

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

Pension Application of William B Branham W5939

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State of Kentucky } Sct.

Bourbon County } On this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of the County of Bourbon afores'd William Branham a resident of the County and State afores'd aged 69 years the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Dec'r next, who being first 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the fall of the year 1780 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia detachment with Thos. Armstead [Thomas Armistead] Capt. in Orange County Virginia at which place he resided at the time; he was marched by Capt. Armstead to Chesterfield Barracks at which place he drew his arms & was placed under the command of Liutenant Saml. Seldon [sic: Samuel Selden] & was marched under him to Stoners Mills to repel Arnolds incursion in that part of Virginia [Gen. Benedict Arnold, Jan 1781]. he marched thence under Saml. Seldon to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] thence to Cheraw Hills on Pedee River [sic: Great Pee Dee River] in South Carolina, where General Green had his head quarters [sic: Nathanael Greene, 26 Dec 1780 - 28 Jan 1781]. he was afterwards put under the command of Capt. Thos. Barber [sic: Thomas Barbee] & afterwards was placed under the command of Liut John Heckley; from the time he arrived at Cheraw Hills till he got his discharge which was given him at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury NC] 17<sup>th</sup> January 1782 he was with the army under the command of General Green, and was at the battle at Guilford Court House [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] & was at the Siege of Ninety Six [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. During about half of his service which was eighteen months he acted as a Corporal. His discharge is sent with this declaration [not found]. 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 any agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afores'd. [signed] Wm. Branham

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Wm. Branham/ age 17/ height 5 6½/ farmer/ born in Culpeper County VA/ residing in Orange County/ dark-brown hair/ gray eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 20 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 17 Sep 1855 in Nicholas County KY Mary Branham, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married William B. Branham on 21 June 1840, and he died 9 Jan 1845. With her application is a record stating that W. B. Branham was married to M. "Burris" in Nicholas County. Alexander Burroughs, Mary Burroughs Branham's son by a previous marriage, and Kader Hutchings, a relative by marriage, deposed on her behalf. On 14 Nov 1855 she applied for bounty land.