Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Brannan [Brannon, Brandon] S39211 fn15NC Transcribed by Will Graves 9/29/10

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State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: This day did being the 26 day of August 1818 before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in & for the State of Tennessee now presiding in said County came Thomas Brannan a resident now residing in said County who being first by me duly sworn to declare the truth touching his service in the Army of the United States during the War of the Revolution with a view to obtain a pension under the late act of Congress in such cases made and provided – Declares & says – that he was four years in service a soldier in the Army of the United States in the time of the revolutionary war that he enlisted under Lieutenant Stuart of Captain Anthony Sharp's Company of the 9th Regiment of infantry of the North Carolina line but the Regiment could not be filled towards the latter period of the war & he was attached to another Regiment. The 9th Regiment was commanded by Colonel Mebane who was afterwards killed. He was discharged in or near the city of Chares town [sic, Charleston?] by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] after the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown in Virginia during the time he was in service he acted in the States of North Carolina South Carolina Virginia Pennsylvania & Jersey & New York, he fought in the Battles of Monmouth, at the taking of Stony point with General Wayne & at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs he took no care of his discharge esteeming it of no value after the War & it has been long since destroyed. He says he cannot remember dates either of his enlistment or discharge but he can remember the facts & some of the principal occurrences of the time of his service & he knows he was in service 44 years in the time of the War before the peace was made in the Army of the United states upon Continental establishment.

He further says he is near a hundred years of age has the palsy – unable to work has no property & no means of subsistence but his labor & the charity of others & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Thomas Brannan, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed this 26th of August 1818 S/ Parry W. Humphreys

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 12th May 1819
I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it

appears from the Musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary war, that Thomas Brandon a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 9th Regiment for 3 years, was in the said service on the 12th of January 1777, and was discharged the 27th of January 1780. – Given under my hand the date above

S/Wm Hill

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At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for Bledsoe County at Pikeville on the 2nd Monday of August 1820 –

On the 4th day of the term, being the 17th of said month in open Court, being a Court of record made so by the Constitution of said State, and an act of the legislature and having power to fine and imprison personally appeared Thomas Brannon of said County, aged about 90 years, who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war 9 months and upwards a private North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Mayborn [sic, Robert Mebane] and in the Company commanded by Captain Sharp [sic, Anthony Sharpe] and has received a pension Certificate under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 declaration for which was made on the 26th of August 1818 afs. No. 11821 dated the 7th day of June 1819 and I 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act 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 due to me nor have I any income whatever – and is incapable of supporting myself without the aid of Government, except by private or public charity, and that I am by occupation a laborer and am not able to pursue it by reason of my age and palsy – and that I have no family to contribute to my support.

S/ Thomas Brannon, X his mark

[facts in file: veteran died March 22, 1828.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 26, 1818, for 4 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]