Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Anthony Brandenburgh S8095 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of ohio Warren County Court of Common pleas of the term of September Eighteen hundred and thirty three

On this 16th day of September Eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common pleas for the County of Warren & State of ohio, now sitting, Anthony Brandenburgh aged seventy one years and upwards, 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 7th of June 1832 - that at Harrodsburgh [sic: Harrodsburg] in the State of Kentucky in the year 1779 and about the first day of April he entered the service of the United States by volunteering under Col John Bowman to go on a Campaign against the Indians, and that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain William Herring [William Herrin], Josiah Harlan was the lieutenant, the aforesaid Col Bowman Commanded the regiment or squadron; that in the month of April aforesaid Captain Herring's company marched from Harrodsburgh to Licking Creek or river in Kentucky and down said river to the Ohio, which river we crossed at what is now Cincinnati at which point the expedition was embodied under said Col Bowman from thence we were marched to old town on the Little Miami, near to where Xenia now is, where we had an engagement with the Indians in the month of May of said year, and in which battle seven or eight of Col Bowman's men were killed and three or four Indians. Our object was to destroy said town, but in this we did not altogether succeed, but we did burn about one half of said town and took from them one hundred sixty head of horses or thereabouts, and took them into Kentucky & sold them at auction at the mouth of Licking river, from which place I ascended the Ohio & some of the army descended said river, we all having been dismissed at said point, but I received no written discharge. We were dismissed the last of June or first of July of the aforesaid year having served three months during all which time I was a common soldier. On the first day of Apl 1780 (as well as deponent can remember) at Harrodsburgh in Kentucky he again entered the service by Volunteering under Captain Hugh McGairy [sic: Hugh McGary], the Lieutenant was Jacob Keller, we were attached to the expedition commanded by Col George Clark [George Rogers Clark] which expedition was embodied at the falls of the ohio river [at present Louisville], our company rendezvous at Harrodsburgh from which place we were marched to the falls of the Ohio about the first day of July in said year. From the falls of the Ohio a part of the expedition was taken up the river in boats to where Cincinnati now is, and the residue was marched by Col [Benjamin] Logan to said points, the whole expedition consisted of 1000 men as it was said, from thence we were marched to old town, which we found vacated, from thence we marched to a town called Pickaway [sic: Piqua, 8 Aug 1780]] on Mad river [sic: Great Miami River], where we we were engaged in battle with the Indians for about three hours, and lost about twenty men, having whipped the Indians & took fourteen scalps from thence we were marched back to where Cincinnati now is, from which place we all returned home. I was required and was actually engaged, after my return home, in guarding the frontier of our settlements, against the Indians until about the first of September 1780 when Captain McGary dismissed us. We received no written discharge. In this last service I was engaged actually for six months & upward. In the year 1781 and about the first of Apl I again volunteered under said Captain McGary to go on another expedition against the Indians under said Col Clark, but the expedition failed in consequence of Clark's men being killed, in the way down the Ohio, at the mouth of the big Miami river, they were under the Command of Col Laughrie [sic: Archibald Lochry, 24 Aug] I was engaged however in the service for two months in scouting after the Indians under said Captain McGairy and in making canoes at Leestown on Kentucky river [about 1 mi N of present Frankfort] for said expedition, but was never discharged regularly by any one — I was born in Germantown near Philadelphia, but in what year I cannot state, though from the best information I am in possession of, I am now 71 years of age & upward I have no record of my age. When I entered the service I lived near Harrodsburgh Kentucky, from which placed after I finally left the service I went into Somerset County Pennsylvania in the year 1781 from thence in the year 1807 I removed to Warren County Ohio where I have ever since resided. He further states he knows of no witness living by whom he can proove his service. He is known to John Brooks a clergyman & Peter Proud and many others of his neighborhood, by whom he can proove that he is & has been reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution as before stated, and that he is a man of good moral character. He also states that from the infirmity of age he cannot state the facts relative to his service with more particularity than he has above done. And 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