

SERVICE

NUMBER

Continental
Md.

Britton, Joseph

S. 39221

{ B.L. No. 244-200 Lieut
Issued July 30-1790
No papers.

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and
Half pay claim, Act. July 5, 1832

When informed, 20 Mar. 1822, that
B. could not be restored.

Let A. L. Brown, Mill Bend, Tenn, July 26/56.
See 5th Reg Book

U. B. Bagby Apr 5/61

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Joseph Britton

Joseph Britton

of _____ in the state of Tennessee
who was a Lieutenant in the regiment commanded by
Colonel A. Gist of the Virginia
line, for the term of 3 years

Inscribed on the Roll of Tennessee
at the rate of 20 — Dollars per month, to commence on
the 27th of June 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 5th of July 1819
and sent to Hon J. Rhea
House of Representatives

Arrears to 4th of Sept. 1815 2 mo $\frac{3}{4}$ = 45.00
semi-ann. all'ce ending 4th Mar 1819 120.00

Paid in full of 8165.33
Act 15 May 1828
{ Revolutionary claim, }
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

Discontinued.

State of Tennessee
Washington County 3

Personally appeared before me
Thomas Emerson one of the Judges of the
State of Tennessee, Joseph Britton, Aged sixty five
Years last March, who being duly sworn according
to Law. Deponeth & saith, that on the sixth day of
February in the Year of our Lord One thousand
seven hundred & seventy seven, he was appointed
a second Lieutenant in Capt. Henry Waggoner's
Company in Col. Nathaniel Gist's Regi-
ment of Rangers, one of the additional Regiments
Raised by order of Congress, as will appear by his
recruiting instructions of that date herewith enclosed,
as also by His Commission bearing date, the 18th
June 1778 - also herewith enclosed, that pursuant to
the instructions of Commission, this Regiment entered
into the recruiting Service, & continued to recruit
Soldiers until after the battle of Germann Town
above Philadelphia, and when the Army lay at
a place called White Marsh, above German Town
this Regiment joined the Army, with his recruits, of
Capt. Waggoner not having ^{joined} the Company Capt.
Joseph Smith was appointed in his place, & the Com-

pany was then attached to the third Maryland
Regiment, at that time commanded by Col
Nathaniel Ramsey the army or the part thereof,
to which this Deponent was attached was at that
time commanded by Genl. Smallwood, the following
winter was quartered at Wilmington Delaware, from
thence the next Spring we marched to Valley Forge
from thence we pursued the British into the State
of New Jersey, of this Deponent was in of fought
at the ^{Battle of} Monmouth, on the 28 June 1778. from thence
we marched with Smallwood's ~~Brigade~~ division of
the Army up the North River to Pikes Kill, from
thence we crossed over to the white plains, that
between that of Kings bridge, under the immediate
command of Col. Nathaniel Gist, being on an
advanced Guard, this Deponent was taken prisoner
on the 16th September 1778. & taken into the City of
New York, & put into prison for twelve days, from
thence admitted on parole on Long Island & there
remained a prisoner of War until the 2^d April 1781
as will appear by a pass of that date herewith
inclosed that on the 20th April 1781 this Deponent
was commisioned a first Lieut in said Gists Regt
as will appear by the Commission herewith inclosed
& to which he refers, which commission entitled

This Depo^{nt} to take Rank, from the 23^d April
1779 — he further states that on the 23^d May 1781
he settled his account with the Auditor of Accounts
of the main Army as will also appear by the Copy of
the account herewith enclosed

This Depo^{nt} further
states, that he heretofore has never asked for, or
received any pension whatever from the said United
States of America, and if, such has been allowed
or allotted to him, he Do^{es} hereby relinquish his
Claim to any such pension.

He further states that he
is poor, from his reduced circumstances he needs
the assistance of his Country for support. He further
states, that he was born ^{in the State of Pennsylvania} & raised in the State of Maryland
that he remained a Citizen of Maryland until the
Year 1786, that he then removed to Washington County
in the State of Tennessee, where he resided, until
near three Years ago, that he now resides in
Hawkins County, in the State of Tennessee, about
thirteen miles from Rogersville in said County
and further this Depo^{nt} with not^s sworn to
Subscribed this 27th June 1818 —

Attest
Thos. Emmet

Joseph Britton

State of Tennessee
 Washington County, I James W. Anderson Clerk of
 Circuit Court for the County aforesaid do Certify that Tho?
 Emerson Egan who hath taken the foregoing Deposition
 of statement, was at the Time thereof sworn is one
 of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State aforesaid
 & presiding Judge, in the Circuit Courts for the County
 of Washington aforesaid, that full faith & credit is
 due to his attestation as such, as well in Courts of
 Justice as throughout the Territory wherein I have
 hereto set my private Seal Having no Seal of Office,
 at office this 27th June 1818

James W. Anderson

[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

Joseph Britton; Sida
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Prison for twelve days, from thence admitted on Parole on Long Island, where remained a prisoner until the 2^d of April 1781 - and on the 20th April 1781 - the Depoent was Commisioned a first Lieutenant, which Commission entitled the Depoent to take Rank from the 23^d of April 1779 - as will appear by his Commission & Certificate forwarded together with the other vouchers accompanying them to which he refers, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States, on the 18th March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself, within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 18th March 1818, that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities contracts or debts, due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained within the schedule here annexed & by me subscribed true and correct

124	Mountainside	1 Sickle	33	3 setting chain	20
18	Small horse	1 old cutting knife	12	3 pairs of chain	66
25		stul without box	75	1 Walnut Table	50
20	1 do 3 rd old	1 Old broad axe	1	1 Small Chest box	6
9	1 Cow & calf	1 Old crop cut saw	33	2 Old pewter dishes	66
6	1 do 3 rd old	1 Old Hand saw	33	6 plates	75
8	3 Calves	1 Old adze	25	1 Pair steel Vards	25
4	1 Sow & pig	2 Augurs	16	3 pairs of tuggers	50
4	2 do 1 st & 2 nd old	1 Turkey Lie ftow	18	1 Small wooden truck	20
6	4 barrows	1 Small Stone Hammer	33	1 Coffee mill	1
4	6 Shoats	2 Old bench planes	12	1 Old Oven	33
25	1 Old Collar	1 Set old plow & grinding planes	18	1 Iron pot rack	50
2	2 Paint boxes	1 Spot set	6	4 Old Knives & forks	37
2	2 pair Chain	1 Gimblets	6	1 Kettle	12
3	2 Old leather back bands	1 Pair Small Compasses	2	1 Iron candle stick	12
1	1 Old plow	1 Iron Crow bar	50	2 Snuffers	25
1	1 Shovel plow	1 Grind Stone	33	1 Wooden bottom Difter	1
3	1 Set Swiftness of Devices	1 Blue Peter	1	1 Small looking glass	12
3	1 Quilting hood	3 Iron wedges	33	2 Old Razors	33
2	3 old hoes	1 Iron	33	3 Old grain Tubs	50
2	2 galley bees	1 Ten Gallon Kettle with a crack in bottom	1	Total amount	246 82
6	1 Old wooden Tooth saw	18 Gallon pot with a hole in the side	1	Debt due to this applicant	60
1	1 5/8 chisel of grade	2 1/2 Gallon pots	1		
3		5 gals Tea Kettle	3		
	\$221 22				\$306 82
			\$236 20		

This Depoent further states, that he owes ^{indebted} to several persons
to the amount of three hundred dollars, & upwards, & he has
no other means to pay the same, but by means of the before men-
tioned property. This Depoent further states, he learned the trade
of a wagon maker, but never followed it, since the revolutionary
war, & and has for many years been a farmer, which he now
considers his occupation, by reason of his eyes being infirmities
he is unable either to follow his trade or obtain a living by labour
he further states, he has a wife who is greatly afflicted
with disease & more than half her time is confined to her bed
by sickness, & that she is altogether unable to work, & and this
depoent to get a living, he further states, he has a daughter in
her twelfth month years, who has a wealthy constitution, who resides
with him, but who is not able to do much towards assisting
him in obtaining a living & how long she may choose to reside
with him, this Depoent cannot tell, he also has another
daughter in her fifteenth year, & a small boy going on third
eleventh year of his age, being all his children who reside
with him, & none able to maintain themselves or very little more
if able,

sworn to and declared on the 29th day of August 1820,

before

Joseph Britton

State of Tennessee, I, Stockly D. Mitchell, Clerk of the Court of Pleas &
Quarter Sessions for the County of Hawkins, do hereby certify
that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from
the records of the said Court, and I do further certify that it is the opinion
of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited
in the aforesaid schedule is three hundred and six dollars and Eighty two
cents.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand, and affixed the seal of Office, at Op-
piss in Reynolds the 29th day of August 1820

Stockly D. Mitchell

Power of Attorney
from J. B. Britton
himself -

That the under signed heirs of Joseph
Britton a lieutenant and Captain in the
Revolutionary War, who was a pious and
at Jonesboro, Tennessee, and who died
the 16 day of November 1842 do constitute
and appoint T. J. Burris to present
a claim to be had against the United
States in right of our said ancestor
and will allow him a reasonable
compensation out of the money if
he obtains any and nothing if he
does not. Witness our hands this
the 24 day of April 1850

David ^{his} Britton ^{mark} Seal

~~Elizabeth Britton~~

R. H. Stacey, Seal

Elizabeth ^{his} Britton ^{mark} Seal

Elvirey ^{his} Britton ^{mark} Seal

Martha ^{his} Bailey ^{mark} Seal

Archibald Tucker Seal

Sack of B. Miller Seal

Honble John C. Calhoun
Secretary of war
Washington City

Rayville East Simms

D^r Sir

This address is in behalf of one of the Fathers
of our Country Joseph Butler who I believe, and am
intreped sure as high Claims on his government,
in charity and afortness at the same as any
national American born son in its he endured
many privations and hardships during our struggle
for liberty I am satisfied he has raised a numerous
family say 13 children from which lost three live
survive the late war he has sustaimed a good
Character in private life he is temperant and
lives economically and prudently his children
have all emigrated to different parts of the
Union except three, two daughters and a little son
unable to assist him who remain with him he
is supported by the labour of his daughters principally
his wife is infirm and unable to do any thing
he has at this time but little property which
will appear from the ~~Schedule~~ ^{Schedule} forwarded accompanying
this address I know it to be correct, as for the
old gentleman was stricken from the pension Roll
I know he purchased property on credit and
anticipatid a continuance of his pension to meet
these debts the circumstance of his being stricken
from the Roll of pensioners caused them to return
he was unable to have but little mercy for
him they prob^{ly} three Claims against him and
has really vacuped his property for one fourth of
its value and he has not half property sufficient
to satisfy the demand made against him. If
consistent with the regulations of the Department
which you have the honor to direct I do think
he should be placed on the Roll of pensioners

to draw from the time his pay was suspended
there is no person acquainted with Joseph Patton
in the community but will rejoice to see him at
this time aided by his Country - The Hon^{ble} John
Pitkin has known him from his infancy I refer
you to him for further information also to the
Hon^{ble} John Coker. If a petition was necessary
to strengthen his claims to a pension from the
Government, I am satisfied that hundreds could
be had. I am respectfully your
Obedt Servant

Hon^{ble} John C. Calhoun
Secretary of war
Washington

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Joseph Britton
Lieut Per Reg

Act:

18th March 18th

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

No 12705

ACT OF FEBRUARY 14, 1871.

WAR OF 1812.

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St Joseph Britton

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Revolution

Discharged, 18

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W. J. Gay - Act 32

Received, 187

Attorney.

The of 1821
 Licent.
 these items
 as from 1777

1st the date of Dec 1821,
 124 ac mountain land \$124.-
 1 do do 25.-
 1 do do 21.-
 1 do do 16.-
 1 do do 11.-
 1 do do 11.-
 1 do do 36.52
 1 do do 241.52
 to several persons \$300.-

Schedule under Act 1st of March 1823
 Act 22nd Nov 1824.
 21 acres of mountain land
 of like quality with that which is
 here of 13th 1820 per acre or many
 more but of the most essential and
 quality cannot exceed 21 acres, \$101
 2 barrels of furniture &c. 51.34
 one horse \$45, 76 out 212.34
 cows 221.
 States that at the time of his receiving
 a pension he submitted for the record
 a schedule in his schedule and said
 that at the time he received that is the
 collection of debts which he owes or
 had or \$1200 had been enforced by
 creditors he would have been in a
 state of some straits of his property
 independent on the charity and
 given his creditors for the
 property he has ordered
 that the same be managed

claimants last schedule
 states that upon his being
 struck from the roll his
 creditors prefer their claims
 against him and had sacrificed
 his property for one fourth of
 its value and that he has not
 half property sufficient to
 pay the demands against him.
~~He has also stated that he has been
 required to pay claims for the same.~~

Claimant aged 72
 his wife old and great
 part of her time confine
 to her bed 2 daughters and
 a son under age

accompanying the declaration of claim
 is a letter from the Hon. John Blair
 stating that he has known claimant
 since his earliest recollection and
 will solve any question within his
 knowledge which may be asked by

Hon. John Blair,
 Perth Amoy Jan 22.
 1825 & sent as above

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13 Decr 1821

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Washington, D.C. March 22/61

Dear George C. Whitney
Commissioner of Pensions
Pens.,

Sir

Please
to furnish me with a copy of the declara-
-tion of Lewis Joseph Brittain of the
Nathaniel Pitt Regiment, Pensions
under the act of 1818, from the state,
of Tennessee, in which declaration he
states, "In witness whereof I have sworn the 6th
of February 1777." He also his bounty
Law & claim in 1870, to Col John Peas
of Ross Co., Ohio, whose name
applying to be paid, pay for a service of
more than 6 years,

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt
W. B. Bagby

Papers copied &
sent to W. L. Taylor
Jan 30, 1899

House of Reps.
Washington City
20th Jan'y. 1849.

Dear Sir,

Herein I have you
three papers, marked A B C.
which relate to the business, which
I referred to you this morning.

A. being a letter from
W. Massey to me, relative to the
suit in Ohio, which he & I are
defending. shewing that the whole
point of the dispute & controversy
in Ohio, is, — on to the identity of the
person, of Joseph Miller, who was,
a Lieut. in Col. N. Gist's Regiment
in the Revolutionary War.

B. the letter of Wm.
Wallace, to Taylor & Massey, on
the same subject. &

C. a volume of the
papers, upon which Joseph Miller, etc.

of Terraces, Merino a Peruvian.

These three papers,
I wish returned to me: they are
only part of those sent to you
to aid my investigations.

I am trying to get
testimony at Baltimore &
Philadelphia respecting the

same matter: and my
object now is to get from

your office, "a copy of the
evidence in full, upon which the
Terraces, Merino & Peruvian
a Peruvian."

Please remember
do not let me know any other
matter or suggestions, that you
can make, so that I may
get out the truth: with
Yours, &c. &c.

Wm. L. Garrison.

Corn. of Merino.

J. L. Taylor.

Revolutionary Claims.

Under the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved 15th May, 1828.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

29 Nov 1828.

SIR:

I have the honor to inform you, that *Joseph Britton*
formerly a *Lieutenant in Col Gist's* — Regiment of the
line of the Continental Army; and who has heretofore received a
pension at the *East Tennessee* — agency, has been admitted
to the benefits of the abovementioned act.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Richard Rush.

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF WAR.

No 121.

Joseph Britton

And Let A. L. Burm

Mill Bend (Tex)

Feb 26. 1836.

cannot find this
letter.

Mills Bond, Tennessee 16 July 1856

Sir:

In behalf of the heirs of Lieutenant Joseph Britton deceased, who it is alleged was an officer of the Revolution in the Virginia State line, and for said service was pensioned under act of Congress, passed March 18, 1818. Was enrolled and paid at the Onestown, Tenn. Agency and died 16 Nov. 1842. I beg leave to submit the enclosed authority.

It is alleged by the Claimants that their ancestor the said officer was included within the provisions of the act of the Virginia Legislature passed May 1779, Chap 6. (Henning's Statutes at large page 25) but which claims arising under said Virginia Law, was assumed by the United States by act approved 5 July 1832, the claim being half pay for life, from the date of his promotion as officer aforesaid, all of which I have ascertained is familiar both yourself and office.

It is further alleged that the half pay thus granted was never applied for or received.

The officer died intestate, but an administrator was legally constituted, who it is said has fully administered.

There are it appears no forms furnished by the Secretary of the Treasury, nor by your office, to which the adjustment of this class of claims was transferred by act Congress 3 March 1835. The "Rules" furnished by the Comm. of Pensions June 2, 1835, are silent as to the proper forum for verifying the testimony.

It is presumed that the list furnished by the Auditor of Virginia will afford you such testimony, corroborating the foregoing statements as will justify you to release this communication, if thereon is, per your request.

That you be pleased to furnish me the forms and instructions requisite in the case, if indeed there be in fact any such available claims to the heirs in question, I would not trespass upon any rule or usage of your office, or on your goodness in the request, but my experience in this class of cases will ^{not} justify me to undertake its presentation without advice from your office.

I ought to add that indisposition has kept me from sending the Claims sooner.

With sentiments of profound respect, I am Sir, your very obedient and oblique friend and humble servant
Abraham L. Burden
Mills Bond
Tenn.

Wm. J. Mint
Comm. of Pensions
Washington
D.C.

Oct 1828
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Treasury

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Providence Township

November 7th 1828

Enclosed I send to you the declaration of Joseph Britton
regularly authenticated, together with Mr. Drillon's com-
mission, referred to in his declaration. The old gentlemen
has desired me to Enclose his papers to you - and
should his proof be deemed satisfactory, he requests
you to forward his Certificate to this place

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully your

ob^d servant

Commission. Lieutenant in one of the additional
Regiments. to rank from the 23rd of April 1779.

Date 25 of May 1779.

Joseph Britton Esq^r

Pequillo Tennessee
November 7th 1828

In Enclosed I send to you the declaration of Joseph Dillon
regularly authenticated, together with Mr. Dillon's com-
plaint, referred to in his declaration. The old gentleman
has desired me to Enclose his papers to you - and
should his proof be deemed satisfactory, he requests
you to forward his certificate to this place

I have the honor to be
very respectfully your
ob^d servant

D. Alexander

The Honorable Richard Rush

No. of Original papers - 202

REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

18 Nov 1828.

Joseph Britton of *Beech Creek* in the County of *Hawkins* in the State of *Tennessee* has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he was as an officer on the Continental line, and served as such until the reduction under the resolves of 3^d & 21st Oct 1780, *(one of the additional)*

at which period he was a *Lieutenant* in *Col Gist's* regiment of the line; and that he received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, *the sum of six hundred* dollars, paid to him by the agent in the *State of East Tennessee*.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far these several statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

By order of the Secretary
T. Dickinson.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

20th November 1828

It appears by the records in this office, that final settlement certificates have been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to *Joseph Britton - Lieutenant* in the *main line*, amounting to *sixteen hundred* dollars.

It further appears that *Joseph Britton* is now on the pension list of the *S. Tennessee* agency, and has been since the *3^d March 1826* at the rate of *twenty Dollars* per month.

Blue Fagner Aud

Copy
Joseph Billain's
Petition

The States that are opposed

Hawkins County
State of Tennessee

On the 22nd day of November 1824
personally appeared in open Court
being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Joseph
Brittann aged Twenty two Years next March who being
first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare
that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit
that on the 6th day of February 1777 he entered into
the Continental establishment in the revolutionary war
as a Second Lieutenant in Capt Joseph Smiths Com-
pany then called Henry Waggamans in Col Nathaniel
Gists Regiment of Rangers One of the additional regiments
raised by Congress as will appear from his recruiting
instructions now in the War Office that he served
the United States as a Second Lieutenant in recruiting
for some time and the Battle of Germantown joined
the army with his recruits at the White Plains and was
under Capt Joseph Smith who was appointed Capt as
aforesaid in the place of Capt Waggaman which Company
was attached to the 3rd Regiment of the Maryland line of
Troops at that time Commanded by Col Nathaniel Rowe
Says That part of the army to which the deponent was
attached was Commanded by Gen Smallwood in
which said 3rd Regiment he served as 2nd Lieutenant
until he was taken prisoner on the 16th September
1778 and was put in close confinement in New York for
twelve days then parolled on Long Island & continued
a prisoner of war until 2nd April 1781 that he after his
release was Commissioned as a first Lieutenant on the
20th April 1781 in 3rd Gists Regiment that he was in
the Battle of Monmouth. Notthas mentioned in his
original Statement now on file in the War office
to which he refers for more particularity as to the time
and manner of entrance into the service his continuance
= co therein his manner of leaving the same together
with the several documents filed with the said declaration
from which the whole is fully made to appear and the
duration of his servitude, which was about four Years
in succession inclusive of the time of his imprisonment
He states that he applied to the Government of his

Country in his old age for a participation in his proffered
Country and was heard in that appeal & placed on the
list of Pensioners by certificate of date February the 5th
1814 to draw at the rate of \$2000 per month from the
27th day of June 1818 which he continued to draw until
March 1820 when under provisions of the act of May 1st
1820 on rendering to the War Office a Schedule of his
property his name was stricken from the roll of Pensioners
and he has only drawn up to March 1820 The applicant
further states that in November 1820 he made out a
full fair and perfect Statement of the whole amount
of his then property which was recorded in the office of
the County Court of Hawkins a Certified Copy of which
he sent to the War Office amounting to the sum of
Three hundred six dollars eighty two cents which
Schedule contained every atom of property he then
owned valued at the highest estimate when at the
same time from his care and Economy he had
procured the greater part with his pension being
indebted at the time of his original application for
his poor piece of land and having since paid for
the same in his said pension he states that during
the short time which his pension was continued to
him he drew more from the government than the
whole amt of all he was worth at the time he
made out his Schedule in 1820 inasmuch as he was
indebted & obliged to pay his debts & again repeats
that all the property & effects he owned when stricken
of the roll or at any time since was not equal
to the sum drawn from the United States before
that time & he must conceive that some misappre-
hension then existed in his case for he cannot
entertain the idea that he would be left entitled
to the bounty of the government from the consideration
that he had used rigid economy & saved his little
pittance of property with his pension - He states
that since the time he made his former Schedule

and which was considered too extensive to admit of his continuance in the roll his property has only underwent the following change as the following contains a full statement of all his property & effects which compared with that on file will show the comparative to wit, as contained hereafter in Schedule hereto annexed — And I do herein again solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States of America on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress entitled to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States of the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th of March 1818 and its subsequent amendments and that I have not nor has any person for me any property or security contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit.

141 acres of land poor mountainous and of like quality with that which is now taken up at Twelve & a half cents per acre in many places which at the most exorbitant valuation cannot exceed one dollar per acre which as before stated has been principally paid for with his pension money. Say \$141.00

2 pair chains & chains & old collar & very old backband	2.33
1 old beam shion plow without Chutter or Stake	1.00
1 old Shovel plow	1.00
Some swing & tree irons	.50
1 old gaubing hoe & 2 weeding hoes (old & worn)	1.25
2 falling axes 125¢ & 1 very old log chain 125¢	2.50
1 broken cradle & 1 old pickle	1.00
1 old cutting knife & Steel (no Box)	2.50
1 old Br. & axe old ady 6 Chissels	2.50
1 old cross cut saw 200¢ & 1 piece of Turkey oil stem 50¢	2.50
2 old bevel plains tongues & grooves do old hand saw	1.50
4 old moulding plains 1 spoke set 2 gimblets for Compozer	2.17 ¹ / ₂
1 small grind stone 150¢ & 1 glue pot 80¢ & 2 Iron wedges 37 ¹ / ₂ ¢	2.00
2 drawing knives 1 old saw 2 augers 2 hammers	

Item out Brought forward

1 Kettle with crack in the bottom	1.00
1 do 8 Gallon hole in side	1.50
1 do piece broken out of it 5 Gallon	1.00
1 Five quart Tea Kettle	1.00
Six old sitting chains 1 st old sheep shears	1.25
1 Walnut table 250¢ 2 small boxes 125¢	3.75
5 pewter plates & 34 spoons 150¢ 1 st Steelyards 125¢	2.75
2 old Buckets 1 pail 1 coffee mill 125¢	1.50
1 old oven & pot rack 200¢ 4 old knives & 4 forks 37½¢	2.37½
1 Iron candlestick & 3 muffs 120¢ 3 wooden Riddles 75¢	87½
1 small looking glass 125¢ 1 small trunk & 2 old razors 62½¢	1.87½
2 old grain tubs 100¢ 1 st cotton cards 50¢	1.50
1 flat back 2 smoothing Irons	1.75
1 old saddle & Bridle	6.00
1 Young Colt valued at \$3.00	3.00
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that he is at this time indebted to the amount of Two hundred & Twenty dollars and has ~~lost~~ and owing to him in debts forty five dollars Seventy six 71/3 Cents leaving himself still indebted over and above the debts due him the sum of \$170.333 which must be paid out of the above Schedule of property - but in honesty he conceives himself bound to show the true Condition which is fully set forth in the above expose that he is before stated is 72 years old next march and is unable to prosecute Manual labour successfully for support & has an old woman infirm & unable to labour for his wife that he has but one of his Children under age but two daughters over age reside at his house & contribute by their labour to the support of himself and wife, that a Collection of the debts which he owes or did owe at any time since the passage of the act of 1818 had been rigidly enforced he would have been in a great measure stripped of his property & is dependant upon the Charity and benevolence of his Creditors for the Possession of Property he has or does now enjoy - he states further that he has always been in very low Circumstances & but for the aid which he received from his pension during the time he drew the same must have been destitute of the means of ordinary support & will again

appeal to the Country whether the circumstances of holding as much property as he has received pension can be esteemed a forfeiture of the favours of his Country. Sworn to & subscribed before the Justices of our said County Joseph Brittain in open Court this day and year first before written

Test

W. B. Mitchell Clerk of the Court of Pleas & for Hawkins County

State of Tennessee
Hawkins County

3rd November Session 1824

Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record Lear Bailey Senr. Williamson Tucker & William Bailey who being duly sworn according to law depose and say that they are well acquainted with the property in the foregoing Schedule & that the valuation set on it is a just one and that it does not exceed in amount the valuation set on it.

Test

W. B. Mitchell Clerk

Lear Bailey
Williamson Tucker
William ^{his} Bailey
mark

State of Tennessee

I Stubble C. Mitchell Clerk of the Court of Pleas and quarters Sessions of Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee do Certify the foregoing to be a correct Copy of the Petition of Joseph Brittain as entered of record in the records of said Court

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Office at Office in Rogersville this 13th day of December A.D. 1824

S. C. Mitchell Clerk
By W. B. Mitchell his deputy

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled
 an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & Soldiers
 of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May
 1828 I Joseph Britton of Beech Creek in the County
 of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare
 that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army
 of the Revolution and served to the time when the
 arrangement of the Army, provided by the Resolves of
 Congress of the 3^d & 21st of October 1780 was carried into
 effect, and was retained under that arrangement, at
 which period I was first Lieutenant, "in one of the
 additional Regiments" commanded by Col. Nathaniel
 Gist, in the Army of the United States, (after and being
 had to my commission dated the 25th day of May 1779,
 will more fully shew - and which is herewith Exhibited
 and I do declare that I afterwards received, a certificate
 commonly called a commutation certificate) for a Sum
 equal to the amount of five Years' full pay, which
 Sum was offered by the Resolves of Congress of the 22^d
 of March 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to
 which I was Entitled under the Resolves of the
 1st of October 1780, and which certificate I received
 at the City of Annapolis in the State of Maryland

and I do further declare, that I have
 received of the United States as a pensioner since
 the 3^d day of March 1824 up to the 4th day of
 September 1828 Six hundred dollars, being at
 the rate of Twenty dollars per month, paid to me by
 the agent for paying pensions, Robert King of
 Knoxville East Tennessee
 sworn to & subscribed before
 me this 7th day of November 1828
 J. H. Huffmaster
 Joseph Britton

Before me both Huffmaster &
 Justice of the peace in & for the County of Hawkins in the
 State of Tennessee sworn, personally appeared this day
 Nicholas T. ...

Alexander Blackmaster of the Court of Chancery held
at Rogersville, both citizens of said Town of Rogersville
in said State of Tennessee, who did severally make
oaths in due form of law that Joseph Britton by
whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed
is generally reputed and believed to be an officer
in the Army of the Revolution in manner as
therein stated

D: Alexander

H. Blair

Witness my hand this
7th November 1828
J. H. Blackmaster

I Stockley D. Mitchell Clerk of the Court of
the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee do
hereby certify that Joseph Blackmaster, before whom
the foregoing affidavits were sworn, was at the
time and now is an acting Justice of the Peace
and duly empowered to administer oaths —

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed the seal of the said Court
at office in Rogersville this 7th day
of November A. D. 1828 —

Stockley D. Mitchell Clerk

Britton Joseph S-39221

The papers of this Virginia half pay claim have been consolidated with Lieut Joseph Britton's pension claim. He was the only soldier of that name on the Terr. Pension Agency, and the half pay claim has much family data in it.

* Gist's Continental Regt. was composed of men from Va and Md. Gist himself was from Va, but Lieut Joe Britton was from Md. So I suppose the War Dept thought they had title under the Va half pay act.

I have searched all the old registers of claims under the Va half pay act and do not find any reference to this claim at all.

AW.
Oct. 10, 1914

* (See Keitman for records of these officers)