

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Breedlove S2102

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Virginia Madison County SS

On this 2nd day of August 1832 Personally appear before me Charles R Gibbs a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Madison in the State of Virginia John Breedlove a resident of Madison County taken from Culpeper in the year 1792 Madison County in the State of Virginia aged Eighty years the 5th day of April last but has no record of his age who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the months of October or Nov'r. 1780 I was drafted in the County of Culpeper Virginia where I then resided and have resided ever since (and still reside) to perform a tour in the Militia for six months. I served the tour under Capt. Benjamin Lillard The Regiment was commanded by Colo [John] Glenn and Col. [James] Lucas the Majors were [Nathaniel Garsden] Morris & Conoway [Henry Conway], the Brigade Commanded by General Edward Stevens I was marched from Culpeper County in Virginia to Hillsbrough [sic: Hillsborough] in North Carolina and Charlotte by the way of Salisbury from Charlott to the Cheraw hills in South Carolina From the Cheraw hills the army or that part to which I belonged commenced retreating to Virginia [late Jan 1781] closely persued by the British Army under the Command of Lord Cornwallis This retreat was the severest duty I performed and nothing saved us from being taken but hard marching and providential rains which sweled the waters of the Dan River and the Yadkin River I swam the Yadkin River from Bank to Bank I was detailed to take charge of a Baggage Waggon on the retreat and did not reach home as soon as most of those from the same neighborhood I think it was the last of March or first of April the time that I was in actual service the above tour was something like five months In the months of August or Sep'r 1781 I was again drafted from the County of Culpeper for a tour of two months and attached to the Company commanded by Capt Armstead White [Armistead White] The Regiment to which I was attached was commanded by Colo. [William] Dark and the Brigade commanded by Gen'l. Stevens The first place of Rendezvoo was a place called Springfield near the Town of Williamsburg in Virginia where we wer supplied with arms I was among the first of the Troops that reached Yorktown from the upper Country and was present during the whole of the siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – and after the surrender assisted in guarding the prisoners to Winchester Virginia From the performance of both of the above tours I was regularly discharged and the discharges long since lost I have no documentary evidence except the affidavit of Henry Towles [pension application S8495] who was with me on both tours and the affidavit of Adam Rouse who was with me in the tour of duty at the siege of Yorktown – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declairs that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. Capt. Angus Rucker [pension application S19068] & Capt. Churchill Gibbs [S46002] are referred to, they have both known me sixty odd years
Sworn to and acknowledged the day and year aforesaid John hisXmark Breedlove

I Adam Rouse (aged Sixty nine years of the County of Madison and State of Virginia hereby Certify that John Breedlove now of the County of Madison and State of Virginia and Henry Towles now of the County of Madison and State of Virginia were both drafted in the month of August or Sep't. 1781 to perform a tour of duty for two months in the militia drafted from the County of Culpeper (now Madison) and I further Certify that they both performed their several tours, It is a fact well known to me for I was at the same time drafted for a two months tour the first and only duty of the kind I was called upon to perform. I further Certify that the above named Henry Towles and John Bredlove were drafted in the

month of October or November 1780 to march to the State of North Carolina under the command of Gen'l. Edward Stevens they both continued in Service at that time until the months of March or April My residence in the same neighborhood enables me to state the fact the two months tour was in part at the siege of York. The age of John Breedlove is about Eighty years and Henry Towles about Seventy Six – their age and bodily infirmities renders them unable to attend Courts or places of public resort, Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of July 1832 Adam Rouse

NOTE: On 11 Dec 1833 Breedlove applied to have his pension transferred to Ohio, having moved to Adams County to live with his children. In this application he stated that he had served under Captain Terrel (probably Edmond Terrill) in the regiment of Col. Lucas.