

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bratcher S39223

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State of Tennessee [illegible word] Sixth [?] Judicial Circuit

This day personally appeared before me Alfred M. Harris, one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State of Tennessee, the undersigned, William Bratcher; who being by me sworn, saith, that he is a citizen of the United States, and resident in the County of Maury, & State of Tennessee --

That he did on the 1st day of June 1776 in Spartanburg County in the State of South Carolina, enlist as a private Soldier on the Continental establishment only for the term of twelve months, in a company commanded by Captain John Blasingame in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], of the Continental line -- that he did faithfully served in the company & Regiment aforesaid against the common enemy (Great Britain) for and during his said term of enlistment being twelve months -- and was, at the end thereof honorably discharged by said Colonel Thomas Sumpter, which said discharge is herewith enclosed.

That he was in the battle when the British first attacked the city of Charlestown (in South Carolina) and Sullivan's Island, where he received a wound with a Bayonet, from the enemy in the right hand, which has in a great measure disabled it. That he was in several inconsiderable skirmishes -- That he knows of no person living convenient to him, by whom he can prove his said service.

That he is now in the seventy ninth year of his age, & half no means of Subsistence, except his own labor --

He is unable to get a subsistence by his labor -- & has been supported by his children -- He stands in need of assistance from his country for a support -- He hath never received a pension from his government, and hereby relinquishes all pensions heretofore granted him by the laws of the United States except the one hereby observed -- He prays to be placed on the pension list, agreeably to the provisions of a late act of Congress in such cases made and provided

2nd February 1819

S/ William Bratcher

Subscribed & sworn to before me the day & date aforesaid

S/ Alfred M. Harris, Judge etc.

District of West Tennessee Lawrence Circuit

On this 29th day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of

Record for the Sixth judicial Circuit of the said State older than in and for the County of Lawrence and State aforesaid died the Honorable Pary.[?] W. Humphreys, William Bratcher aged seventy-nine years on the 5th day of October next Resident of Maury County in said Circuit and District who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (to wit) in General Thomas Sumpter's, then Colonel Sumpter's, Regiment in Captain John Blasingame's Company in the South Carolina line which he claimed originally on second day of February 1819 and has received a pension Certificate No. 13790.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ William Bratcher

Sworn to and declared on the 29th day of August 1820.

S/ Josephus Irvine, Clk

A Schedule of My property at this time bed and necessary Clothing Excepted (to wit) one cow and seven pigs about seven months old one ewe and lamb by occupation a farmer has no person to work for him, lives with his children & acquaintances, unable to work much himself.

S/ William Bratcher

[fn p. 11: I suppose this document to be the discharge referred to by the applicant: it is so faint that very little can be discerned from it other than the signature of Thomas Sumter.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing February 2, 1819, for one year service as a private in the South Carolina line.]