

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Briton (Britton) W4905 Nancy fn37NC
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State of North Carolina Hertford County: SS

On this 26th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in the County of Hertford State aforesaid Michael Briton aged seventy years and made oath according to law to the following statement to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832;

That he was drafted as a private in the year 1780 he believes, the month he cannot recollect, in Captain Lewis Brown's North Carolina militia for the space of three months; he marched from home (Hertford County) to Charleston South Carolina under the command of said Captain Brown, the North Carolina Troops were commanded by General Caswell, just before they reached Charleston the Enemy had taken that City, and our troops retreated. After serving his tour out he returned home – receiving an Honorable authorize [sic, authorization] from his officers, but which is lost.

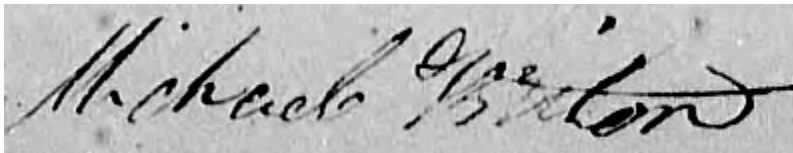
That he was drafted a second time some 2 or 3 months afterwards in Captain Perry's Company as a private for three months, Hertford Regiment Colonel Wynns, rendezvoused at Pottacacy Creek [sic, Potecasi Creek], & there and at other places in the County he discharged faithfully his duty as a soldier until Discharged after his tour had ended.

His discharge in this case is also lost, he has no documentary evidence to prove his service but conceives the testimony of Nathl. Saunder sufficient to sustain his claim you will you will and he relinquishes hereby every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed date above named.

S/ L. M Cowper, Clk

S/ Michael Briton

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Michael Briton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Watson Lewis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Here follow the answers made on oath by the applicant to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department propounded by the Court.

1. He was born in Hertford County North Carolina in the year 1763 –
2. He has no record of his age
3. He was living in Hertford County when called into the service. He has lived in said County ever since the war, and is still a resident of the same
4. I was drafted each time
5. He served with Captain Abner Perry, Colonel George Wynns, General Caswell –
6. He received a discharge but it is lost
7. He refers the Department to Watson Lewis, David V. Askew & Starkey Sharp as persons who will testify as to believe in my services in the Revolution and to my character as a person of veracity.

[fn p. 28]

State of North Carolina Hertford County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions May Term 1833

Nathaniel Saunders¹ aged seventy-six years appeared in open Court and made oath that he is a Revolutionary Pensioner now on the rolls of the War Department that he is well acquainted with Michael Briton for more than sixty years, that he knows said Britain served three months as a private in Captain Brown's company North Carolina Troops commanded by General Caswell at the time Charleston was taken by the British – the year, this deponent being illiterate, cannot remember. This deponent recollects that in another period said Briton was drafted for three months in Captain Brown's company rendezvoused at Pottacacy Creek this was the same year that Cornwallis was taken at Little York. The deponent further saith that said Briton bore the reputation of a true soldier.

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S/ Nathaniel Saunders, X his mark

Sworn to in Open Court

S/ L. M Cowper, Clk Augt. Term 1833

[fn p. 10: on September 25, 1843 in Hertford County North Carolina Nancy Briton, aged about 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Michael Briton; that she married him in the month of January 1792; that her husband died December 5, 1840.]

[fn pp. 4-5: family record]

Michael Briton Bass son of Augustus Bass & Celia Bass his wife was born April 5th 1829

Milhel B. Bass son of Augustus Bass and Celeay Bass his wife departed this life September 16 1829

Augustus Bass son of John Bass and Nancy his wife was born September 17 1805

William Thomas Briton was born in the year of our Lord 1828 [unclear] October

Michael Brittain was born in the year of our Lord 1763 April 1st

Thomas Briton was born April the 3rd, 1793

Samuel Briton was born in the year 1794 – September 1 day

David Briton was born in the year 1795 June 16

Martha Weston was born in the year of our Lord 1795 August 13

Lemuel Briton was born in the year of our Lord 1797 July 19

Celah Briton the daughter of Michael Briton and Nancy Briton his wife was born April the 29 1802

¹ FPA S7444

Elezebeth Briton was born in the year of our Lord 1805 April 23

Benjamin J [could be F, I, T, L, or S] Briton the son of William Briton & Mary Jones Briton was born March the 8th 1811

Boland Boon Briton the son of Thomas Briton and Martha Briton his wife was born in the year 1818 August 2

Emuline Briton the daughter of Thomas Briton & Martha Briton his wife was born in the year 1819 – January 7

James Jackson Briton was born in the year of our Lord 1821 September #3

Nancy Ele Lebeth Briton the daughter of Thomas Briton & Martha Briton his wife was born in the year 1824 September 31 [sic]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]