

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Broyles S1502

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State of Tennessee, } ss.

County of McMinn }

On this [blank] day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said county, Daniel Broyles a resident of said county and state, aged about 71 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

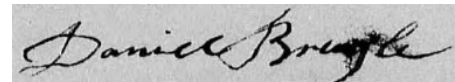
He entered the service in the militia of Virginia, in the month of November, as he believes, 1780, in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County, as a drafted man for three months, in the regiment, commanded by Col. John Barbour, Major Roebuck, Captain Tolls [probably Towles]. The troops were marched to Richmond, where General [Thomas] Nelson discharged them, because he had more troops than he could then find provisions for. They were not engaged more than 2 months in this tour.

He entered the service again as a drafted man in the same County, in February 1781, in the same County, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Harry Hill [Henry Hill], Captain William Rice, lieutenant William Dickens. These troops were marched thro' Fredericksburg to Jamestown, thence to Suffolk and Norfolk, where arms were distributed amongst the troops, and they were marched to Petersburg, where General Mulhenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] had the command of the troops, and where on the 26th [sic: 25th] of April 1781, a battle was fought with the enemy [Battle of Blandford Hill], in which our troops retreated in pursuance of orders, & marched to a place called Caswell, in the direction of Richmond. Here declarant was transferred to a regiment commanded by Colo. [Alexander] Dick, a regular officer, Major [William] Boyce, Captain Yancy all regular officers. After this transfer, they were marched to Richmond, and were afterwards engaged in the county below Richmond and between that and Jamestown as Scouts, connected with some cavalry which was employed in the same service. One of the encampments of these troops was at Mobbin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], from which place on one occasion, he thinks in May 1781, they marched to Shirley Hundred, and there drew some of the enemies forces from their ships into an ambush formed by concealing our troops in the bottom of Jonn boats moored at the shore, in which there were one hundred of the enemy killed, and 11 taken prisoners. At the same time there was captured a vessel the name not recollected, which declarant understood was sold for the benefit of the captors, but declarant never received any part of the prize. Declarant was in this engagement. Major Boyce commanded in this engagement. After this, in the same month, at Jamestown, the troops to which declarant was attached had a skirmish with a foraging party of the enemy, who had seized some sheep, and were carrying them on board their vessel.

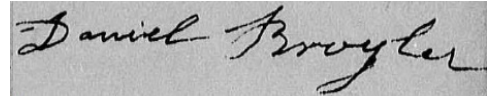
Declarant had written discharged, but he left them in Virginia, when the he left that state, about the year 1781. Declarant served in all about 7 months, having been retained after the expiration of the second term of service. Declarant does not know of any person except one Solomon Yager [sic: Solomon Yeager, pension application W2043], who resides many miles from him in West Tennessee, who could prove the facts stated in the above declaration.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the 5th day of September 1832



State of Tennessee } On this 27th of July 1833, personally came before me John Miller an acting
McMinn County } Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Daniel Broyles, the above
declarant, who being duly sworn, in order to amend the above declaration, says
that he was born in the first of May 1762 in Culpepper County Virginia; that he has a record of his age
copied from one preserved by his father, which copy is now in his possession at his residence; that by
reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length
of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned
below, and in the following grades: For two months under an engagement for three months under
Captain Tolls as above stated: For three months under the second engagement, William Rice, Captain, as
above stated, and two months with the regular troops, Captain Yancey as stated above. In these tours
declarant served as a private, in all seven months as stated in the above declaration; and for such service
he claims a pension.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Broyles".

NOTES: An 1836 document states that Daniel Broyles had lived in Bledsoe County TN for three years. A Treasury-Department document dated 23 Jan 1854 states that the children of Daniel Broyles received the final pension payment up to 12 Feb 1847, the date of his death. A letter dated 8 Dec 1839 refers to James M. Broyles, Clerk of Monroe County TN, son of Daniel Broyles.