

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Briscoe S30888

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State of Kentucky

Jefferson Sct

On this 3 day December 1832 personally appeared in open court (being a county court of record in Jefferson County and state of Kentucky and now in sitting) Henry Briscoe a resident of the county of Jefferson and state of Kentucky and aged seventy years on the third day of February next, 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 the 7 1832.

States that he entered the service of the united states as a drafted soldier the first of June 1781, was drafted at Leonard Town [Leonardtown] St Marys county Maryland for the term of six months, but that he continued in the servise untill the middle of December following, when he was discharged at Anoplis [sic: Annapolis] Maryland. After being drafted as above named at Leonard Town he was marched to Anoplis Maryland under a serjeant by the name of John King. And was then put under the command of Capt David Lynn a regular officer. he states he was then (at Anoplis) reviewed by Genl [William] Smallwood who was also a regular officer, he was then marched to Georgetown then in Maryland at which place he was put under the command of Capt Mangers [possibly Nicholas Manger] who was also a regular officer, who after the Siege of little York was killed in a duel by Capt Jack Belts [possibly John Sprigg Belt; see endnote] of Maryland who was also a regular officer. From Georgetown he was marched to Little York in Virginia, passing a place called the green spot, and Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] Virginia, and Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] virginia untill he arrived at Little York virginia. He states that he dont remember his Colonels name of his Regiment but remembers his Majors name which was Roxford a Frenchman [possibly Alexander Roxburgh]. After remaining at little York untill The Siege was over and Cornwallis had surrendered [19 Oct 1781], he was employed some time in filling up entrenchments, taking care of arms, and demolishing some forts. After which all who had the small Pox [probably meaning "had already had the smallpox and were immune"] (I being one of the number) were picked out to guard & convey the prisoners to a place called Todds bridge [now Dunkirk in King and Queen County, 4 mi N of present Aylett] in Virginia (Many of the prisoners also had the small Pox) after arriving at said Todd's bridge, he was marched in a starving condition to Anoplis Maryland where he got his discharge, which has been lost or mislaid long since.

this deponant further states that he was born in Maryland the 3^d day of February 1763, and lived in Maryland untill he was 39 years of age. He then removed to Jefferson County Kentucky, where he has ever since resided. This Deponant further states that he has no documentary evidence wherewith to establish his servises, but states that a certain capt Eddy Cumpton [possibly Edmund H. Compton S17896] now of Kentucky (if living) could certify to his servises that he has rendered as abovestated but that he lives a considerable distance from him if alive, and that it would be a detriment to himself & family to obtain the testimony of siad Cumpton even should he yet be living. This deponant further states that he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not upon the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

Sworn to this 3 day of December 1832

Henry hisXmark Briscoe

Interrogatories by the court

1st Question where & in what year were you born"

Ans. This interrogatory is answered on the second page of my declaration.

2^d Question Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age.

3^d Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans When called into servise I was living in St. Marys County Maryland near Leonard Town and continued to reside there untill (I believe) the year 1802, when I moved to Jefferson County Kentucky, where I now reside.

- 4 QS How were you called into servise were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Ans I was drafted.

- 5 Qs State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental & Millitia Regiments as you can recollect, & the general circumstances of your servise?

Ans General Smallwood Major Roxford (a frenchman) Capt David Lynn Capt Mangers Capt Jack Belts who killed Capt Mangers in a duel after the siege of little York. I was attached as I now think to the 25 Regiment of continental troops [sic: see endnote].

- 6 Qs Did you ever receive a discharge from the servise and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge at Anoplis in Maryland, but do not now recollect by whom it was given nor what has become of it. It has been lost or mislaid many years ago.

- 7 Qs State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your servises as a soldier of the revolution?

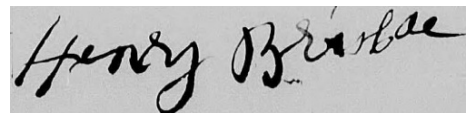
Ans George Hikes Jacob Hikes John Howard Maj'r Samuel Bray, Abraham Kellar Dr David Lynum Col Joseph Funk, Capt Jno. Murphy and many others if necessary.

NOTES:

There are varying accounts of the death of Capt. Manger. Compare the pension applications of William Gates W5279 and Hezekiah Carr W3509.

There was no 25th Maryland Continental Regiment.

On 30 Nov 1837 Henry Briscoe applied to have his pension transferred to Illinois having moved to Clark County because "he did not own any land in the state of Kentucky and was unable to purchase a farm sufficient for the support of himself and family there and for that reason removed to the state of Illinois to procure one, which he did in the month of October 1835." Henry Briscoe's identity was certified by Joseph Briscoe and Joseph Brookhart. The application was signed as shown:

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

A Treasury Department document indicates that a child of Henry Briscoe received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 26 Sep 1839.