

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Brevard S3068

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State of Tennessee Humphreys County

On this 16th day of September 1833 personally appeared before me the Judge of the Court for the County aforesaid in open court Benjamin Brevard a resident of Humphreys Tennessee in the County of Humphreys and State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 pension made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832 – that he entered into the Army of the United States in the year 1779 as a volunteer under Captain James Huggins in the service of the militia of North Carolina as minute men – a species of service then known in said State of North Carolina then Rowan County – that the said Company of volunteers rendezvoused near Charlotte at Polk's Mill it being about the time the British were expected to approach that place from Camden South Carolina & which time of service continued in all two months. The second term of service commenced in the year 1781 in a volunteer disposition of service as a militia men, Company met on the Catawba River at what is called Sherrill's Ford Captain James Huston [sic, James Houston] was appointed by Major Hugh Brevard & Colonel Francis Locke commander of the Regiment from thence we marched towards Ramsours battle ground crossing Mountain Creek reached the battle ground next morning in which battle¹ I was in it being in Lincoln County & from thence to Anson County North Carolina, Captain Houston being wounded at the above battle ground I was under the command in the company of Captain Joseph Sharp the Colonel not particularly recollected the Regiment was commanded by General William Lee Davidson & in a few days we had a skirmish with the Tories at Coltston's [sic, Colson's Mill²] near the mouth of Rocky River here General Davidson was wounded this term of service in all embraced one month. The third term of service entered into by a voting agreement that was adopted by several militia companies each furnishing five-man there was a call for a company to guard some field pieces where there was a public store kept at William [indecipherable last name, looks like "Keruls"] from thence we marched from those field pieces to the Yadkin River & were placed under the command of Captain John McFaggen [sic, John McFadden?] as well as he recollects & who I believe was a Lieutenant in the regular service of the United States, we proceeded on to the Cheraw Hill on the Pedee River where we were

¹ June 20, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

² July 21, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/colson.htm>

discharged this call was for three months service but I think I continued at least 2 1/2 months, in addition to this term of service, I was called on to guard some stores that was taken from the Tories under an order that was issued by Captain James Houston of Rowan County – to General Ashe's Army lying on the East side of the Yadkin River which in all embraced three months full [?]. The next term of service commenced at Baties ford [sic, Beatties Ford] shortly before General Davidson was killed at Cowan's Ford³ when the British crossed & subsequently the little scrimmage that took place From [?] Rowan County from thence on proceeded unto the Whigs to Salisbury and was in service at least one month. In all his service, he served 6 months or more. The said named Benjamin Brevard was born in Rowan County North Carolina where he resided until March last from thence he removed to Humphreys County Tennessee where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every claim except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of this State & that if he has ever received a discharge he has long since lost having moved from said Carolina to the above named County & state aforesaid. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. – He was born in the year 1761 as he is informed & believes by his parents & having seen the family Bible in which his age is recorded but which has been lost. & He has no record of his age in the County of Rowan and in North Carolina & continued to [preside] in that County place, which afterwards became Iredell County until he removed to Humphreys County in the State of Tennessee in the year 1832 where he now resides – he has lost his discharges – he knows of no witness living by whom his services can be proven – for his character & for his veracity he refers the court to James Colwell & J. P. McRea his neighbors who know his character & standing & he refers to the body of his declaration for an answer to the several Interrogatories.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 16 September 1833

S/ Benj. Brevard

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benj. Brevard", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to in open court

S/ Thomas B. Hudson, Clerk

[James Caldwell and James P. McRea gave the standard supporting affidavit

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

³ February 1, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cowansfd.htm>