

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Pryor Broaddus S8109

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State of Virginia

County of Caroline

On this 30th day of Aug't 1832 personally appeared before me Benjamin Pollard a justice of the peace for the County of King and Queen Pryor Broaddus, a resident of the s'd County of King and Queen and state of Virginia aged Sixty nine 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 7th 1832

That he was drafted in the army of the United States (at sixteen years old) in the year 1780, with Captain Edmund Pendleton and served in the first regiment of the Virginia State line commanded by Colo Holt Richardson, and Brigadier Gen'l. Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], Virginia Brigade. His draft was for six months, and marched from the White Chimneys in the County of Caroline and state of Virginia, under the said Capt Edmund Pendleton, to Richmond, from thence to Hillsborough in North Carolina where they remained untill the Brigade was made up, and marched from thence to Rudgey's or Ridgely's Mill [sic: Rugeley's Mill in SC], where they joined the main army commanded by Gen'l Gates [Horatio Gates, on 15 Aug 1780] the day before his Gates's defeat at Camden. The next morning early [sic: about 10 PM the same evening] they commenced their march in order to defeat the enemy at Camden, but did not get quite there before they were met by the enemy [about 2 AM, 16 Aug] and the Battle commenced where they were defeated, and in consequence of there not being any place of rendezvous appointed, and not knowing where to rally he came home without shoes or hat, and staid untill he was supplied with these and some other necessary articles of clothing, in which time having heard that a part of the army had rallied at Hillsborough, he marched back to that place and joined the army again, but because he came home was considered a deserter, and turned over for Eight months service, which time he served out. Took his discharge from Capt Park Goodall [Parke Goodall] and came home. He was again drafted in the militia service under Capt. David Jamison, and marched from B[?]ksbridge [possibly Brock's Bridge] to Williamsburg, and from thence to Richmond and was there when the enemy burnt the Ware Houses in Manchester [30 Apr 1781], and belonged to the regiment commanded by Col. Mathews, and Major John Page having served in this tour he thinks three months when he was again discharged. He shortly after this became a substitute for his Brother John Broaddus and marched under Capt Blackburn, from the said County of Caroline to a place called Malvin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County] and several other places on James River, which he does not now recollect, but thinks that he must have served two or three months in this tour. He afterwards entered himself as deputy Commissary under his father John Broaddus, in which capacity he served untill the close of the war. He further states that he was in the Battle at Osburns [Osborne's Landing in Chesterfield County, 27 Apr 1781]. He was born in the County of Caroline, in the year 1764, and moved to the County of King and Queen in the year 1785 in which County he has resided ever since. He has no documentary evidence of his services having long since lost or mislaid his discharge nor does he know of any person who can testify positively to his time of service, but is known to the following named gentlemen who can testify to his character &c. John Clark, Hugh Campbell, Capt [illegible], Alexander Fleet and James Govern[?]

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 & year aforesaid [signed] Pryor Broaddus
[Certified by Andrew Broaddus, a clergyman, Mordecai Broaddus, and Reuben Broaddus, all of Caroline County.]

King and Queen County towit

This day personally appeared before me Lee Boulware a Justice of the peace for the County of

King and Queen and State of Virginia, Thomas Dew [pension application R2909], and declares upon Oath that he is well acquainted with Pryor Broaddus of the said County of King and Queen, and believes him to be sixty nine years old. that himself and the said Pryor served in a tour of six months together at the south, that is that there were two Companys of Malitia drafted for six months from Caroline County one of which was commanded by Capt Edmund Pendleton, and other by Capt James Johnston [sic: James Johnson]; that they belonged to the first Va Regiment commanded by Col Holt Richardson in Brigadier Gen'l. Edward Stephens's Brigade — that they marched from the White Chimneys in Caroline to Richmond from thence they marched to Hillsborough in N. Carolina, and from thence to Ridgely's Mill where they joined the main army commanded by Genl Gates the day before the defeat of s'd. Gates, and that they were together at the Battle of Camden when Gen'l. Gates was defeated, but does not recollect of seeing the said Pryor afterwards, but always understood that he was considered as a deserter from having gone home after the defeat and was turned over for Eight months service which time he has no doubt but the said Pryor served out. Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of Sep'r. 1832

Lee Boulware

King and Queen County towit

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Pryor Broaddus, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear precisely as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades.

For one year and two months I served as a private. For two months I served as Commissary, and for such service I claim a pension

And the said Pryor Broaddus further declares upon oath that he does not know of a Clergyman in his neighbourhood, who can testify in behalf of his age or the general belief of his services, having removed to his present neighbourhood some considerable time after the revolution.

Given under my hand this 11th day of Jany 1833

Alex'r Fleet, Jr.

NOTE: A Treasury Department document shows that "one of two child'n" was given the final pension payment up to the death of Pryor Broaddus on 21 Dec 1833.