norfolk. And while there they took a vessel with two pieces of cannon belonging to the enemy conveying goods clothing & property belonging to the british officers to Norfolk for safe keeping & took 10 persons on board the vessels prisoners of whom one was wounded & died after he surrendered. I rendezvoused at New London [now in Campbell County] passing through Buckingham County – went by Petersburg Va. Cabin point [in Surry County on James River] where we joined the main Army. We passed on to the dismal swamp where we took up winter Quarters being engaged occasionally in making short excursions against the enemy. General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] was present with this division of the Army. I was also engaged in the service of the United States in a horse company under Captain James Wright. We entered the service in the spring of the year 1780 and served this tour 3 months or upwards. He lived at that time in the County of Bedford in the state of Virginia. He was a volunteer & was engaged in searching out the tories & deserters from the Army who concealed themselves in that County and taking them to a division of the army commanded by Gen'l. [Charles] Scott & stationed he thinks about 30 miles above Richmond in Va. In which time they caught 30 or 40 deserters & tories & delivered them to Gen'l. Scott at their own expense & without pay. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person except Thomas White [pension application S30787] & Ruel Shrewsberry [Ruel Shrewsbury] who can testify to his service. 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 the agency of any state

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afsd.

[signed] James Bramblett