

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Brenton W2518

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Pike County }

On this 15th day of August AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Probate Court of Pike County Indiana now sitting James Brenton a resident of Petersburg in the County of Pike and State of Indiana aged sixty eight years who first being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, his first tour of service was under Col'n George R. Clark [George Rogers Clark] his major Wm. Lyn [sic: William Lynn] his captain Peter A Sturgus [sic: Peter Asturgus] Lt James Adams in the year 1780 the tour commenced in August or September and served more than one month during this tour he started from near where Louisville Ky now stands and marched to the mouth of Licking where Cincinnatti [sic: Cincinnati] now stands from thence to Piqua where he was in an engagement with the Shawne [sic: Shawnee] Indians in which we were successful [8 Aug 1780] we then returned to Bear grass where we were discharged by our captain. this was a volunteer expedition he resided in Virginia. his next tour was in the year 1781 under Captain John Cowan guarding the frontiers and had no higher officer. this duty was performed in the neighbourhood of where Harrodsburgh [sic: Harrodsburg KY] now stands for this expedition was drafted – a second tour of duty was performed by him in the same neighbourhood under Cap'n Ambrose Gorden for the same purpose. a third tour of duty was performed by him under Capt Ellison for the same purpose and in the same neighbourhood. these expeditions were of one month each. his next service was in the year 1782 under Col'n George R Clarke [sic: Gen. George Rogers Clark] Comd't. his Major Hugh McGary his immediate Col'n Comd't. Benjamin Logan his Captain Samuel Kirkham his Lieutenant Henry Grider Ensign William Crow. The Tour commenced in October and they returned in November they started from Harrodsburgh and marched to Cincinnatti thence up the miami above mad river destroyed four Indian towns [10 Nov] and returned – he served a second tour in the same year under Capt Joseph Kin Caid [Joseph Kincaid]. Col'n Ben' n Logan they started from Harrodsburgh and went to Bryants station [Bryan's Station near Lexington] thence to the Blue Licks and went to the Blue licks & buried the dead slain in the battle of the Blue licks [19 Aug 1782] – then returned he performed a third tour in the same year his Captains name not recollected started from the same place and down the Kentucky river to where Frankfort now stands and took up meat to the mouth of Shawnee run for the use of the troops stationed at Louisville and was then discharged, [illegible word] the last stated campaigns he was drafted. and the three last campaigns make together a period of more than three months That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services he has a record of his age now in his possession which was copied from his fathers record he has lived in Kentucky and Indiana ever since he performed the services here to fore stated he is known to the Rev'd David Horneday and John McIntire. 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 [signed] James Brenton

NOTE: On 9 May 1843 Mary Brenton of Washington Township in Pike County, aged 60 on 3 Oct 1843, applied for a pension stating that she married James Brenton on 14 Sep 1830, and he died 16 June 1836. On 7 Nov 1853 she was said to be aged 71, her name before marriage was given as Mary Ainsley, and the date of marriage was given as 21 Sep 1830. On an application for bounty land dated 20 Mar 1855 her age was still given as 71, and she stated that she was married by a Justice of the Peace named John Butler. The

file contains copies of the marriage license dated 19 Sep 1830 and of the record of marriage on 21 Sep 1830.