Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Brandom W4643

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State of Virginia } SS Mecklenburg County }

On this 15th day of June in the year 1833 personally appeared before me Joseph B. Clausel a Justice of the peace for the said County Thomas Brandom a resident of the said County of Mecklenburg and state of Virginia, aged eighty seven 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 is entirely illiterate and has no register of his birth, but from the information he has been able to obtain, he was born in the county of Hanover in the year 1746. that he removed from the county of Hanover aforesaid to the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid, some time before the Revolutionary war, that he livived in the county of Mecklenburg aforesaid at the time of the aforesaid war that he lived in the said county ever since and that he lives in the said County of Mecklenburg now. and that from his old age, infirmities and recent severe indisposition, he is not able to attend the county court of Mecklenburg.

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the month of June in the year 1780 (day of the month not recollected) he was detailed to march to the south, (as a private) under the command of Capt Richard Swepson [or Swepston], Lieutenant John Clay and Ensign Laughflin Fannin [Laughlin Fannin], he marched to Hillsborough, in the state of North Carolina, and there joined the troops under the Command of General [Edward] Stevens, from Hillsborough he marched into the state of South Carolina, and near Camden in South Carolina joined the troops under the Command of General [Horatio] Gates, and near Camden aforesaid faught a battle with the british troops [16 Aug 1780], in which he was engaged, and after the defeat of General Gates's troops, the said Brandom and others were assembled and marched with General Stevens to Hillsborough aforesaid, and from thence he marched into Caswell County North Carolina and was there discharged the last of October in the same year after having served a tour of more than four months his discharge has been long since lost.

In the month of August in the year 1781. (day of the month not recollected) the said Thomas Brandom was again detailed to march into the service under the command of Colo. Lewis Burwell, Colo. Samuel Dedman, Capt Elijah Graves, Capt Achillias Jeffries and Capt Thompson Fowlkes, he marched to Hog Island on James River in the State of Virginia, and there crossed the said River, and from thence marched to Williamsburg in the state aforesaid, and from thence he marched to Gloucester county in the state aforesaid, and was stationed in Gloucester county aforesaid under the command of General Wedern [sic: George Weedon] when Corn Wallace surrendered at york town [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], he received a discharge from the service the last of October in the same year, after having served a tour of more than two months, his discharge has been long since lost. he has no documentary evidence of his ever having entered the service or of his having been discharged from the service, 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, and that he dont know of any person by whom he can prove the services aforesaid but Joseph Butler [pension application W3384] whose affidavit is hereto annexed. Thomas hisXmark Brandom

NOTES:

The 1830 federal census of Mecklenburg County VA records Thomas Brandum as head of a household of "Free Colored Persons."

On 19 Oct 1840 Margarett Brandom, 87, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Brandom on 3 Jan 1771, and he died 17 Dec 1834. The date of marriage was subsequently said to have been 14 Sep 1770. Letters in the file refer to a family record on various pages of a book sent to the Pension Office of the Department of the Interior and

transcribed as follows on its stationery:

"Margt Walden Brannon the	e daughter of Thos. & Mgt. was born Jan 22, 1790	
Iohn Brandom the son	of Thos. & Mgt. was born Sep 30, 1792	

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Nancy	"	the	daughte	er of	Thos.	&	Mgt.	"	"	Sep 2, 1771	
Agnes	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	June 2, 1773	
Waldon	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	July 5 1775[?]	
Suckey	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Sep 12 1777	
Edw'd	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Nov 10, 1779	
Elizabeth	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Feb 3, 1782	
Peter	"	"	"	"	"	,	, "	"	"	June 30 1784	
Thos.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Aug 30, 1786	
Jesse	"	"	"	"	"	,	, "	"	"	May 7, 1796	
can't make out the rest"											