

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Robert Brank S30893

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State of Kentucky Garrard County

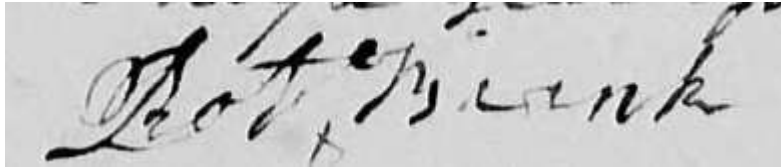
On the 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, it being a court of Record held in and for the County aforesaid, Robert Brank aged 75 and a few months upwards who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the U. States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated as a volunteer, he entered and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Christopher Bateman and was in the company of Captain Leroy Taylor attached to said Regiment. That he engaged for three months and served out the time faithfully. Joseph White was his Major, that he resided in the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina when he volunteered as aforesaid. That immediately upon the expiration of his term of service, he again volunteered for the same period of time, under the very same officers, and was marched in the lower parts of North Carolina and in various quarters of the State, and was engaged in frequent skirmishes with the Tories, during the aforesaid period, that he was again discharged regularly but all his discharges are long since lost. That shortly afterwards, he again volunteered for six months under Captain Joseph McDowell and was commanded by General Charles McDowell both of whom lived in the County of Burke in the said State of North Carolina. He does not remember either the name of his Captain or Major. That he was marched and served during the aforesaid six months through various parts of his native State and also in South Carolina, and was engaged in various little skirmishes, but in no great battle.

That very shortly after the expiration of his period of service, he again volunteered for six months longer under the same officers, and served out the full time. That he afterwards engaged and served as a volunteer with Col. Wetstill Avery [sic, Waightstill Avery] for 30 days, to guard the express to the Valley Towns, for which, as it was a hazardous service, he was promised a credit of a tour of duty. The particular period of his entering the service he does not remember; he rather thinks it was in the early part of the year 1775, and he continued to serve as stated above.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robt. Brank

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Brank". The ink is dark and the background is light-colored paper.

I Thomas Kennedy of the County of Garrard, do hereby certify that the above applicant and myself have been intimately acquainted since we were boys. That he believes they have never been longer apart from each [other] at any one time then one month since their early acquaintance. That he has a knowledge of all the facts stated by the applicant in the foregoing statement, but the time he volunteered to guard the express to the Valley Towns, but he always understood and has no doubt of it, that he did serve in that particular as set forth. I further certify that he was [an] active, brave soldier.

S/ Thos. Kennedy¹

I James Henderson of the County of Garrard do hereby certify that I have been many years acquainted with Robert Brank the applicant, that I have always understood and it is so believed in the neighborhood that he was a soldier of the Revolution, and performed his duty faithfully. I further certify that he is a gentleman of unblemished reputation, and full credit is due to his statement, and further more I certify that General Kennedy the witness is a credible person.

S/ James Henderson

[fn p. 8 On May 26, 1853, Elizabeth Woods and Sophronia Brank, daughters of Robert Brank, filed a power of attorney in which they stated that their father died April 10, 1846 leaving no widow. Their ages and places of residence are not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months in Captain McDowell's company, 12 months in General McDowell's Brigade and one months in Captain Avery's company, all as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Thomas Kennedy S31185](#)