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Noble Island

Borden Brayton
of Swerton in the State of No J.
who was a private in the Comd. commanded
by Captain Durfee of the Regt. commanded
by Colo Hatheway in the No J
line for 24 Months

Enrolled on the Roll of No J
at the rate of 50 Dollars ——— Conts per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued, the 19th day of April
1834 and sent to Mr
G. W. Taylor Swerton No J

Arrears to the 1st of Mar. 1834. \$ 2.40.
Semi-ant. allowance ending 1st Sep " 40
\$ 2.80

{ Revolutionary Claim,
As of June 7, 1832

Recorded by George Taylor Clerk
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Declaration. In Order to obtain the
Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7. 1832
State of Rhode Island.

County of Newport.) SS.

On this fourth day of November 1833, personally appeared
in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Probate
for the Town of Wester in said County of Newport, a
Court of Record, now sitting, Barclay Brayton, a
resident of Wester in the County of Newport and State
of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations, aged seventy
three 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.
In the month of December 1776 at Westtown in the State
of Massachusetts, he volunteered and served one month
under Capt. Brightman, stationed at a guard house
at the village of Fall river, on Taunton River, in the
Southern part of said Westtown, since then erected into
a separate Town, named Troy; he performed this service
as a guard, at the time the British took possession of Rhode
Island, lying near or about four miles down the river, and to
give an alarm upon the approach of the enemy, that the
Militia might assemble, and to keep in check or repel
any marauding party that may be detached from the ene-
my for pillage or conflagration. When his month had
expired he was discharged at said Fall river.

The enemy now having possession of Rhode Island, to pre-
vent their crossing over to the main, to pillage and forage,
forces were assembled and a chain of Guard posts establish-
ed on the shores of Taunton River opposite and in the
vicinity of said Island. He in the month of April in
the year 1777 volunteered into Capt. Joseph Durfee's Compa-
ny, at said Westtown (now Troy) and served until the month
of December following, stationed at a building near

the shore, ^{at the mouth of the} South of the Stream, at said Village of Fall
River, he was discharged in the month of December,
& cold weather having now commenced, and it not being
thought necessary to keep us ^{regular} at this place in
the winter - In the Spring of the year 1778, in the
Month of March he volunteered at said Fall River,
into Capt. Henry Brightman's Company, and was sta-
tioned at the afterward guard house, he served in said Com-
pany until the following December, when he was dischar-
ged, he again in the year 1779, month of March, volunteered
at said Fall River, (born of Freetown) into a Company
commanded a part of the time by Capt. Thomas Elsbey
and a part by Capt. - Bunt, in this Company he served
until the British left Rhode Island the last of Oc-
tober of this year - he was on duty at the said guard
station, at the time the Galley Shippen was taken, and
saw that transaction, it being after day light in the
morning, and said Galley lying in the river nearly op-
-side our guard house - In the year 1777, according to
the best of his recollection, and he recollects perfectly that
he was then under Capt. Joseph Surfer - afterwards Colonel
and was on duty at said guard station - the enemy,
landed, at said Fall river, and burned the Mills of Richard
Borden and carried him said Richard away prisoner, we
had something of a skirmish with them - they left ^{their men} two,
one of which was shot through the jaw and dropped dead,
the other lived about two hours, and told that Thomas
Borden and Richard Hollans piloted them there -
we hastened their departure in time to put out most of
the fire they had kindled - at another time while in
the service at said Station your Deponent with three
others was detached to guard two troops to Providence to
deliver over to Gen. Sullivan - these Troops were
John & George Brightman - From old age and
the consequent loss of memory, your Deponent cannot
state precisely the days he entered the service nor the exact
length of his service positively, but according to the best of

his recollection he served not less than the following periods - For one month he served under Capt. Brightman, commencing in December 1776 - For not less than eight months he served under Capt. Duff, commencing in April and ending in December 1777. For three months, viz. from March to December 1778 he served under Capt. Brightman - For not less than seven and a half months, commencing in March 1779 he served in a company part of the time under Capt. Elsbey and a part under Capt. Smith, all of said service performed as a private Soldier, and making in the whole not less than twenty four and an half months, and for such service he claims a Pension.

he further declares that the companies afore named in which he performed his services, were attached to the Regiment of Col. John Hathaway, that Isaac Hathaway was the Adjutant - and that to the best of his recollection they were under the direction of Gen. Cornell, he will recollect they had their Commission from him.

[after this viz. in 1780 he shipped on board the Privateer Gen. Wayne, at Providence, was taken and carried into New York - after being released, in March 1782 I shipped at Providence on board the Letter of Marque - Moore, fitted out of Providence, but arrived in Philadelphia - we carried the baggage &c of the French Troops to Little York, and from thence we went to France -]

and your Deponent further avers, that he was born at Newport, in the State of Rhode Island on the 25th day of May 1760 - that he with his father removed to the Town of Freetown, and the part of said Freetown, since erected into the Town of Troy, in the State of Massachusetts, in the year 1775. that he resided at said Freetown, when he entered into the above mentioned services, and continued to reside there, until the year 1783, when he removed into the adjoining Town of Yverton, in the State of Rhode Island, where he has ever since resided, and does now reside that he has no record of his age, except ~~upon~~ in a family

Bible; that he never received any written discharge from any of his said Services, but was verbally discharged by his commanding Officer, that said Corps were ordered out by the State of Massachusetts, and he drew pay for all of said Services, and that during the period of said Services he was not engaged in any civil pursuit whatever - That most of the time he was in said service they drew their provisions from the Town of Bristol in the State of Rhode Island - That there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood or vicinity, he therefore refers to Peter Estes and George Lawton Esquires his neighbors who will testify to their belief of his age, of his revolutionary Services, and to his credibility; and to the accompanying Depositions - And he further declares, that Thomas Burt, the maker of one of said Depositions was with him in all of his said services, except the first month, by 1776 -

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the presents, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State,
Sworn to and subscribed }
the day and year aforesaid } Borden Braughton
Asa Gray, Clerk

We Peter Estes and George Lawton residing in the Town of Bristol, County of Newport and State of Rhode Island, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Borden Braughton who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration; that we believe him to be Seventy three years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion -
Sworn and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. } Peter Estes
Asa Gray, Clerk } George Lawton

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the

Rev. and 1813
War Section.

July 8, 1926

Mrs. B. W. Morse
34 Linden St
Providence, R. I.

Madam:

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S. 21087, it appears that Borden Brayton was born May 25, 1760 at Newport, Rhode Island.

While residing at Freetown, Massachusetts, he served as a private in the Massachusetts Troops, as follows-

From in December 1776, one month in Captain Brightman's Company, Colonel John Hathaway's Regiment.

From April 1777 to December 1777, in Captain Joseph Durfee's Company, Colonel John Hathaway's Regiment.

From March 1778 to December 1778, in Captain Henry Brightman's Company, Colonel John Hathaway's Regiment.

From March 1779 to October 1779, in Captains Thomas Elsbree's and Burt's Companies, Colonel John

Hathaway's Regiment.

In 1780, he entered on board the privateer "General Wayne" was captured and taken to New York, and after being released, in March 1782, he entered on board Letter of Marque "More", and carried baggage of the French Troops to Little York, and thence to France, no further details.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 4, 1833, while a resident of Tiverton, Rhode Island.

There is no data on file as to his family.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT
Commissioner.