Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Briscoe S6723 MD
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State of Mississippi }
Claiborne County } S.

On this thirteenth day of November eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County and Probate Court, in and for Claiborne County now sitting, Philip Briscoe, a resident of said County and State of Mississippi, aged about seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he first entered into service, as a malitiaman, in St Marys County, State of Maryland, under the command of a certain John Mills, to meet the landing of the British at St Georges Island, that in the fall of the year 1777, as well as he recollects, he was drafted for two months service, and remained in service for more than three months; that in the Spring following his Brother [Henry Briscoe, pension application S30888] was drafted for nine months and he took his place and served that time in the Continental service; that he was at that time under the command of a Captain Perl; That he volunteered, under a certain Col. [John] Stewart, and was at the storming of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779]; that at Stoney Point he was attached to a Company commanded by Captain Wm Bruce [William Bruce, possibly S34668, and after the taking of the Point was discharged and engaged to collect cattle for the use of the army; That he volunteered afterwards in a Company commanded by a man, named, as well as he recollects, [Nicholas] Mangers, of St Marys County, State of Maryland, and was at the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and General [William] Smallwood commanded the Brigade, to which he was attached; That he was in three engagements, to wit Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stoney Point and York; That he received a discharge from General Smallwood, and left it in Maryland, from whence he went to Pennsylvania, afterwards he came to Kentucky, from thence to Tennessee and finally to this State, that he has resided in this State for 34 years, and that he cannot produce any surviving witnesses as to the facts as herein stated; that if any are now living in his native State, Maryland, he has no knowledge of them, having long since removed therefrom; That he marched through Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, part of New York, was in Connecticut and aslo in Virginia; That he cannot specify the date, or time, when he first entered the service, nor the particular dates, of the particular services rendered by him, nor the particular time of his discharge, having left, as herein stated, is discharge many years since, in Maryland, which he presumes is lost, or destroyed by time, and he knows of no person there to whom to apply for it. The Brother mentioned in this declaration for whom I served as a substitute was named Henry. The draft mentioned, in the fall of 1777 for two months was to meet the enemy at the Head of Elk [present Elkton MD] on their way to Philadelphia, the Col. commanding the regiment he belonged to, from Maryland, was named Thomas; That he does not recollect the captain under whom he served at the battle of Monmouth, but believes him to be Captain Perl. That The Rev'd Z Butler, Horace Carpenter & J B Thrasher to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood can testify as to his veracity and their belief in his services as a Revolutionary soldier. That he believes he was born about the year 1758.

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.

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Regular troops, – By the muster rolls, it appears that he enlisted in the 1st Maryland Regiment, on the 3rd da of June 1778, and was discharged on the 3rd of April 1779; making nine months service; the applicant states in his declaration, that he served nine months in the Continental service, as a substitute for his brother; I presume it is the same person whose name appears upon the roll,

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r.L. Off W.S.Md.