## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Brabston W960 Mary May VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 31 Dec 2013.

State of Tennessee }
Granger [sic: Grainger] County } SS

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 23th of August 1842 granting half pay and pension to certain widows

On this 22th day of March 1847 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace Mrs. Mary May fomaly Mary Brabston a resident of of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy eight years on the 4th day of May next who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed August 23th 1842 amenditory of the Act of July 7th 1838 and provides that the second marriage shall be no bar to the clamint under that act she being a widow at the time she makes application for a pension That she was formaly the widow of William Brabston who was a soldier in the Continental line of Virginia in the war of the Revolution. She further declares that she was married to the said Wm. Brabston in the County of Wythe and of Virginia on the 10th day of August 1788 That her husband the aforesaid Wm. Brabston died on the 9<sup>th</sup> day February 1801 That he entered the service of the United States as she understod from him about the commencement of the war of the Revolution and served to the close of the same. she further declares that the place of his enlistment she is not positive but thinks from what she herd him say it was in the County of Fredrick [sic: Frederick] and State of Virginia and as to the Officers he served under with the exception of Gen Wood they have escaped her memory and from the fact of her husband the aforesaid Wm. Brabston naming one of his Daughters after the Daughter of Gen Wood and he informd that it was in respect to his old commander and this made a lasting impression on her mind. She further declares that in the year of 1799 in company with her husband the aforesaid Wm. Brabston she visited the the City of Richmond Virginia for the purpose of obtaining a invalids Pension and she well recolects that her husband was examined as to his inibility by Dr Foucha [sic: William Foushee] and she is strongly under the impression that he was placed on the Pension roll and made one draw before his death She refers the Department to the certificate of Brig Gen Wood also to his verbal will [illegible word] by Andrew Bazele Esq Wythe County Virginia. She further declares that that she herd her husband the aforesaid Wm. Brabston say that he lay at the Albemarl barrax [sic: Albemarle Barracks] was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and at the seige of Yorktown Virginia [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] She further declares that she intermarried with Peter May March 3th 1804 and that her last husband Peter May died on the 14th day of March 1846. She further declares that she was not married to her first husband the aforesaid Wm. Brabston prior to his leaveing the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and NInty four viz at the time above stated She also refers the Department to her Familey record Mary herXmark May

I do hereby Certify that William Brabston former a private in the twelfth Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, enlisted in October 1776, and served as a good and faithful Soldier until the end of the War in 1783.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 22<sup>d</sup> day of June 1799. James Wood formerly a B. Gen'l./ Continental Army.

[The file includes a power of attorney assigned by William Brabston on 15 Mar 1800 to Col. Abram Trigg of Montgomery County.]

Wythe County Selicit; February 13<sup>th</sup> 1801. this day Halbert Allison and John Black came before me Andrew Boyd a Justice of the peace for said County and made Oath on the Holy Evangists that they were waiting of William Brabston late of this County, dec'd. which was on the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant and that he called

them to his Bedside and said that the Land Warrant which he expected that Colo Abram Trigg would bring up for his Soldiering he allowed that to be sold and pay of his Debts and the Land he then lived on he allowed to his Wife during her Life to live thereon Sworn to before me the day & year above written before me.

Andrew Boyd

[signed] Halbert Elison

[signed] John Black

[The following are from Revolutionary pension records of the Library of Virginia.]

Extract from An Act entitled "An Act for placing William Brabstone on the list of Pensioners passed January 5 1798.

"The Auditor of public Accounts on application to him made either in person or by Attorney shall issue to the said William Brabstone a Warrant for forty dollars for his immediate relief to be discharged in like manner as other pension Warrants"

This act shall commence in force from the passing thereof Attest/ John Stewart C.R.

Rec'd a Warrant for Forty Dollars

William hisXmark Brabstone

This day William Brabstone came before me a Justice of the peace in s'd. County & made Oath that he is the same William Brabstone to whom is allowed a pension of forty dollars Annually to commence from the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1798 who was a soldeir in the Late war, & received a wound at the Battle of Brandywine & that he now resides in the county of Wythe & has done for a number of years past given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> Septem 1778

James Nuvell

I William Brabstone of the County of Wythe & State of Virg'a. do hereby constitute & appoint Andrew Thompson of s'd. County & State my Lawful Attorney to receive in my behalf my pension as in Invalid of the United states given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> Septem 1798 [rest of online image missing]

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...of Richmond my Lawful Attorney to Receive of the Auditor of publick accompts for the State of Virginia my pension for one year Commencing on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1799 & ending the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January one thousand eight hundred. Witness my hand & seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day Sept'r. 1800 Signed sealed & acknowledged before me Francis J. Carter

I do with the advice of Council hereby certify, that William Bradston is continued on the list of pensioners with his former allowance, commencing the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1802.

Jas. Monroe
Samuel Coleman.

## NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Cumberland Old Courthouse lists William Brabston/ age 32/ height 5' 5½"/ brown hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ born in Ireland/ residing in Frederick County/ enlisted for the duration of the war. Sized on 27 July 1782.

In other Virginia documents Brabston signed with the initials WB.

The Virginia pension file includes a copy of what appears to be a list of pensioners in 1799 through 1801.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Montgomery County VA on 5 Aug 1788 by William Brabston and Adren Runnion for the marriage of Brabston to Mary Runnion.

The family record referred to in the pension application is transcribed as follows:

Isbel Scot Brabson the daughter of Wil'm and Mary Brabsons was Born May the 7<sup>th</sup> 1789 Wil'm Buckhannon Brabson was Born January the 28<sup>th</sup> 1794

Vinston Brabston was born April the 11<sup>th</sup> in the year of our lord 1809

John Brabston was born April 6<sup>th</sup> [one or two illegible words] 1811

John May was Born January the 5<sup>th</sup> 1836

James May was Born 1840 March the 31th