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Pension Application of William Bragg W2517

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State of Virginia Lunenburg County SS Be it known that on this 14th day of March 1834 personally appeared before me James Wilson one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for said County William Bragg Resident of said County aged 73 years who from Old age and Bodily infirmity cannot travel to Court, who being 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 United States service for seven month on the 1st May 1780 and marched in a Company commanded by Capt'n. Sylvanus Walker from the County of Lunenburg to Hillsborough State of North Carolina where he was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col. Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson] and after remaining there some time we were marched to deep River where we remained some time and from thence to Rugeleys Mills South Carolina ten miles from Camden where we joined the main army commanded by Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates and on the 16th of August we had an Engagement and were defeated in what is called Gateses defeat and after the battle we collected together at a place called New Guarden [sic: New Garden NC] and were marched from thence to Hoganses Creek [Hogans Creek] to suppress some tories that had collected at that place and from thence to Guilford Courthouse where we were discharged on the 30th November by Major Boid [sic: William Boyce]

And in the month of February 1781 he Volunteered and marched from the County of Lunenburg under Capt'n. William Dawson in to North Carolina and was attached to the 2 Va. Regement Commanded by Col. [Nathaniel] Cocke and were marched and stationed at different Places and on the 15th of March 1781 we were in the battle at Guilford Courthouse North Carolina after which we Retreated to the Troublesome Iron Works where we remained a short time thence we pursued the British as far as Ramseys Mills where Col. Cocks Regement was discharged on the 30th of March 1781 having served two months the time that he Volunteered

And on the 15th day of June 1781 he again Volunteered for three months and marched under Lieutenant Tomlinson [possibly Benjamin Tomlinson] from the County of Lunenburg to the Morban Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] and was attached to a Company commanded by Cap'n. Mike Mackey of the 3^d Virginia Regement commanded by Col. Beverley Randolph and we were marched from that to Johnson's old field and several other places and lastly to York during the siege at that place untill the first of October when we were discharged by [blank]

And that in his first and second tower he served as fifer and in the third tower as fife Major

And in Answer to the different interrogetories prescribed by the War department he Answers thus

Quest'n 1 Where and in what year were you born

Ans'r Agreeable to a Register kept by my parents I was born in the County of Lunenburg Va in the year 1760

Quest 2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans'r I have no record of my age at this time

Quest'n 3 Where were you liveing when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Ans'r When called into service I lived in Lunenburg and since the Revolutionary War I have lived 7 years in the County of Mecklenburg and now live in the County of Lunenburg

Quest'n 4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a substitute

Ans'r. In my first tower I were drafted and my two last towers I Volunteered

Quest'n 5 State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia Regements as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Ans'r. I can only say that in my first tower we were commanded by Col. Richardson Gen'l. Stephens and Gen'l. Gates as Commander in Chief and that in the battle we were defeated; and in my second tower we were Commanded at Gilford by Gen'l. Stephens [Robert] Lawson and Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and on my third tower we were Commanded by Col Randolph Gen'l. Lawson and LaFayette and as to the different Regements it has been solong that from Old Age & Concequent loss of memory we cannot say mutch about them

Quest. 6 did you ever receive a discharge from service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans'r. In my first tower I recev'd a discharge which was signed by Maj'r. Boid and in my second tower I receiv'd a discharge which was signed by Col. Nathaniel Cocke and in my third tower I receiv'd a discharge which was signed by Col Holt Richardson which discharges have since been lost

Quest'n 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your Carrector for Veracity and their belief of your Servises as a Soldier of the Revolution

Ans'r. I am known in my present neighbourhood by the Rev'd. Sylas Shelburne Col Levi Clay He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Role of the Agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Wm Bragg

[John Brown, pension application S1748, deposed that he served with Bragg in the first and third tours of duty.]

NOTE: On 5 Apr 1849 Cecelia Bragg, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married William Bragg on 7 Jan 1794, and he died 22 Apr 1834. The file includes a copy of a bond signed 7 Jan 1794 in Lunenburg County by William Bragg of Mecklenburg County and William Cunningham of Lunenburg County for the marriage of Bragg to "Scecely Wilson."