Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Reubin Brizendine S6754

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Charlotte County State of Virginia

On this 3rd Day of September Eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before [blank] the Court of said County and State now sitting Reubin Brizendine a resident of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia of the age of Seventy or Seventy one 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 entered the service of the united States the 22nd day of March 1781 and served Eighteen months under the following named officers

marched from Essex County State of Virginia under William Wyatt to Chesterfield Barrox then commanded by Capt. Kilpatrick [sic: Abraham Kirkpatrick] Lieutenant Rob't Craddock [Robert Craddock] from Amelia County who served with me the whole 18 months which company with others Capt. Scott, Capt. Gambling, Capt. Parker, Capt. Martin & Capt. Moss were attatched to Colo Hawe's [Samuel Hawes's] detachment from Chesterfield Barox we were forced to retreat [late Apr 1781] to Cartersville on James River from thence to Richmond stayed there but a few days and from thence to Pointy Fork on James River [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence with Rivanna River, about 28 May] under the Command of General Steuben from thence to north river in Fluvanna County State of Virginia at Old Mr. Rosses from thence we were forced to retreat to Halifax County State of Virginia we were then ordered by an express from General Washington to march to old Williamsburg Town and from thence to a place called Springfield about three miles below at that place General Washington came to our Camp and Viewed the armey then were ordered by General Washington to close in upon Little york at which Time Cornwallis Surrendered [19 Oct 1781] and we continued there until the prisoners were marched off by the Militia from thence we marched back to Old Williamsburg again stayed there but a few days from thence we marched to a little Town on the Permenky [sic: Pamunkey] River called new Castle [now Old Church] from thence to Cumberland Barrox at Cumberland Old Court House State of Virginia under the Command of Colo. Febaker [sic: Christian Febiger], Maj'r Finly [sic: Samuel Finley] and Maj'r. Willis there wintered from Cumberland Barax marched under the Command of Colo. [Thomas] Posey to the State of Geogia to a place called Ebenezer on Savannah River at that place General [Anthony] Wayne took Command of the detatchment from thence we marched to one Widow Gibbins in five miles from Savannah Town there we had a battle with the Indians at which time General Wayne had his horse shot from under him that same night we killed the Indian Chief named Sego [see endnote] from thence we marched to General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] armey to a place called ashly Hill [sic: Ashley Hill] in South Carolina then marched in front of General Greens armey to a small Branch the distance not recollected there stayed until our 18 months time had expired then marched back in the detachment to Cumberland Barrox and there discharged by General [Charles] Scott my discharge I have lost and know of no person in Charlotte County who served in the united States army at that time but will refer to those of Essex County State of Virginia who entered the Service of the united States in the Revolutionary War and served the whole 18 months with me John Davis, Benjamin Roddy [Benjamin Rodden, pension application R8272], Benjamin Fisher [S39520], Thomas Clark, James Brown & Jeremiah Moody I furthermore state that pay master Jones give me a warrant for the amount of Interest that was due me on my Wages that amount I received but no part of my Wages no have ever received since he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension Roll of the army of the united States [signed] Reubin Brizendine

NOTES:

There was a battle between Wayne and the Indians at the Widow Gibbons's (Sharon) on 24 May 1782, but the battle in which Wayne's horse was shot from under him and Chief Emistisiguo was killed was at Ebenezer on 23 June 1782.

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Cumberland Old Courthouse lists Reubin Brississtin/ age 23/ height 5' 10''/ brown hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ born and residing in Essex County where he was drafted on 22 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Sized 10 Feb 1782.