

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Bramblet S30896

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State of Illinois }

Gallatin County }

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Thomas C. Brown Judge of the Circuit Court for the county aforesaid now sitting Reuben Bramblet a resident of said county in the state of Illinois aged 75 years on the 15th day of last march who being 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He first volunteered under Capt Samuel Blackwell at Fauquier County Virginia for the Term of three months in what year exactly he cannot recollect but it was the same year of the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] for he recollects that while [illegible word] just after he had joined the corps then was marched by the Battleground to join Gen'l. Washington's army with whom he remained until his three months had expired. He is pretty sure he volunteered in September of that year. The Col. of the regiment that he started with was of the name of Armistead Churchill but he did not command them long, but went back[?] on the march and the regiment was then conducted to Head Quarters by Maj. Francis Triplet [sic: Francis Triplett]. There was two companies – one commanded by Capt Harrison (Benjamin he thinks) [Benjamin Harrison] and the other by Capt Blackwell. They marched from Fauquier County through Maryland to Pennsylvania where they joined the army under Gen'l. Washington not more than 16 miles from Brandywine River [Brandywine Creek]. After his arrival at Head Quarters they joined the 3^d Virginia Regiment. He remembers a Col. Ennis [sic: James Innes] but whether he commanded the 3^d Reg't or not he does not know. he turned out under him to fight the Hessians who had landed on this side the Schuylskill [sic: Schuylkill River] but they run and no fight took place. he was discharged in the same place where he joined the army at the end of his 3 months. he Volunteered a second time for three months a year or two afterwards in the Spring of the year under Capt William Berry to go into South Carolina on the Indian line where he was stationed under Col. Williamson [Gen. Andrew Williamson]. Several Companies in different places Col Williamson commanded them all but [one or two illegible words] not much with his Company which was stationed at a Block House. Their march had been by Orange Courthouse, Guilford Courthouse, Salsbury [sic: Salisbury NC] across Broad River, Catawba river & Inaree [sic: Enoree] River where his time was all but out [illegible word] Capt Berry & the whole company but three were absent ranging those three of whom this applicant was one were taken prisoners by several hundred Tories under the Command of Capt or Col Boyd who was proceeding to join the British. He was not taken away but the Tories after taking what they wanted went on & left him & his comrads at the fort & when Capt Berry returned from his ranging expedition he was discharged he was in no battle during this Tour nor served with any Continental regiment or company

He volunteered for a third term of three months the same year that Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] under Capt William Triplett son of Maj Francis Triplett before named. He entered the Service this time in the month of June at Fauquier County Virginia and marched through Falmouth and Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] to Little York where he joined the main army. He does not remember what regiment he was attached to on this occasion nor the names of his Colonel or Major – but recollects to have seen there Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne and to have been commanded by him – was in no battle being discharged & returned home before the Surrender of Cornwallis his three months being out & heard of the surrender of Cornwallis a few weeks after his return.

He states that he served in all nine months in said three tours of three months each – that he has

no written or documentary evidence of his services & that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. And he hereby relinquishes every 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

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