

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of George Bruner S8097

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State of Virginia }
County of Frederick } SS

On this 1st day of August 1837 personally appeared before me Josiah Lockhart a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid George Bruner a resident in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia, aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted in the month of January 1778 to serve as a soldier a tour of three months duty in the Virginia Militia, and in this said tour he was stationed one month in the Town of Winchester in the State of Virginia as a guard to the prisoners and he was stationed one month at the barracks near Winchester as a guard to the aforesaid prisoners and he was then marched from Winchester to Philidelphia in the State of Pensylvania by the way of Frederick town Little York [York PA] and Lancaster to Philidelphia as aforesaid, under the command of Ensign William Jenkins, who marched a number of prisoners (sailors) from Winchester to Philidelphia and he was one month on the march, from leaving Winchester to his return thereto, and he was discharged at Winchester on the 27th of April 1778 having served out his tour of duty, and in this said tour his Company was Commanded by Capt. John Runnels [John Reynolds] and Ensign William Jenkins and whilst stationed at winchester and at the barracks the troops was commanded by Col. John Smith [pension application S6114] Commanding officer of the Militia of Frederick County in the State of Va; and He further declares that he was drafted again sometime in the early part of July (in the first week now to the best of his recollection) in the year of 1780 to serve as a soldier a tour of three months duty in the Virginia Militia and in this said tour he was drafted and marched from the County of Frederick in the of Virginia to Taggarts Valley in the Western parts of Virginia [sic: Tygart Valley], under the command of Lieut Henry Brinker [S5305], and was stationed at a Block House or Fort called John Works Station [John Warwick's Station near present Huttonsville WV] and was discharged at Wilsons Station [Col. Benjamin Wilson's fort on Chenoweth Creek about 4 mi N of present Beverly WV], in the month of November in 1780 by Lieut Henry Brinker, in this last tour he served from the time of marching from Winchester until discharged fully four months being retained in service in consequence of not having been relieved by other soldiers at the expiration of his time

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state

George hisXmark Bruner

- Question 1 Where and in what year were you born
Answer I was born in Frederick County Maryland in the year 1762 to the best of my recollection
- Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it
Answer I have no record of my, now I once had a record but have lost it
- Question 3rd 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 Frederick County and State of Va when called into service and have lived
 there since
- Question 4th How were you called into service
Answer. I was drafted
- Question 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served
 such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances

of your services

Answer I do not now recollect the names of any regular officers nor the names of any Continental Regiments

Question 6 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 rec'd. a written discharge for both tours of duty; for the first tour it was signed by Ensign Wm. Jenkins and for the second tour by Lt. Henry Brinker they have both been lost or mislaid

Question 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as your Character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer Christy Sine Joseph McKee

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Be it known that on this 3^d day of August 1837 personally appeared before me Josiah Lockhart a justice of the peace in and for said County Thomas Murple aged seventy nine years (to the best of his knowledge and belief) who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath testify that he is well acquainted with George Bruner and have known him for the space of fifty seven years and that the said George Bruner was drafted and marched from the county of Frederick State of Virginia to Taggarts Valley in the western part of Virginia early in the month of July in the year 1780 under Lieut Henry Brinker, and in this said tour of duty he does know that the said George Bruner served fully four months for he well recollects that he was retained in the service some time longer than the time drafted for in consequence of not being relieved at the expiration of the three months tour, he further testifies that he marched out with the said George Bruner and was his messmate in the said tour of duty aforesaid Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid Josiah Lockhart

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On this 18th day of September 1838 personally appeared before me Josiah Lockhart a justice of the peace in said County aforesaid George Bruner who being first sworn according to Law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration in addition to his former declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That the reason for his not having applied to be placed upon the pension Roll of the United States sooner than he did is that he was not aware that Militia men who served in the revolutionary war were entitled to receive pensions untill some short time previous to his makeing application, that seeing others draw pensions for six months service and knowing that he had served longer than six months (in two tours of duty) he then so soon as he could get any testimony proveing his service, made application to be placed upon the Pension Roll
 George Bruner hisXmark

NOTE: On 23 Feb 1839 Catharine Himelwright, 72, stated that George Bruner had served on the tour guarding prisoners with her brother, Michael Brill (pension application R1212).