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Pension Application of John Braden S1643

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State of Tennessee } Court of pleas & quarter sessions September Term 1832.
Claiborne County }

On this Eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred & thirty two, personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter sessions of said County now sitting it being a court of record John Braden resident of the county & state aforesaid aged 72 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 services of the united states under the following named officers, and served as herein stated

He states that he was born in Augusta County State of Virginia in the year 1760 as he has been told by his father, but has no record of it.

He states that he entered the service of the united states a substitute for his father Edward Braden, the year he does not recollect, in the company commanded by Captain John Young, the field officer was Major George Moffiett [sic: George Moffett], he was the only field officer of that Battalion at that time and marched from Augusta County State of Virginia to the Bigg Leavels [sic: Big Levels at present Lewisburg WV] in Greenbrier County in the same state, & from there to a place called the little Levels [in present Pocahontas County WV] in the same state aforesaid & there was stationed untill he was discharged, this was a three month tour. And he further states that in September 1777 [sic] he was drafted for three months, his company was command by Captain William Henderson & that Major William Boyer [sic: William Bowyer] commanded his Riegment, and marched from the County & State aforsaid to fort McIntosh on the North side of the Ohio River [at present Beaver PA; construction begun Sep 1778] & there joined General Macintosh's Army [sic: Lachlan McIntosh's Western Department] – and from there he marched about one hundred miles further to a place called fort Tuskarouway he believes that was the name of the fort, tho' he is not certain [sic: Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River, near present Bolivar OH; construction begun Nov 1778] and from there he marched Back again to Fort Macintosh and there was mustered out of service as they then called it

He further states that some time in January 1781 he was drafted again for another three months Toure his Company was commanded by Captain James Trimble and his field officer was Colonel Sampson Mathess [sic: Sampson Mathews], Colonel William Boyce, & Major Alexandria Robirson [sic: Alexander Robertson] and marched from Augusta County State aforesaid to Fredericksburg in the same State, & from there to Bolingreen [sic: Bowling Green] in the same State & from there to James River & crossed the same a little below Scabbin point [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County] as he thinks and by Smithfield and marched on near to Portsmouth there he was stationed untill his time expired & there was discharged. He further states that some time in June in 1781 he was drafted again for 20 days and marched from Augusta County State aforsaid through Richmond on to a place called the Hickernut church [sic: Hickorynut Church 8 mi NW of Williamsburg] under Captain Joseph Paterson [Joseph Patterson] he was afterwards attached to Captain Zaceriah Johnson [sic: Zachariah Johnston] Company, and was in sight of a Battle at the place called the hot water [Battle of Hot Water Plantation (Spender's Ordinary), 26 Jun 1781], and was at that time as they called a flanker at that Battle, he state that he joined the army commanded by General William Campbell General [Daniel] Morgan, & General Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and Gen Wayn [sic: Anthony Wayne] near to the church aforsaid also on the 4th July in the year last aforsaid he was ordered by General Campbell to take three men with him to guard two or rather to watch said roads as spies roads that put in to the main Road that leads from Richmond to

Williamsburg and there the Enemy came to him & one of the enemy was shot by his co-spie & he (your applicant) was taken prisoner of war a prisoner 4 days & was then Exchanged back again, but while prisoner the Battle was fought near James town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul]. General Wayne [sic: Lafayette] was the commander of the american troupes, the Enemy was commanded by Lord Cornwallis, Colonel Boyer was taken prisoner at the Battle, he states that he was there discharged. putting all the time together that he served makes nine months & 20 days

He states that he never did get a discharge in writing and that he has no documentary Evidence & that he knowes of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He states that he has lived in the state of Tennessee ever since 1792 that he left Virginia in that year, and that he lives in in the County & State first above written

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 –

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and date above written [signed] John Braden

State of Tennessee }

Claiborne County } on this 17th day of June 1833, personally appeared before me Wm. Kincaid a justice of the Court of pleas & quarter sessions in and for said County, John Braden a resident of said county in the county and state aforesaid, who first being sworn as the law directs doth upon his oath make the following amendment to his pension declaration, which declaration was made in the court of pleas and quarter sessions, in and for the County aforesaid and bears date September the 18th 1832 and was numberd in the War department No 12188 and sent back for amendment. That he was born in Augusta County in the State of Virginia in the year of our Lord 1760 as he has been informed by his parents and that he has no record of his age, that he is known in his present neighbourhood by Silas Williams Esqr Dr. Wm. Rogers Major David Rogers and John Hunt the high sheriff all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of varasity and that they believe him to have been a soldier of the revolution; Sworn to and subscribed before me this day & year first written

[signed] John Braden

NOTE: A document in the file states that John Braden died on 3 Aug 1840, leaving Sarah Braden his widow.