

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Breckinridge (Brackenridge) ¹ S46371

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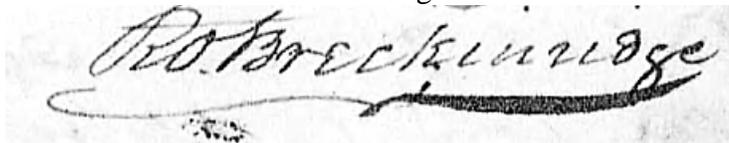
For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th day of May 1828; I Robert Breckinridge of the City of Louisville, in the County of Jefferson and State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution. That my first service was in the 8th Virginia Regiment from which I was transferred, or arranged, to the 4th Regiment with the rank of Lieutenant, which was ordered, under the command of Colonel Nevill [John Neville], to the defense of Charlestown [sic, Charleston] in South Carolina, where, upon its fall in the month of May 1780 [May 12, 1780], I was made prisoner – that I was exchanged in the month of June 1781, and ordered to Join a Corps of Infantry then organizing at Cumberland Court house in the State of Virginia. That the said Corps marched under the command of Colonel Posey [Thomas Posey] to the South and Joined the Army under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] – and that I remained in the service as an officer till the end of the War.

In support of the foregoing statement I send enclosed my commission as a Lieutenant, Parole, and Certificate of Exchange.

I also declare, that I afterwards received Certificates commonly called commutation certificates for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay, which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the Resolve of the 21st of October 1780. And I further declare that I have received no money of the United States as a pensioner since the 3rd March 1826

Witness my hand this 27th day of June 1828.

S/ RO Breckinridge

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rob Breckinridge". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

[Worden Pope and Abraham Hite gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
July 26, 1828

Robert Breckinridge of Louisville in the County of Jefferson in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period he was a Lieut. serving in Posey's Detachment of the Virginia line; and that he received

¹ BLWt273-200—Lieut. Issued Apr. 4, 1790, No Papers

commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing ~~dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of~~ ___

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
21st July 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to Robert Breckenridge Lieut. in the Virginia line, amounting to Sixteen Hundred dollars.

It further appears that Robert Breckenridge is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd of March 1826 ~~at the rate of ___ per month.~~

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

[There is a note in this file as follows:

“Commission, Parole and Exchange not on file in this case. P. S. C. Nov. 7 1912.

And as claims under this Act were adjudicated in the Treasury Department, it is not possible now to trace them up. AW Nov. 15, 1912.”]

[Another note in this file reads:

"Commission No. 8 in favor of Robert Breckenridge as Lieut. in the 4th Virginia Regiment to rank from 4th of April 1778 and dated 20th March 1779."]