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Pension application of William Brockett (Brocket) [Brackett] W24665 Patsey Brockett f47SC
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State of Illinois White County: SS

On this 18th day of June 1839 personally appeared before William Wilson Chief Justice of the State of Illinois, Patsey Brocket [sic] a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836. That she is the widow of William Brocket [sic] who went into the service of the United States in the month of November 1774 a private under Captain Robert Patton a volunteer and served in what was called the snowy campaign [December 1775]¹ -- he afterwards went a volunteer under the said Captain Patton [perhaps a reference to Robert Patton of Camden District] , who was afterwards promoted to the office of Colonel and a Captain Walker [John Walker] was appointed in his stead. Said Walker was afterwards removed by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and William Brockett (this affiant's husband) was appointed a Captain in his stead. The said William Brockett served in the Revolutionary War certainly four years -- and two years and a half of that time a Captain, to state the particular dates of his entering the service under each of his several engagements, and the length of time he served under each is out of her power but that he served from the commencement, to the conclusion of the Revolutionary war with the exception of some short intervals -- the officers he served under were General Sumter, Marion [Francis Marion] and Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and Colonel Robert Patton -- he was in the battles of the hanging rock [August 6, 1780],² Bacon's Bridge, Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780],³ Sumter's defeat [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780]⁴ and Rudgleys [sic, Rugeley's] Mills [December 4, 1780]⁵ -- She further declares that she was married to the said William Brockett, by Parson Read in Newburn [New Bern] in North Carolina on the first day of October 1771, that her husband the said William Brocket departed this life on the 3rd day of May 1821 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year first above written before me

S/ Wm Wilson

S/ Patsey Brocket, X her mark

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_rugeley_mills_2.html

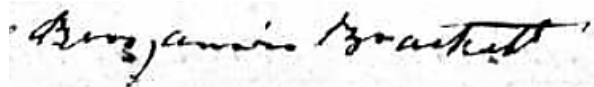
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State of Illinois White County: SS

Be it known that before me William Wilson Chief Justice of the State aforesaid, personally appeared Benjamin Brocket, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that to the best of his knowledge and belief, he is the eldest living son of William and Patsey Brocket, that agreeably to his Father's Register he was born on the 18th of April 1775, that he has some recollection of the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, he recollects of his father's return home after Sumter's defeat, he recollects that he wore a sword at his side and that he was generally called Captain Brocket -- that some eight or ten years after the War, when traveling with his father passed the place of Sumter's defeat, that his father told him of his having been in the battle at that place -- that he showed him the place where two men by the name Stroud were hanged -- the place where the wagon stood -- the position the troops occupy &c. &c. &c. That he has reason to believe that his Father being an active Whig and living in a Country abounding with Tories that his safest place was in the Army and that he did serve throughout the whole of the Revolutionary War with the exception of short intervals at home -- that he has heard his Father say that he was married by Parson Read at New Bern in North Carolina that they lived together from his earliest recollection until the day of his death, as husband and wife (to wit) on the 3rd day of May 1821 and that his Mother has remained a Widow ever since that time.

Sworn and described this 18th day of June 1839 before me

S/ Benjamin Brackett



Sworn and Subscribed this 18th day of June 1839 before me

S/ Wm Wilson

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State of Illinois White County: SS

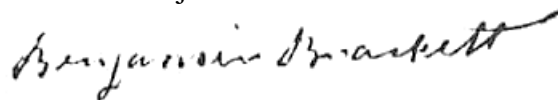
Be it known that before me John Pitchford a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Benjamin Brocket – who I certified to be a Respectable person and credible witness – and exhibited a large old family Bible – on page 678 of said Bible there is a family record, and the said Benjamin Brocket upon his oath declares that the said Bible was the family Bible of William Brocket his deceased father and that said record is the Register or family record of his said father and that there is no record in existence to his knowledge which shows the date of the marriage of his father and Mother – that he is not able to say in whose handwriting the record is – Which record is now cut from the Bible and attached by wafering to this certificate.

Sworn to and subscribed this 27th day of January 1840 before me

S/ John Pitchford, JP

White County

S/ Benjamin Brackett



[pp 4-5: Family record]

William Brockett was born June 26th Anno Domini 1748

John Brockett was born February 4th Anno Domini 1773

Benjamin Brockett was born April 18th Anno Domini 1775

Jesse Brockett was born August 9th Anno Domini 1777

Sarah Brockett was born February 25th Anno Domini 1779

William Brockett Jun^r was born March 24th Anno Domini 1783

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Frederic Brockett was born January 7th Anno Domini 1789

James Brockett was born February 21st Anno Domini 1790 [or 1791]

Thomas J. Brockett was born July 21 Anno Domini 1792 [middle initial is unclear, could be "I" "T" or possibly "S", but my best guess is "J"]

Mary and Betsy Brockett were born August 15th Anno Domini 1795

Patsey Brockett was born October 25th Anno Domini, 1797

David Talor was December 12, 1797

Frederic Brockett was
born January 7th
Anno Domini 1789

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<p>Fanney Brockett she was born in October the 21 day in the year of our Lord 1813</p> <p>Benjamin Brackett was married 19 November 19 1809 Aged 31 years, his wife 22 years</p> <p>Minerva Brackett was married 23 Dember 1830 Aged 22 years, 4 months and four Days</p> <p>Mariah Brackett was married the 21 June 1832 aged 22 years, Nine months and two Days</p>	<p>Fanny Brockett she was born in October the 21 day in the year of our Lord 1813</p> <p>Benjamin Brackett was married 19 November 1809 Aged 31 years his wife 22 years</p> <p>Minerva Brackett was married 23 Dember 1830 Aged 22 years 4 months and four Days</p> <p>Mariah Brackett was married the 21 June 1832 aged 22 years Nine months and two Days</p>
<p>Thomas Brockett he was born in July the 21 day in the year of our Lord 1776 [?]</p> <p>Marget Brockett was born in July the 11 in the year of our Lord 1794</p> <p>Merada [?] Brockett was Born in October the 24 day in the year of our lord 1813 [? last digit unclear]</p>	<p>Thomas Brockett he was born in July the 21 day in the year of our Lord 1776</p> <p>Marget Brockett was born in July the 11 in the year of our Lord 1794</p> <p>Merada Brockett was born in October the 24 day in the year of our Lord 1813</p>

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$54.81 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's services as follows: one month 28 days service as a private in the cavalry (\$8.04); 21 days as a private in the infantry (\$2.33) and 3 1/2 months as Lieutenant in the infantry (\$44.44)]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to William Brockett AA3 [Account Audited, 3 page file]
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 767

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No. 132

1st Sept^r 84 [1784] Book I

Mr. Wm Brocket his Accot. [Account] of 181 days Militia Duty in 1780, 1781 & 1782, Amotg [Amounting] to £36.15.8 ½ Stg [Sterling]

Rec'd 1st Sept. 84 an Indent No 132 Book I^{No. 835} for Thirty Six pounds 15/8 ½ in full Satisfaction for the within accot. [account].

S/ William Brockett



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State of So. Carolina Dr.[deliver] to
Capt. William Brockett

1780

June 22 To Horseman's Service in Capt. John Walker's
Company of Volunteers under Genl. Sumter
[Thomas Sumter] 58 Days at 20/ p Day £58.0.0

1781

June 30 To 21 Days Do. [ditto] in Capt. George
Neely's Company at Do. [ditto] £21.0.0

Octr. 18

1782 To 60 Days foot Service as
Lt. [Lieutenant] sd Company at 35/ p Day 105.0.0

July

To 42 Do. [ditto] Under Genl. Henderson
[William Henderson] at Do 73.10.0
[South Carolina currency] £257.10.0
Stg. [Sterling] £36.15.8 ½

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.