Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Britten S44662 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of New york } Ss. On the eighteenth day of may A.D. 1818 before me John Dow one of the County of Steuben } Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the said County personally appears John Britton aged sixty years in July next, resident in

the town Jersey in the said County of Steuben & State of New york who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" That he the said John Britton enlisted in the army of the war of the revolution in march A.D. 1779 to the best of his rememberance in the state of New Jersey in the Company Commanded by Captain KilPatrick [probably Abraham Kirkpatrick], his first name he don't recollect in the fourth Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Navel [sic: John Neville], that he continued to serve in the said corps until some time in the month of January A.D. 1780 as he believes, when he left the service

That he the said John Britton enlisted again in the service of the United States in revolutionary war as near as he can remember in the fore part of the summer of the year 1782 during the war, in the State of New Jersey in the company commanded by Captain Bartan [probably William Barton] as he believes, in the 2^d Jersey Rigiment commanded by Colonel Cummins [sic: John Noble Cumming], his Christian name he don't recollect – that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the end of the war when he was discharged from service in the army of the United States, near Newburgh in the State of New york that he let a man have his discharge who agreed with him for his chance or right to the bounty land, that he does not know where the discharge now is – And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for suport, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services [signed] John Britten

State of New York }

Steuben County } Ss: on this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said County of Steuben and state of New York John Britten aged sixty two or sixty three years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18 March 1818, and the first of May 1820; that the said John Britten enlisted for during the war on or about the month of June 1782 in the state of New Jersey in the company commanded by Capt. Barten in the 2^d. Jersey Regiment commanded by Col Cummings, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the end of the war and was discharged from the said service on the 4th day of June 1783 near NewBurgh in the State of New York – that he was not in any battle, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service except the depositions of Jasper Maybey and Richard Britten [his brother] - and in pursuance of the act of May 1820 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 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 act to provide for certain person 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed —

Real Estate I have none

Personal Estate, one cow, 2 steers 2 years old very small, 1 yearling heifer, 2 sows & pigs (small) 5 sheep, 1-4 pail kettle, 1-2 qt. kettle, 1 old table, 1 Churn, 2 water pails, 1 frying pan, 1 pair tongs, 1 old Hand saw, 1 tramel, 1 old broken cradle scythe, three chairs – 3 small pine tubs, 2 tin basons, 2 case knives & 1 fork, seven spoons, some old wooden bowls, some old basketts –

I have no debts due to me, but owe upwards of one hundred dollars –

My family consists of a wife and four children. My wife is fifty two years old, she is ailing and has been unwell for five or six years, sometimes confined to her bed. My children in my family are two boys and two girls, one of my boys is 18 years old & the other sixteen. One of my girls is 14 years old & the other 12 years old. My wifes name is Hannah, childrens names John, Richard, Matilda & Emily. My occupation is a farmer I am myself in a bad state of health, and unable to labor — [signed] John Britten