

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Leroy Brizendine S1941

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State of Tennessee } S.S.

Sumner County }

On this 24th day of Augst 1832 personally appeared in open court before Thomas Anderson Wm Edwards and John L Swaney [page torn] Court of pleas and quarter sessions of said County now sitting Leroy Brizendine aged seventy one years the 26th day of May last having a record of my age in my possession – 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 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. I was born in the State of Virginia and resided with my farther in the County of Luningburg [sic: Lunenburg] in s'd. state in 1780 and in the summer of the year 1780 – he does not recollect the month he volunteered for six months his services in the war under Captain Peter Stokes – Flora Smiden was Lieutenant and Horatio Walker was ensign. this was a company of volunteer horse that was raised to opperate chiefly against the tories in North Carolina – we found our horses and were mounted in Lunengburg and marched to Hillsborough North Carolina we got a suply of arms there we marched with our pilot upon Broad [?: page torn] and serve in the heart of the Tories we scoured that country and captured maney Tories whiped some left some tied to trees – and carried twenty or twenty five to Hillsborough jail. we continued doing our duty in North Carolina in the fall of 1780 we marched back and just before Christmas we having served out our six months and I was dismissed no written discharge was given.

I returned to Lunengburg and just before Christmas 1780 It came to my number to serve a three months tour in the malitia I entered the service immediatly under Captain Frank Degraftenreed [Francis DeGraffenfied]. Obey Clay [Obia Clay] was Lieutenant and Alexander Rudder was ensign. we marched to Portsmouth and joined head quarters under Gen'l. Malingburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] – and we were attached to a regiment commanded by Colo Marrywethers [sic: Thomas Meriwether] he had been a regular officer and was sent there to command the malitia. we lay there and about there and on the dismal swamps and captured some scouting parties & had some skirmishes till our term of service expired & I was discharged. I returned home this was after the battle of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] as I recollect that when this battle was fought I was in the the service about Portsmouth & the dismal swamps. – so soon as I got home Wallis [sic: Cornwallis, early May 1781] was then going up James River and I volunteered in the infantry under Capt William Stokes – which was he thinks in April 1781. Jesse Johnson was Luitenant and the other officers he does not recollect – [illegible word] were not attached immediatly to any regiment. Our Company was engaged in collecting beeves we collected three droves – we carried one drove to Hog Iland [Hog Island on James River in Surry County] and Corn Wallis took the greater part of them – and the American army were station at Petersburg under Gen'l. Washington [arrived in Virginia 14 Sep] – and there we carried a drove for his army and the third drove we carried to Little York during the seige which was in the fall of 1781 [28 Sep - 19 Oct]. – and I and my company continued doing service in the army of Gen'l. Washington and I was at York at the time of Corn Wallis surrendered himself and army – the fighting appeared to be over and I was discharged in October 1781 – The discharge was general to his company my service in the revolutionary war must have been about fifteen or sixteen months.

He hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension except the present. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service but expects his name may be found on the Virginia rolls of her state troops. neither does he know of any person whose testimoney he can procure who can testify to his

service – and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Leroy Brizendine

NOTE: On 1 Apr 1839 Lucy Brizendine stated that her husband, Leroy Brizendine, had lived in Sumner County for 11 or 12 years before his death, and that before then he had lived in Franklin County VA. She appointed her son, Young P. Brizendine, as her attorney to obtain the uncollected portion of her husband's pension up to his death on 23 Mar 1839. This document was witnessed by James W. Brizendine and Pamela[?] Brizendine.