

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Brevard R1181

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State of Missouri County of Cape Girardeau

A declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. On the 22nd day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the justices of the County Court of the County of Cape Girardeau in Open Court Robert Brevard a resident of Randol Township in the County of Cape Girardeau and State of Missouri aforesaid aged sixty-nine years and six months, 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he volunteered in 1779 in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina with several others of Captain Dickey's [John Dickey's] [September 1781] Militia Company in said County for the purpose of intercepting the march of the British Army under the command of Cornwallis that he marched to the town of Charlotte where he remained with the troops collected from the County promiscuously [sic] but ascertaining that the British Army was not approaching Camden according to the report were dismissed and returned home, and afterwards in the year 1780 he volunteered again under the Command of an officer named Davie (then Colonel Davie) [William Richardson Davie] marched near to Charlotte again and from thence went with said Colonel Davie in reconnoitering the Country about Charlotte intercepting and arresting foraging parties of the British Army then being in Charlotte. That after being employed a few weeks in that business the British returning to Camden the said affiant with the others of said Company were dismissed and returned home. That in the fall of the same year 1780 he this affiant was drafted and mustered into the Company of Captain Ramsay [David Ramsay] in a place or neighborhood called New Providence South of Charlotte near the South Carolina line that he was stationed and remained in said neighborhood and in that station of Country for three months that being the time for which he was drafted. That the General Commanding the regular troops while lying in the New Providence neighborhood and to which the militia were subject was General Smallwood [William Smallwood] -- that after serving out the three months as aforesaid he was dismissed or discharged in the New Providence Neighborhood. That in June either immediately before or after the services last aforesaid he this affiant volunteered and went against the Tories were disaffected, then assembled at Ramsour's Mill, he went under the Command of Captain Dickey that he mustered under said Captain's Command at McCowns ford on the Catawba River and marched to a place called Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] where an engagement took place and the Tories were disaffected were beaten & some prisoners taken, that after which he this affiant volunteered under the Command of Lieutenant Robert Ramsey brother of the Captain above

mentioned and entered the troops at Beatties Ford on the Catawba River the General their commanding was General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] -- that he this affiant went at Beatties Ford volunteered or went with General Davidson down the River last mentioned to Cowan's Ford to prevent the crossing of the British at said Ford; That before they reached the Ford they camped and just at daybreak the British Army or part of them crossed over a little engagement ensued and the American party were dispersed [Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781]; That afterwards in the year 1781 he this affiant was again drafted for three months in the County of Rowan and mustered into the service under the Command of Captain Cathy [George Cathey] as a Company of horse. That he marched with said Captain Cathy near to Wilmington North Carolina, that directly after the troops to which this affiant belonged had reached a place near Wilmington and were there stationed the troops were commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- The news of the defeat of Cornwallis was communicated the British forces at Wilmington immediately left and the troops to which this affiant belonged returned home that the term of three months had nearly expired when the news of Cornwallis defeat was received [this text is taken from HeritageQuest, it being cut off and missing in the Fold3.com version] That he said Robert Brevard removed to the State of Missouri from North Carolina from the County of Iredell made since that time before mentioned of the County of Rowan about five years since where he has resided ever since -- The said Robert Brevard 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 the agency of any State.

And to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department put by the Court the said Robert Brevard answers and says as follows –

1st I was born in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1763 –

2nd I have my age recorded in my family Bible at my house about 11 miles from this place, first entered by my father –

3rd I belonged to the Militia and there was at the times above mentioned calls and drafts two of said times I was drafted for terms of three months each the others I volunteered for shorter tours –

4th I was acquainted with General Smallwood at the first term of three months when we lay at New Providence -- I was acquainted with General Davidson and was near the place when he was killed at Cowan's Ford -- I was well acquainted with General Rutherford also the two last militia officers the first a regular officer, the first three months tour I served under Captain Ramsey the second three months tour under Captain Cathy

5th From the first three months service I was discharged or dismissed from service by Captain Ramsey the second three months service I was discharged by Captain Cathy -- if I received written discharges (of which I do not recollect) they are lost or mislaid –

6th I am known by Matthew Martin Esquire and George Henderson Esquire two of the Justices of this Court by General Johnson Ranney, by Franklin Cannon Esquire Senator from this County, by Peter R. Garrett Esquire, Clerk of the County Court, and by the Reverend Thomas P. Green all of whom reside near me and can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolutionary army where I have lived for five years, and I believe Can all of them testify as to my veracity

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court December 22nd, 1832.

S/ Robert Brevard



S/ Benjamin Bacon, D. Clerk

[Thomas P. Green a clergyman & Andrew Martin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

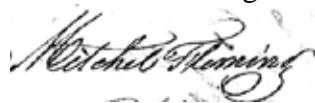
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Mitchell Fleming¹ of lawful age being first duly sworn according to law states that he has been acquainted with Robert Brevard for about sixty years, That they were first acquainted in Rowan County State of North Carolina when they were boys -- That they belonged to one Company of Militia in said County, that said Company was classed for the purpose of serving on tours of duty in the Revolutionary war, that said Robert Brevard was out on duty in the service of the Revolution that said Company as classed were out more than once on Expeditions either as drafts or Volunteers and that he has no doubt but that Robert Brevard served in the Revolution as stated in his declaration --

Sworn and subscribed in open Court the 22nd day of December 1832

S/ Benjamin Bacon, D. Clerk

S/ Mitchel Fleming



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State of Missouri County of Cape Girardeau

On this 19th day of January 1838 personally appeared Robert Brevard a resident of said County of Cape Girardeau aged 74 years old past, 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 7th, 1832, (to wit) That he said Robert Brevard in the year 1779 in the fall of that year Being a private in Captain Dickey's Company of Militia in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina and a resident of said County of Rowan, a general Call was made for volunteers to assemble to prevent the British from making an invasion into the State, Upon which the said Robert with others volunteered to go and assembled at a place called Phifer's and from thence without any organization marched to Charlotte at which point it was expected an invasion of the State would be made by the British; On arriving at which place it was ascertained that the British either did not intend or had given up the intention of an invasion of the State, Upon which he said Robert with the other of said Volunteers returned home having on said tour been in the Service on said Volunteer trip as such volunteer the term of one week -- General Rutherford of the Militia was the Officer then in Command on said expedition with said volunteers by whose order this affiant with said Volunteers were dismissed -- Afterwards in June 1780 he said Brevard still being a resident of said County of Rowan and a private of said Captain Dickey's Company, news came that the Tories were collecting under Colonel Moore at a place called Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County to join the British, upon which a call was made upon the militia to disperse such body of Tories, to effect which this affiant in and with the said Company of Captain Dickey's with other bodies of militia volunteered and united across the River Catawby [sic, Catawba River] amounting to about two or 300 under the Command of the same year Colonel Lock [Francis Locke] and began their march in the evening and on the beginning of the next day the said force in which this affiant was reached the said Ramsour's Mill and attacked the said Tories there embodied amounting to several hundreds and after an action defeated and dispersed the Tories after killing some and making many prisoners and the object of said expedition being attained this affiant with the other Volunteers mentioned were

¹ [Mitchel Fleming S16810](#)

dismissed after having been engaged in said service the full time of one week -- Afterwards in the latter part of the summer of 1780 this affiant being still a private of said Captain Dickey's Company Resident in said Rowan County, a call was made by Colonel Davie for volunteers from the Militia to restrain & intercept the foraging parties of the British who were then advancing into the State, upon which he said Robert Brevard volunteered with others under the Command of said Colonel Davie and were marched from a place about six or 8 miles above Charlotte by said Colonel Davie to the swamp of Sugar Creek a little South of Charlotte of which place Charlotte the British then held possession, at which said Camp the said volunteers under said Colonel Davie remained unorganized for about three days, when it being ascertained that Cornwallis had abandoned Charlotte this said affiant with the said Volunteers were discharged or dismissed at said After having been in service on said last mentioned tour or trip at the least the time of one week -- That afterwards in the same fall of 1780 in the beginning of the fall being still a resident of said Rowan County and a private in said Militia Company of Captain Dickey he the said Robert Brevard with others was drafted into the United States service on a tour of three months and mustered into the service under Captain Ramsey a little below Charlotte at a place called New Providence near the Carolina line; That the troops remained at that place at that time and there formed their Camp at six mile Creek when the said Brevard remained in said service with said troops until the expiration of the said three months tour in the beginning of the said tour General Davidson held the immediate Command -- After a short time General Smallwood took the Command and the troops were likewise joined by General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], That this affiant having to [?] as aforesaid in said Captain Ramsey's Company served out the said drafted tour of three months was discharged or dismissed by his said Captain Ramsey --

That afterwards in February 1781 he said applicant being still a resident of said Rowan County and a private in said Militia Company of Captain Dickey a General Call was made for volunteers to oppose the British then advancing into said State under Cornwallis upon which this affiant with others volunteered under the Command of Lieutenant Ramsey and joined the troops under General Davidson at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River; there stationed to oppose the Enemy's Crossing where he saw General Greene That this affiant with others under the Command of General Davidson marched down the River to Cowan's Ford to oppose the crossing of the British at that place where an engagement ensued and the British succeeded in crossing the River & dispersed the said volunteers after killing General Davidson and some others, upon which an attempt was made to collect the said Volunteers force at a place about eight or 10 miles distant from the action at a place called Terence [sic, Tarrant's Tavern, February 1, 1781] where they were again attacked and dispersed by the British and entirely scattered upon which the said Robert Brevard returned home in consequence of said dispersion after having served on said last mentioned tour or trip at least during the term of six days, on his going home the approach of the British Army Compelled him to abandon home and secret himself for some time. After which time in the latter part of the summer or beginning of the fall of 1781 this affiant being still a resident of said County of Rowan and a private in said Militia Company of Captain Dickey he the said Robert Brevard was again drafted into the United States service for the term of three months and was mustered for the said term of time into a Company of horse under Captain Cathy near Fayetteville in North Carolina from thence was marched with the troops in the United States service to Wilmington which being abandoned by the Enemy was taken possession of by the said troops in which this affiant served. The General immediately Commanding our troops was General Rutherford who after remaining at Wilmington a few days marched the said troops to

Salisbury at which latter place the term of service for which this affiant was drafted having expired in the latter part of the fall of said 1781 or beginning of the next succeeding month this affiant was dismissed or discharged. This affiant having on the last said tour or draft served the United States as private in said Captain Cathy's Company said three months -- That on this last said tour being performed this affiant was discharged or dismissed by his said Captain Cathy but this affiant has no recollection of receiving any written discharge from Captain Cathy or from Captain Ramsey under whom he served on the other draft for three months as herein before mentioned wherein he was discharged by Captain Ramsey mentioned heretofore, And the more this affiant reflects upon it he is more of the Opinion that he never received any written discharges from the said the United States service for any of the tours or terms herein mentioned -- That this affiant at this time knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his said service, that Mitchell Fleming the witness on a former Application is dead. That this affiant has no documentary evidence to establish his said services. That this affiant first applied for a pension in 1832 through this said Court which application was forwarded on to Government soon after but this affiant never received any answer thereto Upon which this affiant got the Honorable Lewis F. Linn² to attend to the business at Washington about two years since which finally produced an answer dated December 1837 to the said Application -- And the said Robert Brevard hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll or agency of any State -- And to the Interrogatories prescribed by the war Department and put by the Court this said affiant Robert Brevard answers & says –

Answer to 1st -- I was born in Rowan County State of North Carolina July 17th in the year 1763. Answer to 2nd -- I have my age recorded in my family Bible at my home in this County about 11 miles distant from this place, which was first entered by my father –

Answer to 3rd -- I was living in said County of Rowan State of North Carolina when first called into service where I was born and where I continued to reside in the same place until the fall of 1827 when I removed with my family from the said place where I was born to this said County of Cape Girardeau where I have ever since continued to reside and where I now reside with my family --

Answer to 4th -- As herein before mentioned I was called into service twice as mentioned by draft each for a term of three months making in the two tours drafts six months which I actually served -- And I was called four times as a Volunteer without any fixed period longer than I voluntarily chose to serve, And on the first of said Volunteer tours I was in service during the full term of one week -- on the second of said Volunteer tours I was in service during the full term of one week -- On the third of said Volunteer tours I was in service during the full term of one week --

² LIND, Lewis Fields, (brother-in-law of James Hugh Relfe, half-brother of Henry Dodge, uncle of Augustus Caesar Dodge), a Senator from Missouri; born near Louisville, Ky., November 5, 1796; received a meager academic education; studied medicine in Louisville; served in the War of 1812 as a surgeon; completed his medical studies at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1816; admitted to practice and located at Saint Genevieve, Territory of Missouri, where he played a significant role in combating two cholera epidemics; member, State senate 1827; appointed to the French Land Claims Commission in Missouri in 1832; appointed and subsequently elected as a Jacksonian (later Democrat) to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alexander Buckner; reelected in 1836 and again in 1842 and served from October 25, 1833, until his death in Saint Genevieve, Mo., on October 3, 1843; chairman, Committee on Private Land Claims (Twenty-fourth through Twenty-sixth Congresses), Committee on Agriculture (Twenty-seventh Congress); interment in the Protestant Cemetery.

And on the said fourth of said Volunteer tours, I was in service during the full term of six days on which said for Volunteer tours this affiant never received any pay. This service for which said calls were made being so pressing in the service short no regular Organization took place Excepting on the expedition to Ramsour's Mill when the Captain & the whole Company with four exceptions volunteered –

Answer to 5th -- I was acquainted with General Smallwood on my first tour of three months -- Regular Officer & General Davidson and was under his immediate Command when killed at Cowan's Ford, with General Rutherford on the said last tour by draft it being the Officer in immediate Command -- the first three months tour I served under Captain Ramsey -- the second three months tour I served under Captain Cathy -- I was discharged or dismissed by Captain Ramsey -- From the second three months service I was discharged or dismissed by Captain Cathy – And if I received a written discharge I do not recollect but the more I reflect upon it more I am of the Opinion I never received any written discharge from the said service --

Answer to 7th -- I am known by the Justices of this Court William Johnson, David P. Fulenwider [?], & Joseph R. McLane Esquires Capt. E. Flinn, Ralph Guild, Receiver of public monies at Jackson Missouri and the Reverend John McLean all who reside near me and can testify as to my character for truth & veracity and their belief of my services as a Revolutionary soldier or as a soldier of the Revolution -- all of whom have resided in this County near me for 10 years and some of them been acquainted with me in the State of North Carolina before our removal from said State all of home I believe can testify as to my veracity.

S/ Robert Brevard

[Ebenezer Flinn, 62, says he has know Brevard for about 40 years in Missouri and NC -- gave the standard supporting affidavit]

[John McLean, a clergyman, and Ralph Guild gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10, power of attorney given by Lee M. Byrne, sole executor of Nancy Brevard, widow of Robert Brevard, a revolutionary pensioner; the power of attorney is dated November 6, 1854 and was given in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.]

[facts in file: veteran born on July 17, 1763, in Rowan County, NC; veteran died January 1 or 2, 1847 in Cape Girardeau County; veteran married Nancy__ in 1794 [place of marriage and her maiden name are not stated in the file]; she died October 17, 1853 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri; in 1855, two surviving children of the soldier, Albert H. Brevard (then a resident of New Orleans) and Mrs. Benjamin Bacon (her given name is not in the file) (then residing in Illinois).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.08 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia in both the infantry & cavalry.]