

SERVICE

NUMBER

Penn.

Braneman, Christian

S. 16060

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carded

Letter to Pa. aged 28 And 28 Nov 1838
Paid to the Treasury under the
Act of the 10th April 1838 from
6 to the 1835 to 4 March 1838. age
not fixed 7th July 1839.

Indiana

Christian Trammell
in the State of Indiana
was a private in the Company commanded
by *Deals* of the Regt. commanded
by *Smith* in the Penn. Militia
for twelve months

inscribed on the Rolls of *Indiana*
the rate of 40 Dollars - Cents per annum,
commence on the 15th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29th day of Sept^r
1833 and pert. War for West
M.D.

Arrears to 15th of September 10.00
Pensioner allowance ending 1st March 1833 20.00

Doll. 80 00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Not June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *Amey C. G. Jones* Clerk,
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Date of birth not in file

10,890

I have no hesitation in
saying that the within
is the original proceed-
ing of the Court. I
am well acquainted
with the hand writing
of *William Cross* and
the Clerk of said Court
and he has the sig-
nature to the within
entirely to be genuine

John Cross
me

Declarations in Order to obtain the benefit of the
Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

State of Indiana
Jackson County

On this sixth day of September in the year 1832
personally appeared in open Court before John
F. Peff President Judge and Thomas Quigg and
Morgan Huff Associate Judges of the Circuit Court
of Jackson County now sitting Christian Bowman

man a resident of Salt Creek Township in
the County of Jackson in the State of Indiana
Aged seventy four years last Christmas, who
being 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 Entered the service
of the United States under the following named
Officers and served as hereinafter stated

That he Entered the service of the United States
in the War of the Revolution as a volunteer on or
about as nearly as he can now recollect as to the
time (the day of the month) the 1st day of July in
the year 1776 in the Pennsylvania Militia
at York in the State of Pennsylvania (where he
then resided) in the Company commanded by
Captain George Deal Lieutenant Barnet Ziegler
but does not recollect the Ensigns names
and under as nearly as he can now recollect
and believe) Colonel Smith from
which place he marched to the City of Phila-
delphia thence to Trenton in the State of New-
Jersey thence to Elizabeth where some time
in the ~~beginning~~ month of July he this Declarant

voluntarily entered the King's Arms Troops for the
term of six months from the time when he first vol-
-entered as above stated inclusive in the Company
commanded by Captain John McDonald
Lieutenant Robert Patton and Lieutenant William Scott
under Major William Baily Colonel Swope
and General Cavenis from which place as soon
as soon as the Troops were sufficiently recruited
this Declarant marched with said Troops
to New Ark thence to Bergen Town thence to
Fort Constitution and assisted in building Fort
Lee thence he this Declarant marched with a
part of his Company to slaughter landing ^{under Lieutenant} ~~with~~
Col Swope Major Baily Capt McDonald and
Lt Patton and other officers with a part of the
same Troops up said North river to Fort Wash-
-ington and were taken prisoners by the British
and from slaughter landing he this Declarant
marched with the Troops ^{there} marched back
again to New Ark and then joined the
main Army under General Washington
from which place the whole Army in a few days
retreated under General Washington from
the British Army to the town of Trenton on
the Delaware river in the State of New Jersey
where he this Declarant remained with the
Army about five or three weeks and on the
twenty sixth of December in the same year
1776 where he fought under General George
Washington in fighting and taking the
Hessians and then continued in the service
a few days and marched to Philadelphia

in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1758 but
that he afterwards received of his age
that when he first entered the service and during
the Revolutionary war he served at Gordon
above stated and he continued to live there about two
years longer
and afterwards ran and to Lincoln ^{county} in the State
of North Carolina when he lived about twenty
years and afterwards in Madison county in the
State of Kentucky about nine years afterwards
in Washington County in the State of Virginia
about nine or ten years And ever since he shall
make Township in the County of Jackson in
the State of Indiana that he always went vol-
-untarily into the service except when he was
drafted as above stated that the above mention-

ed are the principles circumstances Names
persons Regiments or Camps or Expeditions
and during his Service which he can now dis-
-tinctly recollect except that of Col. Allison
and Col. Walters of Militia Regiments and
saw others which he cannot recollect names and
descriptions he cannot recollect

That during every term of his Service ^{as above}
stated for this Regiment suffered much often
from hunger fatigue and some times cold
that he can now recollect as above
and of the Col. Adams and many others of his own Regiment
and was a soldier and that he is reported and he lived there
two years and subscribed the day and year
of said day and year as above

Christian Branaman

We Joseph Hanna ^{residing in the same} township
in the County of Jackson in the State of Indiana
and James Woodmanse ^{residing in the same}
hereby certify that we are acquainted with
Christian Branaman who has subscribed
and sworn to the above declaration; that
we believe him to be 44 years of age
he is reported and believed by the neighbors

of Woodmanse

ments for them there in the County of York in the
- here when he wishes to have been a soldier of the revo-
- lution and that we concur in that opinion

Joseph Hanna
James Woodmanse

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year as above

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the
investigation of the matter and after putting the interroga-
- tories prescribed by the War Department that the above
named Applicant was a Revolutionary soldier
and served as he states And the Court further certifies
that it appears to them that ~~Col. Allison~~
who signed the preceding Certificate is a credible
person resident in the township of Salt creek in the
County of Jackson and State of Indiana and

that James Woodmanse who has also signed the same
is a resident in the same place and is a credible
person and that their statement is entitled
to credit ~~In testimony whereof~~ the said Court
subscribe their names and affix their seals
the same day and of year first above said

State of Indiana
Jackson County

William Cunnshaw clerk of the
County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing
contains the original proceedings of the said Court
in the matter of the application of Christian Bran-
- aman for a pension

In testimony whereof I have set my name and
seal of my said office this 8th day of September
1832
William Cunnshaw clk



10890
Christian Braneman
Indiana.

Adm. Sec.

Wm. H. L. L.

10,890.

BRIEF in the case of *Christian Braneman*,
Last Creek Township
of Jackson County in the State of Indiana,
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *In Open Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *74 years.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years.	Months.	Days.		
<i>Volunteered - as stated as he now recollects the 1st day of July in 1776 -</i>	-	6	-	As a	Gen. <i>Samuel Mifflin</i> Capt. Gen. Drake - Lt. B. Feigler Lt. Smith - Capt. John Woodard Lt. Robt. Patton, Major Wm. Bailey Capt. Swigs - Gen. Bunker - Gen. Washington - Capt. Williams, Whites Lieut. Joseph Wilson Sgt. Paul Kim & Gen. Patton Capt. Williams Dodds
<i>Enlisted in 1777 -</i>	-	2	-		
<i>1781 -</i>	-	4	-		

5. In what battles was he engaged?
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *York, Pennsylvania.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditional evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls?
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

I **certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

Examining Clerk.

November 8, 1935

Christian Braneman
S. 18060
BA-J/AVF *cu*

Albert H. Gerberich, Ph.D.
Dickinson College
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

with
Reference is made to your letter in which you state "on Page 598 of Volume 33 of the Third Series, Pennsylvania Archives appears the name Christian Braneman", misapplied for pension from Jackson Parish, Louisiana, January 29, 1853, then aged seventy-six years.

The War of 1812 records of this office have been searched and no claim for pension found based on the service of Christian Braneman; similar spellings of the surname were searched. The pension referred to may have been granted by the state from which this soldier served.

The record of Christian Braneman, War of the Revolution, has been found. The record is furnished herein, as found in pension claim, S. 18060, based upon his service in that war:

Christian Braneman was born "Christmas", 1758 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; the name of his parents are not given.

While residing in Codorus Township, about seven miles from York in York County, Pennsylvania, he volunteered July 1, 1778, served a short while in Captain George Deal's company, Colonel Smith's regiment, then in Captain John McDonald's company, Colonel Swope's Pennsylvania Regiment of the Flying Camp, assisted in building Fort Lee, was in the battle of Trenton and

was discharged January 4 or 5, 1777. He enlisted in the fall of 1777, served two months in Captain William White's company, Colonel Rankin's Pennsylvania regiment. He enlisted sometime in August (year not definitely shown), served four months in Captain William Dodd's company under Major William Bailey, guarding British prisoners, taken when Burgoyne surrendered.

The soldier, Christian Braneman, moved about two years after the Revolution to Lincoln County, North Carolina, lived there about twenty years, moved to Madison County, Kentucky, lived there about nine years, moved to Washington County, Indiana, there about nine years and moved to Salt Creek Township, Jackson County, Indiana.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 6, 1832, then residing in Salt Creek Township, Indiana.

The papers in this claim contain no reference to the family of the soldier.

If you desire information in regard to the last payment of pension, name and address of person paid, and possibly the date of death of this pensioner, you should address The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D. C., and cite the following data:

Christian Braneman
Certificate # 4888
Issued January 29, 1833
Rate \$40.00 per annum
Commenced March 4, 1831
Act of June 7, 1832
Indiana Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant to the Administrator

P 16860
INVALID.

1926-May 26-Recd. to Mr.
Blanche McOsker 1111 E.
Nov. 8 list to collect H. Ben.
Recd. a...

File No. 16860
Christian Brannaman

Pres. Her War

Act: June 7th 32

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[Arrangement of 1970.]

I have no recollection in
signing the within is the
proceeding of the bank in
the case of Christian Brannaman
I was acquainted with Mr.
Crenshaw the clerk & with
his hand writing and believe
that the signature to the
certificate to be genuine

John Carr
M.C.

the within is the within
the man of good character

Christian Brown

10,890.

BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of *Christian Brown* which require further proof or explanation.

- I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? *yes*
- II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? *yes*
- III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?
- IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? *yes*
- V. * Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the Department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? *yes*
- VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? *yes*
- VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? *yes*
- VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? *yes*
- IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? *yes*
- X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? *yes & has a device.*

XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? *Certified by two Citizens*

XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it? *No*

XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had? *Yes*

XIV. † If the applicant has produced a witness or witnesses as to his service, has the magistrate who administered the oath certified that he, she, or they are persons of credibility?

Has the official character and signature of the magistrate been certified by the proper officer under his seal of office?

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service?

XVI. Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? *No*

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered?

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

* QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposed and saith, 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 _____ year _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____. For _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____; and for such service I claim a pension."

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which the applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable.

† QUERE XIV. Proof of Service.

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

† QUERE XVI. Mode of authenticating papers.

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticated the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the end of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Second Comptroller's Office,

January 29th 1839.

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838 entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," Christian Branaman, — a Pensioner on the Roll of the Indiana — Agency, at the rate of Forty — Dollars and — Cents per annum, under the law of the 7th June, 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 1st of Sept. 1835, to the 4th March, 1838.

Respectfully, yours,

Miss M. Harris
Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions,
Present.

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Birkinson College

October 31, 1935

DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN
C. WILLIAM PRETTYMAN, PH. D.
C. R. WALTHER THOMAS, A. M.
ALBERT H. GERBERICH, PH. D.



U.S. Pension Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

On Page 598 of Volume 23 of the Third Series, Pennsylvania archives appears the name of Christian Branaman, who applied for a pension from Jackson Parish, Louisiana, in the year 1853 (Jan. 29) when he was 76 years of age. The application apparently states that he was a private in the Pennsylvania troops in either the Revolution or the War of 1812—judging from the date, it would have to be the latter war. This makes me believe this man was a relative to my grandmother, and I should greatly appreciate receiving any data your bureau can furnish me with regard to his application and information filed regarding his life and family.

Very respectfully yours,

Albert Gerberich

Brewstown, Ind.



Commissioner Of Pensions,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Would you please send me the military record of
Christian Bramman who served in the Revolution, enlisting in
Penn. and I think his home was in Jackson Co., Ind. at the time
his pension was granted.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs) Blanche McOsker

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section

May 28, 1928

Mrs. Blanche McOsker
Brownstown, Indiana

Madam:

I have to advise you that from the papers in the
Revolutionary War pension claim S. 18060 it appears that
Christian Bramman was born December 25, 1757 or 1758 in
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

While residing in Codorus Township, York County, Penn-
sylvania he enlisted July 1, 1776 as a private in Captain
George Deal's Company, Colonel Smith's Pennsylvania Regi-
ment and during that month volunteered in Captain John
McDonald's Company, Colonel Swope's Pennsylvania Regiment
of the Flying Camp, was in the battle of Trenton and was
discharged January 4 or 5, 1777.

He enlisted in the fall of 1777 and served two months
as a private in Captain William White's Company, Colonel
Rankin's Pennsylvania Regiment.

He enlisted in August 1781 and served four months as
a private in Captain William Dodd's Company, ~~William~~
William Bailey in the Pennsylvania Troops.

He was allowed pension on his application executed

*I did not see the name of wife
as he appeared as no. 1 soldier from York, Pa
It is not the principal one of York, Co. Pa. being
about the distance he named from a smaller place*

September 6, 1832 while a resident of Salt Creek Town-
ship, Jackson County, Indiana.

There is no data on file as to his family.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT
Commissioner.