

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Braithwaite (Braithwait) W5934 Catharine Braithwaite f29MD  
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/25/15

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

Virginia County of Frederick SS

On this seventh day of March 1826 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid William Braithwaite resident in the said County aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he enlisted for the term of three years or during the war in the early part of the month of May in the year 1778 at Frederick Town in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Capt. Wright (who was then a prisoner with the enemy, and the command of the Company devolved on Lieut. John Gassaway who was afterwards appointed Capt. in the second Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Price in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment. That Col. Price never joined the Regiment after his (Brathwaite's) enlistment, the Regiment being commanded by Col. Thomas Woolford until August 1780 when the Command Devolved on Col. Gumby [sic, John Gunby] and the company after the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] was commanded by Capt. Edgerly [Edward Edgerly] who had been adjutant & then by Capt. Samuel McPherson. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the War. That he was sent with the troops from Charles Town [Charleston] South Carolina by water to Annapolis in August 1783 and Furloughed and called again to Annapolis in November in the same year when he received three months pay and a certificate for the balance and was then disbanded without any written discharge. That he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781], Camden [probably the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], at the siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] and the battle of Eutaw Springs and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services but his own declaration.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, excepting necessary bedding & apparel. That I teach a school at times, and very infirm with a very bad rupture: I have a wife aged sixty-three and four daughters, viz. Elizabeth aged about 33

years, Violet [Violet?] aged about 24 years, Mary aged about 20 years and Emeline aged about 17 years, in good health, the girls that are of age work for themselves. I have also living with me a grandson named William H Clark aged about 12 years, he attends school. And I further swear that the reason I have not applied for a pension before this time was that I was informed after having prepared an affidavit to apply for one in 1818, that unless I could prove my service by a disinterested witness I could not get a pension and therefore gave it up, as I then had a son who assisted to support me who has since left me. But I am now unable to support myself without the aid

#### Schedule

One mare & colt, one cow, three sheep, two hogs, one old table, three split bottom chairs, one large and one small pot, one saddle & bridle, half a dozen knives & forks, four pewter basons, one axe, a set of white cups and saucers, some plates, one large and one small spinning wheel  
S/ William Braithwaite<sup>1</sup>

[The court valued the scheduled property at \$86.]

[p 20]

Virginia, Frederick County Sct.

William Braithwait this day made oath before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 he had no property of any kind excepting a small household stuff of very small value, that he at that time lived with his son who has since been married and left him that when his son went away he gave deponent a mare, which has since brought a colt – that his wife by her industry in raising chickens and from other things for market saved money enough to purchase the cow and sheep mentioned in the Schedule which he rendered to the Court – having no property on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 of course he could not have disposed of any. Deponent is infirm and poor and is in great need of the aid of the country which he faithfully served. Given under my hand the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1826

S/ J. Heironimus

[p 9: On August 3, 1838 in Frederick County Virginia, Catherine Braithwaite, 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Braithwaite a soldier in the revolutionary war and a pensioner of the United States; that she married him in May 1786; and that her husband died July 13, 1831. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: Certificate dated March 20, 1837 from the clerk of court of Frederick County Maryland stating that records in his office show that a license for the marriage of William Braithwaite and Kitty Brookover was issued May 18, 1786.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1826, for service as a private for 5 years in the Maryland Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836.]

---

<sup>1</sup> This application is certified as a true copy of the documents as filed in the clerk's office. Consequently, the signature is not that of the veteran.