

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Charles Brightwell S6767

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State of Virginia, Prince Edward County SC.

On this 17th day of December 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of said County now sitting, Charles Brightwell a resident of the state and county aforesaid, aged seventy six years, 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the unites states as a private soldier under the following named officers and served as herin stated, viz 1st He performed a three months tour of duty in the Millitia in his own place [i.e. not as a substitute] under Capt. Thomas Flornoy [sic: Thomas Flournoy] of the state of Virginia and County of Prince Edward, in the year 1779 (he thinks) the time he started and was discharged he does not recollect, his route and service were from Prince Edward County to Williamsburg where he was engaged in guarding the Magazine untill the expiration of his Tour. Lieut John Moore and Ensign John Allen were subalterns to Capt Flornoy, a Colo [Samuel] Hawes were in the service at Willimsburg; his discharge in this case is lost, and he knows of no person living by whom he can prove it.

2nd: The next tour of three months in the Millitia in his own place he performed under Capt Charles Allen of the County and state above mentioned, he march'd from the Court house in 1780 to the long Ordinary near Petersburg, where there were troops and field officers, he recollects Colo. Randolph Colo [Everard] Meade and Major Jno. Holcombe where in the encampment and by refference to John Cunningham's discharge [pension application W10696], who was attached to the same company, it was the first regiment. This discharge is lost in this Tour, and he can prove the same by John Cunningham now living.

3d: We marched from Hampden Sidney College Prince Edward County Va. in 1781 (he thinks) under Capt. Richard Holland and Lieu Philip Mathews [S5729] to Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] barracks, having prisoners under guard his service lasted eighteen days, as well as his memory serves him, discharge lost; Lieu Philip Mathews formerly (now the Rev. P. Mathews) know of this service He is still living. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that this name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Charles Brightwell

The following Interrogatories were put by the Court 1st Where and in what year were you born? Answer in King William County about the year 1756 or 1757 from the best information I can get.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer. No I have none but from the best Information I can get I am about seventy five or six. 3^d Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in the County of Prince Edward state of Virginia and have continued there ever since and am there now. 4th. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom? Answer I was drafted from the Military in ever Case.

5th. State some of the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Millitia regiments as you can recollect, and the General Circumstances of you service? Answer. I have embodied all the information relative to my service that I can remember in my declaration, which [illegible word]. 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it signed, and what has become of it? Answer. I received a discharge signed by Capt. Charles Allen which was left with my fathers papers and lost I dont at this time recollect receiving any other, if I did they are also lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your Character for veracity and their belief of you services as a solder of the Revolution. I am known by Colo. Charles Woodson and Rev'd William Johnson in my neighbourhood who can testify to the point asked. Charles Brightwell