

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Brashears (Brashear) W9370

Margaret f54NC

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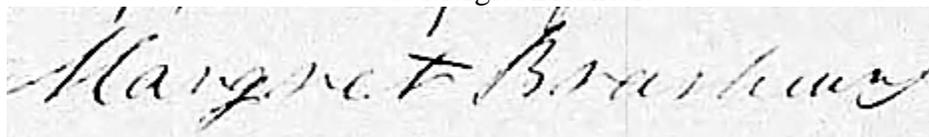
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State of Kentucky Perry County: SS

On this 14th day of October 1851 personally appeared before the undersigned a Probate Judge Margaret Brashers a resident of Perry County and State of Kentucky aged 89 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Samuel Brashers who was a volunteer in the service of the United States as follows. He entered the service in the fall of 1780 a short time after the battle of Kings Mountain and he was Lieutenant under Captain Thomas Vincens and Sevier was his Colonel and I think part of his service was rendered under Colonel Martin. He was entirely engaged in all his service in subduing the Cherokee Indians and was in two battles the 1st was fought at the River Chickamauga and John Sawyers in that battle was his Captain, and the 2nd battle was fought on the Lookout mountain and Thomas Vincens in that battle was his Captain. In the 1st battle Captain Jas. Elliott was killed and in the 2nd battle Captain Butler. Butler was shot through the heart and Elliott was shot through the head. At the time he entered the service he lived in what was then called Squabble State¹ and there was 3 different lines [indecipherable word] before it was settled, – it finally fell into the State of North Carolina and is now Sullivan County Tennessee. My husband left the service of the United States as a soldier and in the capacity of Lieutenant a short time before Christmas 4 or 5 days in the year 1786. He had his discharge for many years, but is been [sic, has been] mislaid. She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Brashers the 25th of February 1786, and the aforesaid Samuel Brashers died on the 25th of December 1829 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Margret Brashears

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margret Brashers". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before
S/ R. S. Brashers Probate Judge

[p. 9: on April 7th, 1855 in Perry County Tennessee, Margaret Breshears, 93, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Samuel Brashears; in this document she states that she was married to her husband in North Carolina on the 25th day of February 1786 by one John

¹ http://www.historicsullivan.com/archives_manuscripts_0062_box002_item002.htm

Sawyers, JP; and that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Eakin; and that her husband died December 25, 1819.]

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State of Kentucky Perry County: SS

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of my father's family record, which has been in my possession for the last thirty years, and I further state my mother has remained a widow ever since his death

"Samuel Brashers, the Proprietor of this Sacred volume, was born August 6th 1763

Margaret Brashers his wife was born August 17 1762

Samuel Brashers died the 25th of December 1829

Samuel Brashers and Margaret was married 25th February 1786."

Given under my hand this 14th of October 1851

S/ R. S. Brashers, P. Judge

[p. 14: family record]

Samuel Brashear was married to Margaret Eaken, February 25th 1786

Samuel Brashers died 25 Decm. 1829

Samuel Brashear, the proprietor of this sacred Volume was born August 6, 1763

Margaret Brashear, wife of Samuel, was born August 18th 1762

Issue of Samuel & Margaret

Margaret Brashear, was born December the 9th 1786

Sampson Brashear was born December 21th 1788

Robert S Brashear, was born April 13th 1793

Isaac Brashear, was born February 1st 1796

James Brashear was born May 25th 1800

Phoebe Brashear was born March 8th 1803

John Brashear was born March 3rd 1805

Ezekiel Brashear was born June 21st 1807

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[p. 34: On October 14, 1851, John Hacker , 82, gave testimony in. County Kentucky that he was too young to fight in the revolution but that he knew Samuel Brashears during that time and recollects his serving as a Lieutenant in a company in campaigns against the Cherokee Indians and serving at a Fort known as General Shelby's Fort.]

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The deposition of John Fields of Perry County and State of Kentucky taken in behalf of Margaret Brashers wife of Samuel Brashers deceased, and has applied for a pension. After being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath state, that he was born in the year 1765 and in the State of North Carolina, and removed to Tennessee. I further state that I have known Samuel Brashers ever since I was a very young man, up until he died. I was a soldier under Brashers and was in the Lookout mountain battle and said Brashers was in that battle. Thomas Vencienes was my Captain and he commanded our company in that engagement Colonel Sevier was the Colonel commanding our Regiment on that day and Joseph Martin was the acting General, Captain Hardin and Captain Elliot were both killed and when they found Hardin dead the Indians thought

they had killed Chucky Jack. Hardin had on a red jacket and so had Chucky Jack. The Indians called Colonel Sevier Chucky Jack! Samuel Brashers was often to my knowledge engaged in the old war, and to say that he was in the battle of Kings Mountain I cannot, but a short time after that battle, he entered the service as officer. The reason I know is this I lived in the same neighborhood that Brashers lived in that Brashers entered the service before I did but I was knowing to his leave and his return. The battle of Chickamauga was fought before the battle of the Lookout mountain battle, I was not in that battle but I understood that Brashers was in the same and was Lieutenant of his company and commanded on that day, however I know that Brashers was out in the Army at that time. I recollect when the battle of Chickamauga was fought and my impression now is that it was fought in the year of 1781 or 1782. I repeat the officers at the Lookout mountain battle General Martin, Colonel Sevier, Lieutenant Brashers Ensign Andrew Hanna

When the battle of Chickamauga was fought I think I was about 14 or 15 years old and about that time I recollect frequently of seeing Brashers mustering his men, and preparing to leave. He was always understood and would look to in those times as one very active in defending the frontiers. I always understood from Brashers that he was about two years older than I was. Further saith not.

S/ John Fields,² X his mark

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]

² [John Fields R3529](#)