

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Bruce S30287

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State of Kentucky, } Sct.

Lincoln County }

On this 27th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. John L Bridges, Judge of the circuit court for Lincoln County, now sitting, William Bruce, a resident citizen of Lincoln County, aged 73 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.

He states that he entered the service of the united states, being drafted, in the year 1780 under the command of Capt John White and marched from Warren County in the state of North Carolina, where he then resided, to Camden [SC], under the command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates as commanding General. Under this draft he entered the service for 3 months and served out said time. This affiant was not in the Battle at Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], but was near there being detailed to do certain duty with the baggage waggons.

That he again entered the service in Feb'y 1781 for 3 months, and marched from Warren County in the State of North Carolina, under a draft, to Guilford Court house under the command of the same Captain. The commanding General under this second tour was Gen'l [Nathanael] Greene, and the Colo. who commanded the Regiment to which this affiant was attached was a Continental officer by the name of [Thomas] Eaton. This affiant on s'd. tour, belonged to a company which was ordered to march in front of the main army. He states that he was in the battle at Guilford [15 Mar 1781], and that Gen'l Greene was the commanding General at said Battle.

That in the same year 1781 he again was drafted for 3 months, and marched from Warren County to the lower part of the state of North Carolina.

That the troops to which he belonged were marched from point to point during s'd. tour, in order to protect that part of the state, as Lord Cornwallis had passed near there a few weeks before – & the British had a garrison near there.

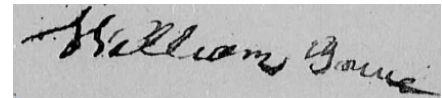
The commanding General on this last tour was Gen'l [Richard] Caswell.

He states that he was born in Richmond County in the State of Virginia, but was drafted as above stated in the state of North Carolina where he then resided. he now resides in Lincoln County state of Kentucky, and has resided there for more than 30 years.

He has no documentary evidence in his possession in relation to his service, nor does he know of any person residing in the Kentucky, who can testify as to his service.

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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

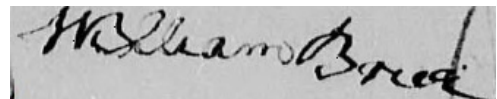


The amend declaration of Wm Bruce, according to the requisition of the War Departmte in answing the 2, 6 and 7 interrogatories.

Have you any record of your age? Answer. no

Did you ever receive a discharge. Answer I did receive a discharge, from a Col. whose name I forget, but only for two tours.

He refers to Mr. Bright, the Rev'd Mr. Haggins, and Thomas Helm the Clerk of the Cirt Court for his Character



NOTE: A document in the file states that Bruce died on 5 March 1842, and that William Bruce and Henry Bruce were executors of his last will and testament.