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Pension Application of Michael Broyles S3052

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State of Tennessee     }               Declaration of Michael Broyles for a Pension under the act of Congress  
Washington County    }               pass'd July 1832

Be it remembered that on this eighth day of November 1833 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Michael Broyles of said County who being desirous of availing himself of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the June 1832 and being unable to attend the Court of Justice in order to perfect the evidence of his claim made & subscribed the following declaration on oath towit. that he the said Michael Broyles was born in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County State of Virginia in the month of June 1740 according to the tradition of his parents, tho he has no record of his age, he was raised in the County aforesaid resided there when the Revolutionary war broke out and in 1776 he was one of a class who was liable to perform military duty, and was placed under Captain Russell of the Virginia Militia Lieutenant Yancy rendezvoused at Culpepper Court House, & marched to Fort Pleasant on the South Branch of Potomac [near present Moorefield in Hardy County WV] against the Shawnee Indians, & continued in said service at said Fort from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May until the first of January following when he was discharged by his said Captain Russell but which he has long sence lost.

He states further that He was again called upon to perform a tour of three months at the time the Prisoners were conveyed to Albemarle, after the surrender to Washington at Princeton, & performed a three months tour of duty at that time at said Barrix which was in commenced January 1777 [sic: see endnote] that s'd tour commenced & ended March of same year being three months. In addition to which he when again called upon in the fall of 1778 to perform a tour of duty and hired a man by the name of Hawkins to go & perform a tour, for which he gave him a horse & the same fall he removed from Virginia to the Western part of North Carolina, (now Tennessee, & settled on the borders of the Cherokee Indians, where said Cherokees were almost daily makeing encursions into the neighbourhood killing plundering & depredating on the inhabitants, insomuch that the Country was a theatre of war, & a fort or station was kept up at his house on Nolichucky, where he spied fortified & guarded the frontier, from the time he came to the Country until the close of the war and is very confident he served in the Revolution fourteen months altogether in proper person but of the time he was constantly out three months or more in regular duty, said service was under Col [John] Sevier who had the command of the militia at that time. He states that he served in proper person fourteen months exclusive of keeping fort &c and exclusive of the time which he kept in service a substitute, for which he claims a pension. that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any liveing witness by whom he can establish his services, but that Samuel Mauk & Brooks H Bell of said County are persons known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish his said servitude, that there is no minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the regulations of the War Department. He states that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. that from age and bodily infirmity he is rendered incapable of attending Court in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress of June 1832.

Sworn to 7 subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833

Michael hisXmark Broyles

NOTE: The prisoners at Albemarle Barracks were Burgoyne's army surrendered at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777. The prisoners did not arrive until shortly after Albemarle Barracks were completed in Jan 1779, and they were evacuated in Feb 1781.