

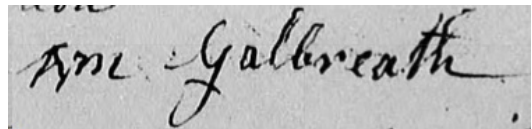
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Galbreath W23093 Phebe Galbreath PA VA
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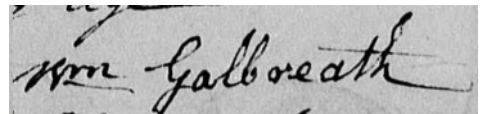
State of Indiana } sct
Scott County }

On this Eighth day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Scott County Circuit Court held in said County and now sitting (being a Court of record) William Galbreath a resident of said County aged seventy five years last October, 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 entered the service of the United States as a resident of Westmoreland County in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1776 in a company of Volunteer Pennsylvania Militia Commanded by Captain Samuel Shannon and served in said Company as a Volunteer in said year, several weeks That in the year 1777 he was in one engagement with the British (to wit) the battle of the ash swamp in the Jerseys [part of the Battle of Short Hills, 26 Jun 1777] near Spank town [now Rahway NJ], in which engagement the enemy were diving[?] near night; and in one Skirmish with the same enemy at Strawberry hill in the Jerseys shortly afterwards, when and where the enemy were drivin into their breast works at Amboy, or Brunswick. In the same year he was one tour, of six or seven weeks, to Wheeling, from thence to Grave Creek about twelve miles below Wheeling in which tour he served as second Sergeant in the same company and under the same commander as above, was in no engagement. In the year 1778 still in the same company and command as above he was stationed at fort Legoneer, in Westmorland County [sic: Fort Ligonier in Westmoreland County] and state aforesaid, his services during the summer of that year consited in building said fort, and scouring the Country against the Indians, he served as above under Captain Shannon in the whole near or about three years; his first Lieutenants name during the time aforesaid or the greater part thereof, was Thomas Campbell, his second Lieutenants name was Robert McDowel, his Colonels name was Archabald Laughery [sic: archibald Lochry], General [Edward] Hand Commanded at fort Pit [sic: Fort Pitt at present Pittsburgh]. In the year 1779 he served a tour or Campaign up the Alleghany to the mouth of French Creek; to Fort Enango [sic: Fort Venango near present Franklin PA], in a company of Westmoreland Volunteer Militia Commanded by Captain John Wood, had no engagement with the enemy the town being vacated before they got to it; his Colonels name was James Smith – That on the 24th day of August in the year 1779, he entered the service of the United States in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia as a Horse Master under the Command of Col Archabald Steel horse master General, of the Western department, and served in said last named capacity untill the Spring of the year 1780, when the continel horses were sold off, at Winchester in the State of Virginia by Phillip Bush quarter Master, about the same time he received orders from John Wilson quarter Master, to join George Glens pack horse company of Private property or horses which he did with eleven horses of his own private property, and one driver beside himself, in which service he continued sixty days, when he was discharged from the service at that time. That in the spring of 1781 he served a tour of three months in a company of Berkley County Virginia Militia Commanded by Captain William Vestil, as a substitute for Samuel Patton, against Cornwallace Marched to Fredericksburgh in Virginia in said Company from whence to Richmond he marched in a company of Rifle men, by exchange between Captains Vestil and Captain Michael Stump as well as he can recollect the Christian name of said Stump – under the Command of said Stump, from Richmond where the had marched to reinforce Gen'l. Lafayett [sic: Lafayette] they were compeled to retreat to Pointle fork up James River [sic: Point of Fork at junction with Rivanna River] where they were joined by General Wayn [sic: Anthony Wayne], when the American troops turned upon Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] and his troops by whome they had been thence driven and drove the enemy to Bottom Bridges [sic: Bottoms Bridge] on their retreat, where the enemy turned upon us and we retreated to the woods for a short distance and time, until we were reinforced by Gen'l Lafayetts main Army, when we again drove the enemy, or when they again retreated and pursued their march toward York town in Virginia where they were captured afterwards, by the American and French

armies [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], that his General officers during his services last aforesaid were Generals Lafayette and Wayn that at the said Bottom Bridges he was finally discharged for that tour from the service of the United States by a written discharge under the hand of Captain Wm. Vestil to whose company he had become reattached, which written discharge he has lost, or mislaid so that he dose not at this time know what has become of it. That after the taking of Cornwallace in the year 1781 he served three months under the command of Captain Cloak, in guarding the prisoners at Winchester Barracks. That in the year 1782 he served a tour of several weeks (the number not recollected) as a substitute for James Wright of the Berkly County Militia, under the command of Captain Isaac Eaton in guarding the aforesaid prisoners when finally he was discharged from the service of the United States at Shepherdstown in Berkley County in the State of Virginia without receiveing any written discharge that he now recollects of that he received his pay for the greater part of his services aforesaid – That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testamony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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 and that this is his first and only application by him ever made for a pension. that John Harrod Clergyman, and Jonathan Johnson and James W. Craig residents in his neighbourhood are persons by whome he can prove his character for varacity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution



The State of Indiana } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in
 Scott County Sct } and for said County William Galbreath who being duly sworn, deposeth
 & saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the
 precise length of his different services named in his declaration aforesaid, but according to the best of his
 recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For five
 weeks under Captain Samuel Shannon as a Sargent, For three months and ten days I served as a private in
 the same company above named, For six weeks I served as a second Sargent in the same company above
 named, For Eight months I served as second Sargent in the same Company in the year 1778, For five
 weeks I served as second Sargent in Captain Wood's Company, For seven months as horse master under
 Col. Steel, For sixty days I served with eleven horses of my own & one driver with George Glen, For three
 months I served as a substitute (private) for Samuel Patton under Capt. Vestil, For three months I served as
 Sargent under Capt. Cloak, and For four weeks I served as a private substitute for James Wright under
 Capt. Eaton and for such services I claim a pension, I was born in York County Pennsylvania in October
 1757. I have no record of my age
 Subscribed & sworn to before me this 20 day of February 1833



To Honorable Lewis Cass Secretary of War/ Washington City District of Columbia
 I received a Certificate from the War Department in conformity with the law of the united states of the 7th
 June 1832 which entitles me to receive Eighty two dollars and thirty three cents per annum during my
 natural life commencing on the 9th of March 1831 which states that I was a Sergeant and private in the
 army of the of the Revolution No. 13856 Recorded in the Pension office in Book E Vol. 7 Page 112
 Payments to be made at Corgdon Ind'a.
 My object in writeing this letter is to have a mistake corrected in my Declaration which was taken in Scot
 County Indiana in which is stated that I had an appointment as horse master and served seven months
 which should have been that I had a commission signed by Capt James Campbell Superintendent horse
 master of Bareclay Co. Virginia udner Archibald Steel horse master general of the Western department
 When I made my declaration I was not questioned whether I had a commission, and forgot to state that I

am ready to testify that I had a Horse masters Commission dated the 24 of August 1779 and served seven months and drew Captain's pay in the Continental line and made regular returns of my pay roll which in 1792 when in Auditor Simmons's in Philadelphia [rest of letter not found]

NOTE: On 19 July 1843 Phebe Galbreath, 72, of Coles County IL, applied for a pension stating that she married William Galbreath on 27 March 1788, and he died on 3 May 1839. John Galbreath certified her claim. On 8 March 1849 Phebe Galbreath was said to be 77.