

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas White S30787

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State of Kentucky Adair County: SS

On this 6th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Adair County Court Thomas White aged sixty-nine 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he entered the service in the year 1780 under Captain John Cottrell and perform service at New London in guarding the Tories. New London was in Bedford County State of Virginia when this applicant then lived. He continued guarding said Tories between 10 & 20 days until they were carried away to Richmond in irons. He then received his discharge from Captain Cottrell & went home, which discharge has been long since lost so that it is & has been impossible for him to find it. He states that in January 1781 he was drafted in the militia under Captain Oaty [John Otey] for a three months Tour. He marched from Bedford County down through Petersburg Virginia, thence on to Cabin Point there joined head quarters thence to Portsmouth crossed the dismal swamp on the Long Bridge near a British Fort. The Regiment in which this applicant was was commanded by Colonel Mulinburg [Peter Muhlenberg] & frequently General Matthews was with us. Colonel Thomas Meriwether & Major Declomon [Christian Charles de Klauman]. At the time he joined head quarters at Cabin Point he was taken from under Captain Oaty who commanded a rifle company owing to the circumstance of his having no rifle & put under Captain Cummins who was commander of a musket Company. After he passed Portsmouth he was stationed on an island at a place called Edmunds Hill [or Edmonds Hill] & there remained till sometime in March following then marched to a place called Gregory Camps in the State of North Carolina remained there a few days then marched and crossed the dismal swamp where it was said to be five miles wide on logs. After we crossed said swamp he received his discharge from Captain Cummings in writing which discharge is also lost so that he is and has been unable to find it. The foregoing tour was three months. In a few days after his return from the foregoing tour he was drafted in the militia under Captain Jacob Yerly [Jacob Yerby?] and marched from New London down into Buckingham County & was there taken sick and was permitted by the Captain to remain until I could recover my health. After I recovered I started into York when the company was in [sic, and ?] had marched to and met them on their road home, they had all been discharge from the tour of three months for which they had been drafted and Captain Yerly gave me a discharge the first time I saw him which discharge is also lost so that he is & has been unable to find it. He states he was born in Bedford County State of Virginia on the 15th day of March 1763. That he has a record of his age

at his residence in this County. That he lived in the state of Virginia 5 or 6 years after he had performed the service as stated then removed to Kentucky & settled in the County of Fayette. Lived there about 7 years, then removed to the Adair County the place where he now lives. That he was drafted each and every time he entered the service. He states that he has no documentary evidence and no person living in Kentucky who can testify to his service except James Bramlett¹ who resides about 70 miles from here and that he started down to see said Bramlett and was turned back by high water in short time Bramlett coming up for this applicant & testify to his services he then procured the certificate of said Bramlett which was sworn to before a Justice of the Peace of this County which you compelled to do owing to the circumstance of Court not being in session at the time he Bramlett was here – and which certificate is herewith filed –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension 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 & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas White

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas White". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[C. H. Trabue a clergyman and Nathan Gaither gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

By way of amendment to fulfill the requisitions of the War Department the declarant states that he is known in his neighborhood by Chasteen H. Trabue the clergyman who has subscribed sworn to the certificate annexed to his original declaration and also to Nathan Gaither who has subscribed & sworn to the same & who have, can & will at any time testify as to my character for veracity & their belief that I was a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Thomas White

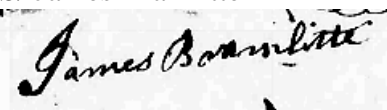
Adair County Kentucky

Personally appeared before me Daniel Trabue a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Adair James Bramlett of the County of Breckenridge and State aforesaid and made oath to the truth of the following statements in relation to the services of Thomas White as a Soldier of the Revolution for a pension.

This affiant states that he and Thomas White were raised in the same neighborhood to gather and Bedford County Virginia. That in the year 178_ the said Thomas White & himself were drafted in the militia and entered the Army under Captain Oaty [John Otey] to serve three months tour which said tour they did serve. Though in consequence of the said White's having no rifle he was attached to the musket company of Captain Cummings, Matthews & Muhlenberg were our Generals. Thomas Meriwether the Colonel and Declumin the Major to the best of my recollection.

Witness my hand & seal this 14th day of September 1832

S/ James Bramlitt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Bramlitt". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

¹ Sic, James Bramblett FPA S14996

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.12 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 10 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]