

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Breden (Breedon) W334 Johanna fn32NC
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State of Tennessee Wilson County: SS

On this 27th day of December 1832, personally appeared before me Thomas S Green an acting Justice of the peace within and for the County of Wilson, Charles Breden a resident of said County of Wilson and State of Tennessee, aged seventy-nine, 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 and served as herein stated, under the following named officers –

At the time he entered the service of the United States, he was a citizen of Guilford County, and being called out, he served a tour of three months as a Sergeant in the company commanded by Captain Robert Bell. The Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel James Martin Colonel commandant, Lieutenant Colonel John Paisley & Major Thomas Blair he was mustered into the service at Guilford Courthouse North Carolina, marched from thence through Salisbury to the Catawba River thence up the same & crossed the French Broad River at Swannanoa – continuing next to the Valley towns from thence returned home, having served a tour of three months, was regularly discharged. General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] commanded the expedition. He is now aged and very infirm and cannot state with certainty the time he first entered the United States service – but his best recollection and belief is that it was in the summer of the year 1776 – Shortly after this I served another short tour as a guard in taking prisoners from Guilford to Hillsboro – was on duty and eight days at least.

He was again called upon to serve a tour of three months but was discharged at the end of two months – this was called the Raft Swamp expedition, and he was in the Company of horse commanded by Captain Daniel Gillespie – cannot state with certainty in which year this service was rendered but believes it was in the year 1777 –

In the course of the next year (as I believe) I served another tour of one month (though was called out for 3 months) in the company commanded by Captain Flack of Guilford County, marched southwardly against the Tories.

Sometime after the last mentioned service I was called upon to go against the Tories, in the Company commanded by Captain Bell, marched about one hundred miles to Cross Creek & was in actual service ten days at least. At another time he served a tour of eight days in General

Greene's Army & part of that time as a guard for the troops. After that again I served fifteen days or upwards in the Company commanded by Captain John Gillespie & principally against the Tories to the South.

According to his Father's family register he was born the 16th April 1753 [last digit unclear could be 1755] & he was a citizen of Guilford County North Carolina where he continued to reside until the year 1796, when he removed to Robertson County in the State of Tennessee & resided in Robertson County until the year 1819 when he moved to Wilson County Tennessee where he has resided ever since. His memory is so bad (being impaired by old age & infirmity) that he cannot undertake to give the dates of the different services above set forth. He never received any discharges in writing – & has no other documentary evidence to sustain his declaration – he is however intimately acquainted with Captain William Donnell & Mr. George Donnell citizens of this County, who were his fellow soldiers part of the time above mentioned, & by them he can prove positively some part of his services & their belief of the balance as claimed to have been performed by him.

He was a militia man in the whole he served in the Revolutionary War – & was not in any battle. – But was in some skirmishes.

He knew General Greene & Major John Donnell, John Nelson, Captain Hadley, Captain Forbus, Captain John Rankin, of the Regular Army.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

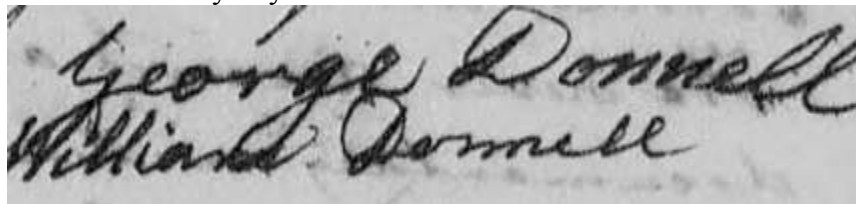
Witness

S/ Thomas S Green, JP

S/ Charles Braden, X his mark

We William Donnell¹ & George Donnell² of the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee hereby certify that we knew are well acquainted with Charles Breden who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be seventy-nine years of age – and we know that he served three months against the Indians in the Company commanded by Captain Robert Bell – and we believe he served the tours mentioned in his declaration, (being a man of veracity) and he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

A photograph of two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "George Donnell" and the bottom signature reads "William Donnell".

[Levi R Morrison, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On October 7, 1842 in Wilson County Tennessee, Johanna Braden, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Charles Braden; that she married her husband October 1, 1779 in Guilford County North Carolina; that they removed to Tennessee in 1796; that her husband died January 21, 1840 in Wilson County Tennessee; that she has no record of her marriage, but she does have a record of the ages of her children in the

¹ [William Donnell S3293](#)

² [George Donnell S3294](#)

handwriting of her husband.]

[fn p. 16: family record – transcribed verbatim]

A Mary Breden Born on [illegible] the 18 1780

Robart Breden Born on Sondag May the 17 [illegible]

Marget Breden Born on friday the 16 of Septem 1784

Catey Breden Born on tusday the 7 of febery 1787

Alexander Breden Born on Setterday the 7 of November 1789

Willem Breden Born on Monday the 3 of S[paper torn] 1793

Sammul Breden Born on tusday the 19 of December 1797

Nancy Breden Born on Wenday the 25 of febury 1801

Ibby Breden Born on Friday the 23 of September 1803

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 4 months and 11 days service as a private and 3 months service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]