

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Christopher Brandon S9288

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State of South Carolina, Union District

On the 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions now sitting for said District aged Sixty eight years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers—and served as herein stated: Some time in the month of May or June 1780, in my sixteenth year under Captain Jolly in Col. Brandon's Regiment in now York District, the day after what was called Brandon's defeat, and thence marched into Rowan County, No. Carolina where I remained until a short time before the battle of Musgrove's on Enoree, Union District, then returned back to York District, was in the battle at Stallions in said District, after joined Col. Williams to go to Ferguson's ~~defeat~~ Kings Mountain but my horse tiring I was left behind and did not get up in time to be in the battle. Continued under the command of Col. Brandon until Genl. Morgan crossed Broad River. I then joined Morgan & was with him until the Battle of the Cowpens which battle I was in, I then marched with the Prisoners to Rowan County, No. Carolina, I then returned home again to Union District under Col. Brandon & then joined General Pickens and from that to the close of the war at different times was under Sumpter, & Cols. Lacey & Brandon—was in several skirmishes against the Tories and continued in irregular scouting parties until the cessation of hostilities some time in the year 1782 & believes August.

I have no documentary evidence of my Services. And refer to Maj. Joseph McJunkin & Maj. Thomas Young for the proof of my services. I do hereby relinquish any pensions or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

In answer to the Interrogatories propounded by the Court. 1 & 2 I was born in Union District on the 10th day of February 1764, and now have the record at home in my Family Bible.

3rd I lived in Union District when I entered the Service & have remained here ever since with the exception of about four years, during which time I lived in Greenville District.

4th I served all the time as a volunteer.

5th See within.

6th I never was commissioned or received any written discharge.

7th I refer to Maj. Jos. McJunkin & Maj. Thos Young & Capt. Joshua Palmer to know my character for truth and moral deportment.

S/ Chas. Brandon

Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. MacNeall, Pres. Judge.

We Thomas Young & Capt. Joshua Palmer, resident in Union Dist., do certify that we are well acquainted with Christopher Brandon who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration that we believe him to be sixty eight years of age, that he was a Revolutionary Soldier from our knowledge, we served with him the principal part of the time stated in his declaration and is known in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Revolutionary Soldier.

S/ Thomas Young;¹

S/ Joshua Palmer²

State of South Carolina

Union District

Maj. Thomas Young personally appeared before me and deposed that he was well acquainted with Mr. Christopher Brandon during the Revolutionary war and has been well acquainted with him ever since; that he is a Gentleman of great veracity and this deponent further saith that he, this deponent, set out together with Christopher Brandon some time in the month of May or June 1870, and joined the army of the Revolution in behalf of Independence under Col. Thomas Brandon, was in an engagement against the Tories at Stallions—then again in the battle of the Cowpens, and various other little skirmishes—until the close of the war & after, against the Tories—Mr. Christopher Brandon volunteered & served under Capt. Benj. Jolly, & Joseph Hughes.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me

S/ Thomas Young

this 21st Sept. 1832

S/ J Rogers

So. Carolina

Union District

Maj. Joseph McJunkin³ came personally before me and deposeth that he has been well acquainted with Mr. Christopher Brandon from Childhood that he was with said Christopher Brandon from some time in the year 1780 at various times & until the close of the war, said C. Brandon was in the Battle of Cowpens, and this deponent believes the said C. Brandon was in many other skirmishes. Mr. Brandon was of a good Whig family and an excellent soldier, that he volunteered when but a boy & served under Col. Thos.

¹ [Thomas Young S10309](#)

² [Joshua Palmer S21912](#)

³ [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

Brandon, in Capt. Jolly's & Hughes companies, Said Brandon is of excellent character,
and inexceptionable as a gentleman.

S/ Joseph McJunkin

Sworn to & Subscribed
before me the 20th Sept. 1832.

S/ J. Rogers

State of South Carolina

Union District

Personally came Major Thomas Young & Major Joseph McJunkin Before me Daniel Wallace a Justice of the Peace in & for the District aforesaid & being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, they depose & say that they have been acquainted with Christopher Brandon of the said District from his earliest childhood embracing a period of about seventy years. These deponents state unequivocally that the said Christopher Brandon entered as a volunteer into the service of the United States in the Month of May or June 1780 & continued in the service of the said United States without intermission in one continued Tour of duty until the middle or latter part of the year 1782. These deponents state that they with the said Christopher Brandon were all engaged in the Battle of the Cowpens on the 17th day of January 1781, when the above named deponents Thomas Young was Badly wounded & taken prisoner by the British Troops under the command of Col. Tarleton. These deponents further state that they were in company with the said Brandon at several other hard contested fields during the time above mentioned. That they know he never left the service of the United States during the time above mentioned & that the said Brandon was a Brave & Vigilant Soldier. There deponents further say that during the time above mentioned they had no home but the camp & tented field & that active duty never ceased on their part during which time the said Christopher Brandon was with them or his movements within their knowledge.

These deponents further state that the said Brandon was under the Command of Capt. Jolly first, that the said Jolly was promoted to the Rank of Major some time after the Battle of the Cowpens & Joseph Hughes then took command of the same troop or company which had before been commanded by the said Capt. Jolly & from this circumstance, the certificate from the comptroller General's office of this state herewith forwarded & dated at Columbia the 26th July 1836, takes the form it does. Each commander of the said company having made return of the time the said Brandon served under him. These deponents further state that about the middle of September 1781, the said Captain Joseph Hughes (shortly after the Battle of Eutaw was detached on a tour of duty in the Low Country & that the said Christopher Brandon was non longer under his command but still continued in the service of the United States. These remarks are made by the deponents to account for the form of the said Certificate from the Comptroller General's Office from which it might be inferred that the services of the said Brandon ceased on the 15th of September 1781. At the time the Certificate of Capt. Hughes is dated which they state unequivocally was not the case. But that the continued in active service long afterwards as before stated under the command most of the time of Lieutenant Colonel William Farr.

The deponents repeat that the said Brandon never left the service after he entered it until peace was made & in fact in some cases afterwards when expeditions had to be made against the Tories some time after peace was made. Why it is that the said Colonel

William Farr made no return of the duty rendered by the said Christopher Brandon while under his command, these deponents know not. But that the said Brandon continued in the service long after the time mentioned or that appears by the said Certificate from the Comptroller General's office, we most positively aver. And further these deponents saith not.

Sworn to & Subscribed
Before Me the 17th day
of September A. D. 1836

S/ D. Wallace,
A Justice of the Peace

S/ Joseph McJunkin
S/ Thomas Young

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$54.80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 13 months 4 days service as a private and Dragoon in the South Carolina militia.]