

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of David Briggs W2994

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State of Kentucky } S.S.

Logan County }

On this 3^d day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Logan County in the State of Kentucky now sitting David Briggs a resident of said county of Logan in the State aforesaid aged Seventy three 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 7 1832

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that in the year 1780 he entered the service of the United States in the army commanded by Gen'l George Rogers Clark, the name of the Captain who commanded the Company to which I belonged was John Swan and the Lieutenants name was Ebenezer Corn we rendezvoused at Louisville in County of Jefferson in the State of Kentucky which was the place of his residence, this was in the month of July, from thence we marched up the Ohio River to the mouth of Licking crossed the Ohio and marched to Chilicothe [sic: Chillicothe] and from thence to Picqua [sic: Piqua] on the head of Mad River when the indians gave us battle [8 Aug 1780]; We lost in this fight 18 men we returned home some time in September but the precise time he cannot recollect it was however nearly three months and was the first of July we set out

He again Volunteered in the year 1782 to go out against the same tribe of Indians under General Clark, John Snoddy was Captain of the Company to which he belonged and William Moore was Lieutenant. He lived at the Craborched in the State of Kentucky We rendezvoused at Bryants Station [Bryan's Station on North Fork of Elkhorn Creek near Lexington] about the middle of September or sooner, we marched to the Bigg Miami [sic: Great Miami River] and drove the Indians from their towns some of which were thirty miles beyond the Miami we returned to the Ohio and were discharged about the 1st of November of the same year making a tour of about two months, we got no written discha[rge] That immediately on his return he was in the service as a ranger and Spy for the space of about three months on the headwaters of Dicks River [sic: Dix River] and Paint Lick Creek, previous to this service he was employed by Gen'l Clarke to take and express from Englishes Station [English's Station on Dix River SE of Crab Orchard] to the falls of the Ohio [at Louisville] and on his return Major John Adams set out the Company of Rangers or Spies as above stated the time he was employed in this service was ten or twelve days as he had to make his way through the Woods & by paths. 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

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

[signed] David Briggs

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The Amended Declaration of David Briggs to a declaration sworn to before the Justices of the Logan County Court at a Court held for said County of Logan on the 3^d day of December 1832, in order to obtain the benifit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832

This declarant saith he was born in Westmorland [sic: Westmoreland] County in the State of Virginia in the year 1760. He has a written record of his age in a family Bible, extracted from his fathers family Register. He further saith he was residing at the Falls of the Ohio River in Jefferson County in the State of Kentucky at the time he first entered into the service of the United States, as set forth in his said

declaration of which this is an amendment That he resided at the Crab Orchard in Lincoln County in the State of Kentucky when he volunteered and served the United States in the Second Campaign as set forth in his said declaration. After the close of the Revolutionary War perhaps two or three years He returned to Virginia the place of his nativity and lived there seven seven or eight years, at the expiration of which time he removed again to the State of Kentucky, where he has resided ever since and for the last 4 or 5 years has resided in Logan County in said State of Kentucky

To state the precise time to a day which he spent in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war, he cannot but he can say with certainty that, adding the different periods of his services in the several campaigns he served in the War of the Revolution it would make a period of three years as Ranger Spies [illegible word], Gen'l. George Rogers Clark was with him on the first Campaign and Colonel Lynn [probably Major William Lynn] as before stated

He states again that he never received a written discharge for any part of his said service. That in addition to the gentlemen who have already certified his character & reputation as a revolutionary soldier - Presley Edwards Esqr. & Maj'r Presly Moorhead will also certify herein

Sworn & subscribed in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Logan County now sitting, on the 6th day of May 1833 [signed] David Briggs

NOTES:

George Edwards (pension application W8684) stated that he had served with Briggs.

On 6 June 1842 Margaret Briggs, 73, applied for a pension stating that she married David Briggs in Fauquier County VA on 13 Nov 1786, and he died 22 Sep 1835. Her son, George Briggs, 41, made a supporting statement. On 3 Mar 1855 she applied for bounty land. The file includes an original family record from her family Bible, transcribed below.

David Briggs was Born October 23rd 1760
and Margaret Crawly was Born January 19th 1769
and married 13th November 1786

Jeney Briggs was Born April 25th 1788

Judah Briggs was Born January 23rd 1790

Elizabeth Briggs was Born April 20th 1792

Wm. Briggs was Born January 29th 1794

Charloty Briggs was Born December 2nd 1795

Thomas Briggs was Born January 15th 1798

George Briggs was Born July 14th 1800

Hesakiah Briggs was Born March 10th 1802

Charles Briggs was Born January 22nd 1804

David Briggs was Born January 22nd 1806

John Briggs was Born January 22nd 1808

Marian Briggs was Born January 12th 1810

Margaret L. Briggs Was Born Jan'y 22^d 1812