Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh McBrayer R6588 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky, County of Anderson

On this 12th day of October 1835 personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Anderson now sitting Hugh McBrayer, a resident of Anderson in the County of Anderson and State of Kentucky aged about Sixty Seven years, who being first sworn according to Law on his oath makes the following Declaration in Order to obtain the pension after the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

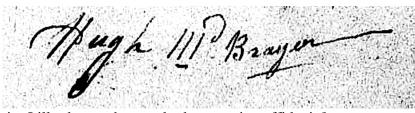
He states his father moved to Kentucky in the year of 1779 in Company with the McAfees and settled at their station about seven miles below Harrodsburg in the spring of 1781 he and his brother had crossed the river for the purpose of hobbling the horses so that they could be found next morning, it was in the dusk of Evening 16 Indians suddenly came upon them, Seized him—his brother made his escape across the river into the fort, the Indians carried him forthwith without stopping to Detroit and delivered him into the hands of the British who paid the Indians for the service out of the English store—they had been employed by the British to make war on us. There was a store called the Kings store at Detroit kept by the Indian Agent called Piero Banbee [?]¹, Capt. Bird commanded at Detroit he had about 100 prisoners captured principally at the Blue Licks defeat [August 19, 1782] and at Bryant's and Riddle's stations. He states he remained a prisoner with others at Detroit until the summer of 1783, they were then shipped to the falls of Niagara, from thence to Montreal in lower Canada, from thence they were sent across to Ticonderoga, and at the mouth of Wood Creek delivered and received by the regular officers of the Revolutionary army, then in command, they were thus delivered up as prisoners of War upon peace being made, they were then marched near the place where Burgoyne had surrendered and were there discharged, and he states he then returned home to Kentucky, by the way of Botetourt County Va where his father had moved from and from there went in company with Robt McMillan [Robert McMillan], his family and his father's family who were moving to Kentucky.

He 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Hugh McBrayer





[Robert D. Bowmar and Ephraim Lillard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Mercer County Sct.

The deposition of Jane Lyen taken at her own House in the County aforesaid on the 25th day of September A.D. 1835, to be used as evidence before the War Department in the application of Hugh McBrayer for a Pension under the Act of Congress in that case made and provided. This deponent being about eighty years of age and first duly sworn deposeth and saith that she was acquainted with Hugh McBrayer in the year 1779 that they came in company from Virginia to Kentucky the fall before the hard winter to James McAfee's Station on Salt River and lived in the said Station until the spring of 1781 and at that time the said Hugh McBrayer was taken prisoner by the Indians near the said Station and was gone sometime over 2 years before he returned to Kentucky again.

S/ Jane Lyen, X her mark

[Elizabeth Maccoun, 79, of Mercer County Kentucky gave an almost identical affidavit to that given by Jane Lyen above. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]