

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Breton (Britton) George <sup>1</sup> S38725

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State of Tennessee Smith County Court August Term 1822

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1822 personally appeared in Open Court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid, Britton George, a resident of said County, aged about 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he enlisted for one year at the first term under Capt. Hall Dixon [Henry "Hal" Dixon] in the State of North Carolina, Bute County, Bell's old store in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. of North Carolina on Continental Establishment, Commanded by Colonels Clark [Thomas Clark] and Nash [Francis Nash], that he served twelve months and again enlisted for enduring the war under the same Capt. Commanded by the same officers in the same Regt. on Continental establishment - That he continued to serve in the said regiment until the close of the war, when he was discharged from said service at Charlestown [sic, Charleston, South Carolina] by Capt. Hall in the Regt. then Commanded by Col Lytle [Archibald Lytle] and Maj. McRea [?].<sup>2</sup>

That he was in the Battle of Moore's Bridge in North Carolina [February 27, 1776], Cross Creek, - at the battle of Brunswick, - at the battle at Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776], at the battle at Germantown [September 11, 1777], - that he was wounded in too [sic, two] places at the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], One in the left Knee, and the other in the right thigh - And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States, on the 18th day 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 diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled an set 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 to me, nor have I any incurred other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed -to wit, an two year old horse beast - Has a wife name Sally about 60 years of age - has two children living with him, one about 15 years of age, the other about 13 years of age, that he is a farmer by profession, and is now blind, or nearly so.

<sup>1</sup> BLWt1326-100

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Sworn to & subscribed in open court.

S/ Brittan George, X his mark

State of Tennessee

Smith County

I Jonathan Pickett, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for said County, do hereby Certify that the foregoing oath and schedule thereto annexed are truly Copied from the original on file in Said Court - And I further Certify that it is the opinion of said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is twenty five Dollars.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in Carthage, this 27<sup>th</sup> day August 1822 and 47<sup>th</sup> year of Our Independence.

S/ J. Pickett, Clerk

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State of Tennessee, Humphreys County

I Breton George aged Eighty five years do upon oath testify and declare that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven I enlisted for the term of during the war and served in the first regiment first commanded by Colonel Clark of the North Carolina Line and that I continued in the service aforesaid to the end of the war when I was regularly discharged from the said line and regiment then commanded by Colonel Litle [Lytle] (to wit the first regiment) I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to me on the part of the United States nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatever Therefore

S/ Breton George, X his mark

S/ Jno. Thompson, JP {L. S. }

Know all men by these presents that I Breton George aforesaid do hereby constitute appoint and ordain the honourable George McDuffie<sup>3</sup> to be my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to ask demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid and forward the same to Spartanburg Courthouse South Carolina to the rec'd Hugh Moore.

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<sup>3</sup> McDUFFIE, George, (father-in-law of Wade Hampton [1818-1902]), a Representative and a Senator from South Carolina; born in Columbia County, Ga., August 10, 1790; attended an old-field school and a private academy; graduated from South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) at Columbia in 1813; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1814 and commenced practice in Pendleton, Anderson County, S.C.; member, State house of representatives 1818-1819; elected to the Seventeenth and to the six succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1821, until his resignation in 1834; chairman, Committee on Ways and Means (Nineteenth through Twenty-second Congresses); one of the managers appointed by the House of Representatives in 1830 to conduct the impeachment proceedings against James H. Peck; Governor of South Carolina 1834-1836; president of the board of trustees of South Carolina College; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William C. Preston; reelected, and served from December 23, 1842, until August 17, 1846, when he resigned; chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations (Twenty-ninth Congress); died at 'Cherry Hill,' Sumter District (now Sumter County), S.C., March 11, 1851; interment in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Sumter District, S.C.

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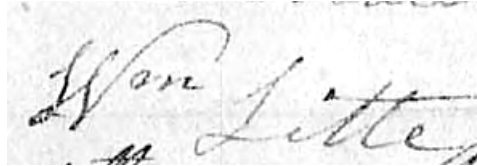
S/ Briton George, X his mark

S/ Jno. Thompson, JP {L. S.}

I Wm Litte<sup>4</sup> aged seventy one years do upon oath declare that I am and have long been acquainted with Breton George who has subscribed the above declaration in my presence and well know that he is the identical person he therein represents himself to be and further I know that he did perform the Military Service therein stated.

S/ Jno Thompson, JP {L. S.}

S/ Wm. Litte

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm. Litte". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Before me Breton George personally appeared the same who subscribed the foregoing declaration and in my presence acknowledged the power of attorney thereto subjoined to be his free act and deed and likewise personally appeared Captain Wm. Litte who hath subscribed the above certificate of Identity both to me well known to be men of respectability and truth and made solemn oath to the truth of the depositions by them respectively subscribed this tenth day of December 1826.

S/ Jno Thompson, JP {L.S.}

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State of Tennessee Humphreys County

Personally appeared Captain Wm Little [sic] before me and duly made oath that he was well acquainted with Breton or Brittain George throughout the war of the revolution (the within applicant for Bounty Land from the United States the said William Litle [sic] solemnly swear that he was a Captain in the first North Carolina Regiment of Continentals and that at the end of the War the said Regiment was commanded by Colonel Archibald Litle [sic] and this deponent further swears that Brittain George did actually served faithfully to the End of the War and that he (Wm Litle) did deliver said George his discharge after it was officially known of the ratification of peace at Paris in France and that the said discharges was made out for the whole Regiment in June or July 1783 pursuant to an order of Congress and held in reserve by the Commanding Officer of said Regiment until it should be officially made known that peace was ratified for fear the enemy might take some advantage by disbanding the troops. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> March 1828

S/ Wm Litle

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Litle". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

State of Tennessee Humphreys County

At the same time appeared David Ivey and David Passmore and both solemnly swear that they was present and saw Captain Wm Litle and Major Francis Graves deliver to Brittain George and

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<sup>4</sup> [Will \(William\) Lytle S46228](#)

a number of other privates in the said first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel A. Litle there discharges sometime in the fall of 1783 and they well know that report said that peace was made with old England they both swear that they were well acquainted with Brittain before and through the war and they well know that Wm Litle was a Captain as he states.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1828

S/ Jno. Thompson, JP

S/ David Ivey, X his mark

S/ David Passmore



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State of South Carolina Spartanburgh District

The Honourable Secretary of War will Discover in the inside of this note from Mr. Stewart to Hugh Moore Esqr. that there is 100 acres due Britain from the United States be so good as to rectify the mistake and forward the papers to the care of Hugh Moore Esqr. as I live at a distance from the post office

28<sup>th</sup> April 1828

S/ Breton George, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Spartanburgh District June the 16<sup>th</sup> 1828

Rec'd from the Secretary of War through Mr. Robert Taylor Clerk of the General Land office one Land Warrant for one hundred acres of Land in favour of Breton alias Brittain George a private in the North Carolina line No 1326 dated the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828.

Signed Saml. Southard Actg Secretary of War

By me

M. N. Chapman

S/ Hugh Moore, Senr.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 12, 1822, for service as a private for the war in the North Carolina Continental line.]