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Pension Application of William Brenton S16061

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State of Indiana } SS

Clark County }

On this 24th day of October personally appeared in open Court before John F. Ross president Judge of the circuit Court of Clark County in the State aforesaid, and John Carr and Samuel Prather his associates now sitting, William Brenton a resident of said County aged seventy two 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United State in the year 1777 in Monongahala County in the State of Pennsylvania [sic: see endnote] under the command of Captain James Brenton, as a substitute for Davis Brenton who was drafted as a militia man for the term of four months for the purpose of guarding the frontier inhabitants in the neighbourhood of a fort called Logstown on the Ohio River twenty miles below Pittsburgh [at present Harmony Township]. His lieutenant's name was Hill. His Ensign's name not now recollected. After serving four months in this Company he was regularly discharged for the year 1778 he served as a substitute for the term of one month for one Henry Gragg who was drafted as a militia man in the Company of Captain Jacob Bowman for the purpose of guarding the Inhabitants in the neighbourhood of the same Fort. The names of his Lieutenant and Ensign not now recollected After serving for the term of one month in this Company – he was regularly discharged he the same year he served as a drafted militia man for the term of one month under the command of Captain Andrews for the purpose of guarding the Inhabitants in the neighbourhood of the same Fort. His Lieutenant's name was John Thomas. His Ensign's name not recollected he the same year he served as a substitute for one Jacob Springer under the command of Captain Lot Leonard. The names of his Lieutenant and Ensign not recollected. After serving for one month under the command of this officer, he was regularly discharged. In each of the before mentioned tours of duty he served as a spy. In the year 1781 he again entered the service of the United States under the Command of General George Rodgers Clark [sic: George Rogers Clark] in Col. [Zackquill] Morgan's Regiment as a substitute for one Isaac Powell who was drafted as a militia man for the term of six months. His Captain's name was Jeremiah Johnson. His Major's name was Lowder who deserted from the service. Captain Johnson was killed by the Indians at the Falls of Ohio [at present Louisville]. This Regiment rendesvoused at Wheeling and descended the Ohio River in boats to the Falls. After serving six months in the Regiment he was regularly discharged at the Falls of Ohio. In the year 1782, He again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of George Rodgers Clark as a General and Benjamin Logan as a Colonel and Captain [Samuel] Kirkham. the name of his Major not recollected, nor the Lieutenant and Ensign's names.

He marched under these officers on a campaign against the Indians about eighty miles west of Cincinnati, to a Town called new Chillicothe [sic: New Chillicothe], which the troops under the command of these officers destroyed together with several other Towns in it vicinity. After having been employed for one month he was regularly discharged. That he never received any written discharge from the officers or any of them, under whom he served. He removed from the state of Pennsylvania in the year 1781 and resided in the State of Kentucky untill the year 1799 and then came to the County of Clark in the state of Indiana, (then the Northwestern Country) where he now resides.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] William Brenton

NOTES:

“Monongahala County” may refer to the part of what was Monongalia County VA that later became part of either Washington or Fayette County PA.

A Treasury-Department document states that Brenton’s final pension payment was made to his widow up to the date of his death on 21 Nov 1838.