

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Peter Brumback W8400

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Shelby County, to wit,

Be it remembered that this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord 1818 personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges for this said Commonwealth, Peter Brumback, and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that he entered the service of the United States at the Beginning of the Revolutionary War in South Carolina, that he remained in the service for three years and was taken prisoner at Sunbury when Major Joseph Lane was taken, he deserted from the British; and enlisted in the Third Regiment of Light Dragoons under Col. William Washington, and continued in this service to the close of the war and was honorably discharged at Winchester Virginia. That he was in the Battle fought at Guilford Court house in the State of North Carolina when and where he received a wound in the Groin and that he was also in the Battle fought at Camden in the State of South Carolina where he was wounded a second in the left arm which has injured him materially and renders him unable to do hard labor.

That he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country, he is now 70 years of age and has never received any pension roll his services, he resides in the County of Shelby & said Commonwealth.

S/ Peter Brumback

Also on the same day and at the same place came Seth Stratton personally before me one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he was acquainted with the above named Peter Brumback; Shortly after the Battle of Guilford Court house and between that and the Battle of Camden and from that time to the end of the war he knew him as a faithful Soldier in the service of the United States, and that he is now poor and needy having a large family to support, and that he was wounded in the arm at the Battle of Camden.

S/ Seth Stratton¹

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Shelby County

Shelby Circuit Court June Term 1820

On this 30th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record of common Law and criminal Jurisdiction Peter Brumback aged about 66 years resident in the said County & State who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted in the service in the month of January 1777 for the Term of three years in the Company commanded by Captain William Lane and Regiment commanded by Colonel Elbert of the State of Georgia line a Continental establishment and was discharged from service at Charleston and the State of South Carolina in the year 1779 or 1780, that he afterwards enlisted in Col. William Washington's Regiment of White dragoons for & during the war &c.

He further states that he made application by his declaration for a pension dated the 13th day of September 1818 and received his pension Certificate dated 5 February 1819 (No. 6594) he further states that he is very old and very infirm being entirely unable to do hard labor he follows the occupation of farming but is unable [to] attend to it &c &c he has a wife who is old & helpless and four children living with him two sons and two daughters, the sons one nine years old and one seven years of age, the daughters are one 14 years of age, and the other 12 years of age, his children are helpless and not able to render him any or very little aid in his occupation &c And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to

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diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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-- be following is a schedule of his property, to wit:

Four head of horses worth	\$75
Two Cows and calves worth	20
Three small shoats worth	3
One old waggon worth	30
one cupboard 10	
Two tables 8	
six old chairs 3, some cooking	
& table furniture worth 12, he	<u>24</u>
has about \$20 owing to him	\$152.00
	<u>20.00</u>
	\$172.00

And he is in debt or forepart of the above property to be about \$75, leaving his property we were about \$100.

S/ Peter Brumback

Sworn to and declared on the 30th day of June 1820 in open Court.

Test: S/ Saml. Tevis, Clerk SCCC

State of Kentucky, Scott County

On this 20th day of May 1833 came in person before the County Court of Scott County then in session Peter Brumback aged 79 years who doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed May 15, 1828 – That on the __ [blank in original] day of __ [blank in original] in the year 1779 as he now thinks he enlisted as a regular soldier in the Army of the revolution under ~~Captain~~ Lieutenant John Linton for and during the war. That he served under Col. William Washington, Regiment of horse throughout the war; from the time of his enlistment till the end thereof which was about four years – he thinks Colonel Washington's Regiment was the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment.

That whilst in the service aforesaid Col. William Washington's Regiment of horse was some of the time under General Morgan's command, at Guilford Courthouse, his Regiment was under the Command of General Greene. At the battle of Camden, he served still under the command of General Greene. At the battle of Reedy River the Regiment was under command of Colonel William Washington. At the battle of Eutaw Springs he was under command of General Greene, and also at Dorchester and likewise at 96. That he received 2 wounds in all the service aforesaid. That he has been on the Pension roll of the United States for the last 12 or 13 years. That he has never made application heretofore to be placed on the pension roll for his services except as an invalid aforesaid. That he served the time of his enlistment which was for and during the war in the capacity of a private. That he was discharged honorably in writing – and he thinks he had three discharges he has lost or mislaid. He says he is the identical man who has been on the invalid pension roll of the United States as above stated. He refers to the proof in said case to establish his present application as well as the depositions herein enclosed. He hereby relinquishes his claim to all over pensions for services as a soldier but not that to which he is now entitled as an invalid; and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state in the Union except as an invalid aforesaid.

Sworn to and Subscribed the date above.

Sworn to in Open Court.

S/ Ben. B. Ford, Clerk

S/ Peter Brumback

We the undersigned being first duly sworn in open Court, state that we were well acquainted with Peter Brumback during the war of the revolution and know that he served in the Regiment of Colonel William Washington as stated, and that everything stated in the foregoing declaration is substantially correct.

S/ John Jacobs²
S/ John Bridges³

[J. T. Johnson, 'a public teacher of Christianity' gives the standard supporting affidavit.]

The deposition of John Jacobs taken at the Clerk's Office in Geo. Town Kentucky on the 17th day of June 1835 the said Jacobs being first duly Sworn states that Peter Brumback enlisted in the 3rd Regiment of light Dragoons commanded by Colonel William Washington and that he the said Brumback enlisted for and during the war and served to the end of the same, and was discharged in the year 1783 and I do further State that the said Peter Brumback was wounded in the thigh at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs and at the battle of Camden he was wounded in the left Arm for I was with him in both Battles.

S/ John Jacobs {Seal}

[1828 claim also supported by the examination of two doctors, Robert M. Ewing and M. A. Feris certifying applicant's wounds and stating that he is 'totally disabled' from doing manual labor as a result of said wounds.]

State of Kentucky & County of Scott

On this the 14th day of May 1834 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for Scott County Kentucky Peter Brumback a resident of Boone County Kentucky of the age of 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the Bounty Land given to those who Enlisted for the Term of during the war & Served till its close, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States for the Term of during the war in 1779 or thereabouts having previously served three years in the State of Georgia under Colonel Elbert, Major Stark & Captain William Lane in which time he entered that he enlisted for during the war in the Regiment of light dragoons under the Command of Colonel William Washington in the Fourth Troop commanded by Captain Parsons and served until the close of the war under those officers when he was discharged by Captain Murry [?] at Winchester in Frederick County Virginia with a regular discharge which by some accident has been lost, that having escaped from the British by whom he had been taken prisoner he met with Washington's Regiment in North Carolina he enlisted as above stated that after he enlisted he was under the same officers, that he was at the Battle of Cowpens commanded by Col. Morgan then at Guilford Court House General Green [sic Nathanael Greene] Commander and at the Siege of Ninety Six, 2nd Battle of Camden⁴ & the Battle of the Eutaw Springs all commanded by General Greene where Colonel Washington was taken prisoner in such Battle the applicant was wounded in the thigh by a musket Ball that during this service he was marched through North & South Carolina & Georgia. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above mentioned.

On this 14 May 1834 Personally Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for Scott County Kentucky John Jacobs who being first duly sworn on his oath saith that he is well acquainted with the said applicant & that the above declaration is true according to the best of his recollection. I do certify that I am well acquainted with the above named John Jacobs and he is a horrible man. Given under my hand the day & date above written.

S/ Jno Price, P. S. C.

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4 A/k/a, the Battle of Hobkirk Hill or Hobkirk's Hill

[Transcriber's note: the documents in blue type below were very challenging to transcribe. This is my best guess of to what they say, but this transcription should be used with extreme care. Not only is the handwriting challenging in itself, but the Judge Monroe has written on both sides of the paper and ink bleeding through the paper obscures the text of what he has written.]

United States of America, District of Kentucky

This day Peter Brumback personally appeared before the undersigned a District Judge of the United States for the District of Kentucky and being duly sworn states that he was a soldier of the revolutionary war – that he enlisted in the Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel William Washington of the revolutionary Army in the year 1779 and served in that Regiment continually until discharged after the close of the war – that he was a member of the troop commanded by John Linton-- affiant believes Linton was the first Lieutenant and the Captain being absent he at first commanded as a Lieutenant whether he was afterwards commissioned a Captain he cannot state but he was called Captain Linton – Affiant further states that he was in the battle of Camden South Carolina that he was severely wounded in the left arm by the sword of a soldier of the enemy – that he was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs and was there severely wounded by a musket ball of the enemy in the right thigh the ball entered on the inside of the thigh and passing through the limb went out just below the hip bone. And he states he has been and is now so disabled by the effects of the last mentioned wound in the thigh that he is unable to labor for a subsistence and has been so for some years. Until within eight or 10 years the effects of the wound were not such as to disable him from labor. He states that in that time he applied for a pension from the state on the grounds of his services as a soldier of the revolutionary war and his inability [several indecipherable word or words] indigent circumstances to support himself without the aid of the government. And accordingly obtained a pension on those grounds but not on the ground of his having been wounded in the Service. He states that he never did [indecipherable word] that he was entitled to a pension on the account of his having been disabled by his wound received in battle until in the month of March last and his not being informed of the Act of Congress on [several indecipherable words] of his right under it is the calls of his not having made an earlier application. Affiant states that after the Army was disbanded and he was discharged he resided in the County of Fairfax State of Virginia until the year 1806 when he removed to the County of Garrard State of Kentucky where he resided for years after which he removed to Nelson County – thence he moved after a residence of one year to the County of Boone State of Kentucky where he now resides – his occupation has always been that of a farmer since he was discharged from the Army.

Subscribed and sworn to at Frankfort this 20th day of April 1834.

S/ Peter Brumback

John Casey⁵ a witness produced by the above named Peter Brumback being also first sworn before the undersigned swears that he was also a Soldier of the Revolutionary War and was a private in the same Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel William Washington-- that he was enlisted in 1779 at Hillsborough North Carolina and belonged to the Sixth Troop, at first commanded by Captain Will Barnett who having been wounded at the battle of Guilford afterwards by Captain William Parsons [could be Patson] -- he states he was well acquainted with the above named Peter Brumback in the Army and Washington's Regiment, he joined the Regiment in the same year Affiant did: was in the battles of Camden, Eutaw Springs, Cowpens, Guilford C. House and at the siege of Ninety Six and was a good Soldier and so reputed – Affiant well recollects that said Brumback was wounded at the battle of Camden by the cut of a Sword on the left arm-- Affiant saw the wound soon after the battle. He also well recollects that said Brumback was wounded by a musket ball in the thigh at the battle of the Eutaw Springs. Affiant saw the wound a short time after the battle was over and it was generally reputed and believed in the Regiment that Brumback had been wounded – Affiant has this day examined the scars

on the [indecipherable word] of the thigh and hip of the said Brumback and from what he recollects of the wound and the appearance of the scars he is satisfied the scars are the [indecipherable word] of the wound incurred by Peter Brumback at the battle of the Eutaw Springs.

Affiant well recollects that said Brumback served in the Regiment until the close of the war and that they were both discharged about or at the same time on Santee River South Carolina in 1783. They did not afterwards meet until about two years ago in the town of Lexington. They then immediately recognized each other and having talked over their battles affiant is certain of the identity of the person and of his Services and wounds.

Subscribed and Sworn to at Frankfort the second day of September 1834.

S/ John Casey

I Certify that the above affidavit's of Peter Brumback and John Casey were made and Subscribed before me as above Stated: Given under my hand and Seal this 22nd day of April 1835 at said District.

S/ Thos. B. Monroe {Seal}

Dist. JCJ Ky Ds.

[Attested by Thomas B. Monroe,⁶ District Judge of Kentucky District.]

[Elizabeth Brumback, 82, applied for a widow's pension stating that her maiden name was Elizabeth Simpson, that she was born in Fairfax County, Virginia; that about 2 or 3 after the close of the Revolution she married Peter Brumback; that he died April 6, 1846; that she is the first and last wife he ever had; that she is the mother of 12 children. This application was filed March 20, 1848 in Boone County, Ky.]

6 http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov/lib_hist/Courts/district%20court/KY/KY/judges/tbm-bio.html.