

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bruce S3053

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State of Tennessee }

Sumner County } August Term of the County Court 1832

On this the 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Anderson John L Swaney and William Edwards [illegible word] Justices of said Court now sitting William Bruce a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged 70 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 was born in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia in the year 1762. He has no record of his age at this time, it having been lost.

He was residing in the county of Culpeper in the state of Virginia when he entered the service as a drafted militia man under Capt Robt Allcock [Robert Alcock] for the term of three months in the year 1779. The company to which he was attached marched in the winter of '79 to Falmoth near Fredricks Burk [sic: Falmouth near Fredericksburg] in the state of Virginia and remained stationed at that place during the Winter as a guard over the iron works at that place owned by a Wm Hunter [Hunter's Forge]. The militia at that time and place was commanded by Gen Weeden [sic: George Weedon]. He received a discharge for this tour given as he believes by Capt Allcock which has been lost.

In the year '81 he entered the service as a drafted militia man under Capt Joseph Woods and was engaged in active service in the lower part of Virginia for some time. They were ordered to march to the upper part of Virginia for the purpose of endeavouring to intercept the march of the enemy commanded by Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] – during this service the regular army and the militia were together. The militia regiment was under the command of Col Robt Allcock. He recollects the names of Major Declom [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] and Gen Lafayette.

He was discharged at a place called Morbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill] below Richmond on the James River. His discharge was given by Col. Allcock but has been lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to any pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state. [signed] William Bruce

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Personally appeared in open court this the 17th day of May 1833 William Bruce before the Justices of said court and filed this amended Declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he served two tours of duty in the Revolutionary war of three months each

He states also that at the time he entered the service he was residing in the county of Culpeper in the state in the state of Virginia – After the war he removed to the county of Wilkes in the state of N. Carolina where he resided for three years – he then removed to the state of Tennessee in the year 1795 in the county of Sumner where he has since and now resides. He entered the service as a drafted militia man. He has stated in his original Declaration all that he is able to state in relation to the names of the officers of the army. He has no documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove actual service, nor is there any person living known to applicant by whom he can prove the fact of his service.

He has made every exertion in his power to obtain the Certificate of a clergyman and finds that he is unable to do so. There is no resident clergyman residing in the neighbourhood of applicant and he has failed to procure one living out of it. [signed] William Bruce