

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Brimmage (Brummage) S38568

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State of Kentucky Graves County: SS

On this 15th day of April 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Rezin Dauge Judge of the Graves Circuit Court now sitting John Brimmage aged 73 years a resident of said County of Graves and State of Kentucky 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 United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit)

He states that he was born in Queen Anns [sic, Queen Anne's] County Maryland on the 8th day of June 1760 (he has no record of his age he once had but it is now lost but his recollection upon this subject is quite fresh –) and that he first entered the service of the United States in the County of Anson and State of North Carolina as a private drafted militia man in the month of July 1781 he states that he was attached to a company of drafted militia under the command of Captain Patrick Bogan his Lieutenant's name was William Bennett: he was attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Thomas Wade and his Major's name was James Farr he states that this Regiment or Corps of drafted militia was raised by the order (or at the request[]) of General Nathanael Greene who at that time commanded the Southern Army in the Carolinas – he would state that Colonel Wade's Corps to which he was attached was raised as well for the purpose of overawing the Tories of that part of North Carolina as also for the purpose of affording facilities to the Army of General Greene in South Carolina. Your declarant would here state that he was drafted for a six months tour of duty and that Colonel Wade's Regiment was stationed upon the Pedee or Yadkin River in North Carolina but his Captain Patrick Bogan's company with whom was your declarant was detached to take post at the Grassy Island on the said River of Pedee but within the limits of South Carolina the object of this position of Captain Bogan's Company was to intercept the communication between the Tories of North and South Carolina – your declarant remained at the above stationed of Grassy Island with Captain Bogan three weeks when Captain Bogan received orders from General Greene to break up his station at Grassy Island and march into North Carolina for the purpose of taking the cattle from the Tory inhabitants for the supply of his General Greene's Army – your declarant marched with Captain Bogan upon this service in which he was engaged with Captain Bogan and his company during the residue of his tour of six months. Captain Bogan being all the time the

commanding officer having never rejoined the Regiment under Colonel Wade from the time he was detached to Grassy Island. He has states as above that he was engaged as above with Captain Bogan and company in taking beef cattle from the Tories of North Carolina to with from all of "drowning Creek" "Little Shoe heel" & "Gum Swamp" all of them being branches of the Pedee River he states that during the period above referred to your declarant with Captain Bogan and his company succeeded in capturing three large droves of cattle from the Tories of North Carolina and driving them to Duaries [?] quarter (a place low down on Pedee and within the limits of South Carolina) and there delivering them to another detachment who drove them on to General Greene's Army. Your declarant states that the above service employed him & Captain Bogan's Company until the latter end of January 1782 when the period for which your declarant (& the rest of the company) was drafted having expired to wit 6 months. Captain Bogan & his company received a request from General Greene that they would still continue in service long enough to take one more drove of cattle from the Tories & drive them to Salisbury this request was unanimously agreed to by Captain Bogan and his company among whom was your declarant. We took another drove of cattle from the Tories on "drowning Creek" and drove them to Salisbury where we delivered them to other troops who it was said were to drive them to the North. Your declarant then marched back with Captain Bogan and his company to Anson County North Carolina where your declarant and the whole company were met by Major James Farr and were discharged by him was simply dismissed from the service the war having now come to a close. This took place in the latter part of February 1782. Does your declarant was seven months in the service of the United States as above stated from the time he entered in July 1781 to the time of his discharge by Major Farr in the latter end of February 1782. He was under Captain Bogan and Lieutenant Bennett the whole time but never rejoined the Regiment under Colonel Wade after he was detached to "Grassy Island" on the Pedee. He had no written discharge. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service – he states that he moved with his father in 1771 from Queen Anne's County Maryland to Anson County North Carolina and that soon after he was discharged from the service of the United States by Major Farr to it in the year 1782 he removed to Effingham County Georgia & from thence to Pendleton County South Carolina in 1786 from thence to Abbeville County South Carolina in 1789 & from thence to Smith County Tennessee in 1792 & from thence to Lincoln County Tennessee in 1795 & from thence to Graves County Kentucky in 1832 where he has resided ever since and where he at present resides. He states that Robert Calvert, Dempsey Odom, Lewis Odom & Fletcher Lillivan are his neighbors who will bear ample testimony to his character for veracity and as to his reputation of his having been a revolutionary soldier. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 or territory whatever.

Subscribed and sworn to in open court the day and year aforesaid

Attest S/ John Anderson, Clerk

S/ John Brimmage, X his mark

[William Hollyfield [signature looks like "Wm Holifield"], a clergyman, and John Frayzer [signature looks like, "John Flayzer"] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky County Graves: SS

On this 14th day of October 1835 before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace for said County of Graves personally appeared John Brimmage who on his oath declares he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Patrick Bogan in the

Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Wade in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Kentucky; that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War which certificate on or about the last day of March 1835 in the town of Mayfield County of Graves and State of Kentucky he the said John Brimmage lost as follows to wit he had just received his semiannual claimant of \$10 which fell due on the 4th day of March 1835 he had left his certificate at the post office in Mayfield and called to see Mr. John Anderson who had acted as his agent and transmitting his vouchers to the pension agency in Lexington. Mr. Anderson asked him "where is your certificate?" He answered that he had left it at the post office and started to get it when Mr. Anderson remarked to him to "let it alone it would be as safe there as anywhere" upon this he Brimmage went home & contented himself until the 4th day of September 1835 the period for drawing his next semiannual payment & when he called at the post office for his certificate he could not be found.

S/ John Brimmage, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]