

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Brady S8103

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The State of Ohio } Ss

County of Scioto }

On this 26th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Scioto in the State of Ohio in open Court it being a Court of Record now setting William Brady a resident of the County of Scioto aforesaid aged seventy three years on the 4th day of May 1834 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 7, 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered for a tour of duty in Washington County State of Pennsylvania [Washington County formed in 1781 from land claimed by Virginia] for the term of three months to go on to the frontier to resist the depredations of the Indians as near as he can now remember the term he volunteered was three months he started on the tour on first part of the fall or latter part of the summer of 1776 he was placed under the command of Lieutenant Waddle he served out his time upon the frontier and was honorably discharged by the Lieutennant and had a written discharge which was burned when his house was destroyed by fire in Scioto County in March of the year 1811 – Some time in June of 1777 as near as he can now remember there was a call for volunteers to go against the Indians for three months this declarant volunteered for that term at Washington County Pennsylvania and was put under the command of Captain Vanmatter [probably Jacob Vanmeter] the names of the Lieutennant and Ensign are not remembered this declarant was sent on to the frontier and kept there during the term aforesaid he was discharged after serving out his time as Washington County aforesaid this declarant had a written discharge which is lost by fire as aforesaid – This declarant was out as a volunteer for about five months as an Indian Spy in the summer of 1778 his usual course was to be joined with one or two and watch the movements of the Indians at one time Daniel Rardon and a man by the name of Colier was killed by the Indians he served out his time of five months and was honorably discharged and had a written discharge which is lost by fire as aforesaid – In the aforesaid tour he thinks he went out about the first of April went from Washington County Pennsylvania where he then lived – In the spring of 1779 there was a call for men to perform a tour of duty for three months as spies this declarant volunteered for the service at the County of Washington State of Pennsylvania about the first of April and immediately went on that service on to the frontiers there were several other persons that volunteered at the same time but two commonly went together this declarant was some times with one spy and some times with another. this declarant served out his time and was discharged at Washington County aforesaid – In the latter part of the summer of 1780 there was a call for spies or rangers for ninety days this declarant volunteered for that tour of duty he was not placed und the command of any officer but went upon the frontiers and made what discoveries they could and made reports to the different Posts and Garisons this tour of ninty days was served upon both sides of the Ohio beginning a distance of thirty or forty miles below Pittsburgh and ranging down the River thirty or forty miles on one side and returning up the other he served out his time and was discharged at Washington County aforesaid and had a written discharge but by whom by reason of age and infirmity he cannot he cannot at this time tell as the same is lost by fire at the time his house was burned as before stated – In 1781 There was a call for spies to watch the movements of the Indians the declarant volunteered for three months about the first of April as near as he can recollect he with others was sent on to the frontiers and served out his tour of duty and was discharged at Washington County aforesaid which discharge is lost by being burnt in his house – In 1782 there was a call for men to volunteer to go into the Indian Country and chastise the Indians the declarant volunteered as one at Washington County Pennsylvania and

marched under the command of Captain James Munn [pension application R7492] the whole force was under the Command of Colonel [William] Crawford the army assembled at the Mingo botom on the ohio River a few miles below where Stubenville [sic: Steubenville] now stands and marched through the wildeness untill they met the Indians on the Sandusky Plains where on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June a battle between the army and the Indians took place in which the army was defeated and Colonel Crawford taken prisoner by the Indians and a large number were killed and wounded on the side of our army Captain Munn was wounded in leg by a ball and his leg broke on the battle ground and was picked up on the battle ground and carried by this declarant on his back untill a horse could be procured on which he could be placed and was brought home safe and recovered of his wound his wound and has for several years received a pension on account of that wound Major Munn then Captain Munn now lived in Scioto County and has for several years past and can testify as to the truth of the above statement this declarant returned home but received no discharge as he believes was the case with all from the time he left home on the tour untill he returned home again was two months which was he volunteered for – For several years before Colonel Crawfords battle the Indians had greatly disturbed the frontier inhabetants and were every summer making constant depredations upon upon the inhabetants in so much that every man able to bear arms was called out at least for one tour of duty every summer and generally several times more to persue parties of Indians who had taken prisoners of [or] committed murders; after Crawfords defeat the Indians became more troublesome and a call as soon or immediately after this declarant returned home was made for men to go against the Indians this declarant volunteered some time in September or October for two months and was placed under the command of Captain David Patton he volunteered at the County of washington Pennsylvania he was marched on to the frontiers where he served out his time and was honorably discharged by Captain Patton at Washington County aforesaid – this declarant was out in all two years & This declarant has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Captain James Munn under whom he served in Colonel Crafords Campain and whose deposition is hereto annexed

The said declarant was born in the County of Sussex [sic: Sussex] State of New Jersey moved to Washington County State of Pennsylvania when he was about fourteen years old where he lived untill the year 1799 when he moved to Scioto County State of Ohio where he has resided eversince and still resides he was living at the time he was called into service in Washington County Pennsylvania then Virginia; he was called into the service as a volunteer; he was never attached to any Rgement except when he went out under Colonel Crawford; he was called out under the authority of the General government & the State of Pensylvania as he understood at the time; he has no discharge at this time having had them all burnt in his house, which was destroyed by fire in 1811 in Scioto County; he had carefully preserved them all untill that time; he has no record of his age it being burnt in his house but he has always been informed by his parents and others who knew his age that he was born on the fourth day of May 1760 he further states that he was born in the State of New Jersey in the County of Sussex where he lived untill he was fourteen years of age when his parents moved to washington County Pennsylvania then Virginia, where he resided until the year 1799 when he moved to the Counto of Scioto State of Ohio where he has resided ever since and still resides

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. William hisXmark Brady

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Personally appeared in open Court James Munn who being sworn according to Law saith that he commanded a company under Colonel Crawford in his expedition to Sandusky against the Indians and William Brady who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration was enrolled in his company and

marched with the army and was in the unfortunate engagement with the Indians on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1782 on the Sandusky plains at which time Colonel Crawford fell into the hands of the Indians and was burned by them near the battle ground as has always been reported and fully believes and this affiant had his leg broke in the battle by a shot from the Indians and fell upon the field unable to help himself and to all appearance must in a few moments have fallen a victim to the Indian Tommahawk when the above named William Brady amidst a very heavy and destructive fire from the enemy came to the relief of this affiant and took him upon his own shoulders and carried him to a place of safety assisting him to mount a horse which brought him safely out of the battle he further states that he has been well acquainted with the said William Brady eversince and he knows him to be a man of truth and fully believes that all he has stated in the foregoing declaration is true – Sworn & subscribed on the day and year aforesaid [sic]

[signed] James Munn