

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Stttheatements & Rosters

Pension application of William Brandon S3082

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S3082

There was no jacket with this case when carded February 10, 1904, but the Agency Book shows as follows:

Pension as Pri. and Lieut.

issued December 18, 1852

Act of June 7, 1832

Cft. No. 33078

Agency, Nashville, Tennessee.

State of Tennessee Smith County: SS

On this 29th day of August 1836 personally appeared before me Alfred A. Brevard an acting Justice of the peace for said Smith County (he being too frail from age and disease to appear before a court of record) William Brandon a resident citizen of said State & Smith County aged eighty-eight years the 15th of May last, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States in September 1775 in Rowan County State of North Carolina for the term of three years – and was appointed a Lieutenant and commissioned as such by the authorities of the State of North Carolina and was attached to the company commanded by Captain George Davidson and Robert Ralston was Ensign of the same company and David Crockett 1st Sergeant – Davidson's Company was attached to the 1st Regiment and was commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin afterwards General of the State of North Carolina. Applicant was a citizen of Rowan County North Carolina when he entered the service of the US. Applicant states that he served as Lieutenant between two and three years the precise time not recollected he is content that it was longer than two years – The Company rendezvoused at Salisbury North Carolina and marched from thence through Fayette [sic, Fayetteville] NC applicant was not in any battle during this term of service. He has lost his Commission as Lieutenant and his papers in relation to his service in the Revolutionary War he does not recollect that he ever received a written discharge from the service. Applicant has no

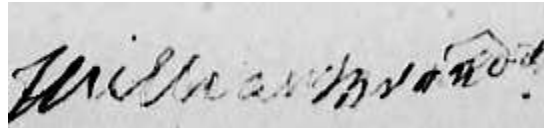
documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his service except William Brawley<sup>1</sup> and David Dobbins<sup>2</sup> both Murry [sic, Maury] County Tennessee whose affidavits are hereto attached which he prays may be examined by the War Department.

Applicant states that he served as many as two other tours in the Militia one of two months and was attached to Captain John Brandon's Company and the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Francis Locke & was at the Battle of Ramsours North Carolina [Ramsours Mill] and was left to assist the wounded after the Battle. After returning from thence he was marched to the Cherokee nation in pursuit of the Tories and was under the command of General Rutherford. Applicant further states that he served a tour of five months under Captain Lopp but does not now recollect the name of the field and Brigade officers, he was marched from North to South Carolina was [at] Purrysburg on the Savannah [River] South Carolina. The commanding General was Lincoln – this concludes the service of Applicant in the Revolutionary War for which he claims a pension. Applicant resided in Rowan County State of North Carolina at the time he entered the service of the United States and continued to reside there until about the year 180[last digit missing as a result of a tear in the paper] when he removed to Smith County State Tennessee where he now resides and has resided – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Alfred A Brevard, JP

S/ William Brandon

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Brandon". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

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State of Tennessee Maury County: This day personally appeared William Brawley before me Samuel S Alderson Esquire an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County of Maury, who made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with William Brandon, now of Smith County Tennessee in the State of North Carolina, during the Revolutionary war, and before that period – that he knew him as a Lieutenant of a company which was raised in Rowan County North Carolina by George Davidson, who was elected Captain of it – in this Company one Robert Ralston was Ensign – he knows the fact that this company was mustered into service as well as he recollects in the year 1776, at least they were about the first troops raised in that part of North Carolina for the United States service – he does not know positively how long they served, but he thinks it was sometime – this affiant was not at that time in the service himself he went out afterwards – he had a brother who joined Davidson's Company, and served with the company, so that he is confident of the fact that the company of Davidson did serve some considerable time, and that William Brandon was the Lieutenant of the company – he has known said Brandon in Smith County, said affiant having lived with him in that County 6 or 7 years, and he knows him to be the same William Brandon who was the Lieutenant in Davidson's Company. Affiant further states that he is about seventy-five years of age, and that he & said Brandon were both raised in Rowan County North Carolina – Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S4161

<sup>2</sup> [David Dobbins S1805](#)

of August 1836.

S/ Samuel S Alderson, JP

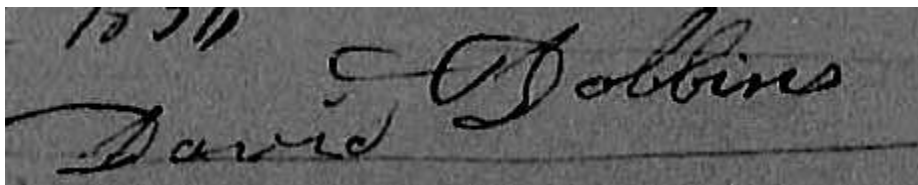
S/ William Brawley

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "William Brawley". The signature is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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State of Tennessee Maury County: This day personally appeared David Dobbins before me Berryman Hamlett Esquire an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Maury who made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with William Brandon now of Smith County Tennessee in the State of North Carolina during the Revolutionary war, and before that period – That he knew him as a Lieutenant of a company which was raised in Rowan County North Carolina by George Davidson who was elected Captain of it. He knows the fact that this company was in the service, in that year he does not recollect he thinks it was between the year 1774 & 76 at least they ward [sic, were] about the first troops raised in that part of North Carolina for the United States service, he also enlisted at the same time but was not mustered into the service, that he recollects they enlisted for the term of three years, he was afterwards twice in the service with William Brandon in the militia for the term of three months each term, under Generals Rutherford and Colonel Jack in Captain John Brandon's Company affiant further states that he is about seventy-nine years of age and that he & said Brandon were both raised in Rowan County North Carolina. Sworn to and subscribed before this 17th day of August 1836.

S/ David Dobbins

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "David Dobbins". The signature is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[fn p. 7: On August 19, 1851, in Smith County, Tennessee, Nancy P. Irwin, 53, filed a claim stating that she is the daughter of William Brandon who filed for a pension during his lifetime under the 1832 act. That her father died September 17<sup>th</sup> 18\_\_ [sic, September 17, 1836]; that she claims the pension due her father on behalf of herself and all of the rest of the heirs of said of William Brandon; that at the time of his death her father left her surviving him the following children Ester Irwin, Margaret Pike, Jane Starns, Sarah Pinsley, William Brandon, John Brandon and Nancy Irwin; that since her father's death all of the heirs have died except Easter Irwin, Jane Starnes and Nancy Irwin.]

[fn p. 12: letter in the file lists the children of the veteran that survived him as:

Ester or Hettia Brandon who married John B. Erwin

Margaret Brandon who married William Pike

Jane Brandon who married Adam Starns or Starnes

Sarah Brandon who married James Pursley

John Brandon

Nancy P. Brandon born about 1798, married Franklin Erwin

Polly Brandon married John Gilispie [sic, Gillespie?]

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I do certify that Mr. William Brandon is and inhabitant of North Carolina and has always acted as an honest man, and to my certain knowledge is a staunch friend to his Country.

S/ W. Mackintosh  
Capt. Georgia Battn.  
Cont. Service

Savannah 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1783

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: This day personally appeared before me Robert M Potts, one of the acting Justices, in and for the County and State aforesaid, William Wood<sup>3</sup> and made oath in due form of law – That he was acquainted with William Brandon & that he served with said William Brandon in the Revolutionary War about eighteen months – that he knew him to be a Lieutenant in Captain George Davidson's Company and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin – That according to his best recollection of William Brandon was a regular Lieutenant the eighteen months he served in the Revolutionary War. During the eighteen months he served he was in the battles at the Cowpens, Guilford & York & he was discharged at Yorktown.

This 22nd day of May 1844.

S/ William Wood, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Brandon a private Soldier and Captain Turner's Company of the 3rd Regiment enlisted in the year 1777 for the term of three years and was omitted in January 1778 and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 5th day of October 1841

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that the name of Wm Brandon a Lieutenant, does not appear on any document in this Office affording evidence of service in the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war.

Given under my hand this 14th day of July 1834

S/ Wm Hill

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<sup>3</sup> FPA R11809