

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Brady S32143

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State of Indiana Vigo County: SS

On this 8th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Circuit Court of the County of Vigo now sitting Joseph Brady a resident of said County of Vigo and State of Indiana aged seventy-two years or more who on 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 was born in Johnston County North Carolina but does not know them month or year – That the record of his age has been destroyed. That he was living in the County of Johnston & State of North Carolina when he Enlisted. That he enlisted for 3 months under Captain William Bryant. That John Smith was his Colonel. That a man named Bryant was Major and that he marched to "Cross Creek" and thence to the "Widow Moore's Creek" where he fought a battle or skirmish and that at this place he was discharged – That he subsequently removed to the County of Roan [sic, Rowan] in said State and there joined Captain William Cole's Company commanded by Colonel William Lofton and was kept as a minute man and was frequently called out and under different officers for nearly 4 years. He was never drafted. He does not recollect the name of any regular officer. He has lived in Georgia 15 or 20 years and afterwards in Tennessee about 15 years and that he now lives in the State of Indiana. That he received several discharges similar to furloughs from Captain Cole but has lost them all.

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.

Witness

S/ Joseph Brady, X his mark

S/ W ? Linton

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State of Indiana Vigo County: SS

On this 5th day of May A.D. 1834 in the Circuit Court of said County, in open court, personally appeared Joseph Brady a resident of said County aged seventy-three years or thereabouts who being first duly sworn according to law doth in addition to the declaration hereunto annexed, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] in the State of North Carolina but does not know the month or year; that the record of his age has been destroyed: That he was living in said County when he volunteered as a common soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War for the term of three months, under Captain William Bryant, a man named Bryant was his Major and

John Smith his Colonel, that he served out the whole of the said 3 months without any intermission; that during this service he marched to Cross Creek, from thence to the widow Mores [sic, Moore's] Creek, where was fought a battle¹ or skirmish with the "Scotch Tories" who were defeated, and at that place he was discharged. That afterwards he removed to the County of Roan [sic, Rowan] in said State & there volunteered under Captain William Cole, that William Lofton was his Colonel, where under the command of the said Captain Cole, Captain Hedrick and Captain Smith he served out four several tours of three months each, that during the said service he was in no particular engagement, but was kept on service for the protection of the settlement, principally against the incursions of the Tories, a company of which, under the command of one Fanning [David Fanning] made frequent incursions. That during this service, while building a small Fort near the widow Moore's Creek, he was wounded in the knee by an ax which has ever since rendered him a cripple, that after receiving this wound he was discharged from the service, and that within about a year from that time peace took place, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot state the time of the commencement or expiration of any of the said terms of service, but cannot positively state that the said five several terms of three months each were served out by him without any interval except between the said times, and that during the said terms he was engaged in no civil employment. That 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.

And the court having propounded to the said applicant the interrogatories required by the War Department they were answered as follows to wit:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Johnson County in the state of North Carolina in the year 1760 I think.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. It is recorded in my Bible, but so dim that it cannot be read at this time.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. When I went into the service I lived in Johnson County North Carolina, from thence I removed to Salisbury Roan County, from thence to Georgia and now Burke County, from thence to Lincoln County, from thence to Tennessee & from thence to the County of Vigo in the State of Indiana where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I served as a volunteer.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I was a part of the time under the command of Captain William Bryant, a part under Captain William Cole, a part under Captain Hedrick, and a part under Captain Smith, that a man by the name of Bryant was a major, and John Smith and William Lofton were colonels, the kind & circumstances of the services are as above stated in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge from William Bryant, but it has been lost, also from

¹ February 27, 1776. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>

Captain Cole which has been lost.

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Joseph T Postin a clergyman and Andrew Ferril are 2 of my neighbors well acquainted with me.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Brady, X his mark

S/ C. Gilbert, Clerk

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State of Indiana County of Vigo: SS

On this 11th day of August A.D. 1834, in the probate court of said County, personally appeared Joseph Brady, aged seventy-three years or thereabouts, 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 the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Johnson, State of North Carolina, but does not know the month or year, that the time or date of his birth is recorded in his family Bible but it has become so dim that it cannot be read; that he was living in the said County of Johnson at the time of the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and that sometime during the said War, (but the precise date or year, from the great lapse of time, age & consequent loss of memory, he cannot recollect) he volunteered as a common soldier in the militia, for the term of 3 months, in the company commanded by Captain William Bryant, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Smith, & that one Bryant was the major, that his first name he cannot recollect: that during this tour of service he was marched to Wilmington where he remained about a month, from thence to Cross Creek where he remained about a month, when information was received that the Tories had embodied at the widow Moore's Creek, to which place, he was then marched & where, at the bridge, was fought a battle with the Tories, who were defeated & after remaining about a week at this place, he was again marched to Cross Creek and was discharged, his 3 months term of service having expired. That afterwards he removed to the County of Rowan in the said State and there again volunteered for the term of 3 months in the same service, in the same capacity, in the company commanded by Captain William Cole, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Loftin, that during this service he marched to Williamson's swamp and from thence to Briar Creek, from thence to Drowning Creek, & served principally in defense of the settlement against the incursion of the Tories, & that at the expiration of the said 3 months he was discharged: that in about 5 or 6 months after the expiration of his tour last mentioned at further requisition of men was made, when he again volunteered for the term of 3 months in the same service, in the same capacity, in the same company & Regiment & under the same Captain & Colonel and was kept on the same service marching to different places for the defense of the settlement against the Tories & that at the expiration of said term he was again discharged.

That afterwards & he thinks in about a month a further requisition of men was made, when he again volunteered for the term of 3 months in the same service & in the same capacity, & under the same Captain & Colonel & was engaged in the same service during the said term, when he was discharged; That afterwards, and he thinks in about 3 months, a further requisition of men was made, when he again volunteered for another term of 3 months, in the same service & in the same capacity, & under the same officers, & during this term of service he commenced to march towards York Town, but hearing of the surrender of Cornwallis, he was marched back

& while engaged in building a small Fort near the widow Moore's Creek, he was wounded in the knee by and ask which has ever since rendered him a cripple & after which time he was discharged, it being within a few days of the expiration of his last term of service, and in about a year as well as he can recollect, after his last discharge, peace took place, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot state the precise time when any of his said terms of service commenced nor when they ended, but this he can state positively, that the said file the several terms of 3 months each were served out by him without any intermission, except a part of the last term after he was wounded, and that during the said terms he was engaged in no civil employment, that the cause of his volunteering in the service was the general repugnance at that period 2 being drafted. That he knows of no person by whom he can prove any of his said services, that he removed from North Carolina to Albert [sic, Elbert] County in the State of Georgia, where he resided about 5 years, from thence he removed to Wilkes County in said state, where he resided about 7 years, from thence he removed to Baldwin County in said state where he resided about one year, from thence he removed to Rutherford County in the state of Tennessee where he resided about 12 or 15 years & from thence he removed to the County of Vigo in the State of Indiana, where he has resided about 7 years & where he now resides. He further states that the expiration of each of said terms of service he received written discharges from his several captains but not considering their preservation of any importance to him, they have all been lost or left at some of his formal places of residents.

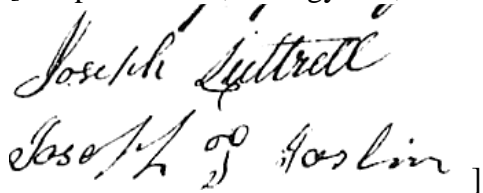
On a further recollection, the said applicant states that his last term of service was under Captain Peter Hedrick, instead of Captain Cole as 1st stated & that the calls of his misunderstanding was that exchanges of captains were made in consequence of the sickness of Captain Cole. He further states that he is well acquainted with Joseph Litteral and immediate neighbor & Joseph T Joslin a clergyman, a former neighbor, now residing about 6 miles from him who can testify as to his veracity & their belief of his services herein stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state, Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ C. Gilbert, Clerk

S/ Joseph Brady, X his mark

[Joseph T. Joslin, a clergyman, and Joseph Luttrell gave the standard supporting affidavit.



Joseph Luttrell
Joseph T. Joslin

[p 8: On November 14, 1845, in Vigo County Indiana, John Brady gave testimony that he is the son of Joseph Brady, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that his father resided in Vigo County Indiana for the space of 12 years previous to his death and that at the time of his death he resided in Knox County Indiana; that he is the administrator of the estate of his father; and that he appoints an attorney to collect the balance due his father at the time of his death which occurred on September 6, 1838.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]