

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Micajah Brooks W27694 Margaret T. fn99SC
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State of Georgia, County of Paulding

On this nineteenth day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of Paulding County and State of Georgia, now sitting, Micajah Brooks, Sr., a resident of the County of Paulding, and State of Georgia, in the County of Paulding and State of Georgia aged eighty-nine 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: That he was an orphan boy (and his mother said was in his fourteenth year of age) and was hired out to widow woman by the name of Locklin in the State of North Carolina and was sent by her to Ramsour's Mill and while he was at the mill Benjamin Few came then in company with twenty or thirty others, and came to him, and slapped him on his head, and said to him [""]my buck don't you want to go with me and serve your country[""] and he answered gladly if he had the chance and then told the said Few his situation, said Few then got the miller to send the horse and bag back to the widow Locklin and he then came on with Few to the State of Georgia and served under the said Few as a scout for a considerable length of time, but does not now recollect how long on the frontiers of Georgia and was sometimes in forts; that while he served as a scout under said Few in formerly Wilkes, but now Warren County in said State of Georgia, they got after some Tories, who had been stealing horses and clothing and they had a spy ahead of the main body of scouts after the Tories by the name of McCarty, who overtook them upon the waters of Joe's Creek, there were two Tories and when the rest of the scouts came up with McCarty he had killed both of the Tories, the Tories had stopped (and there had been a rain) and were drying them[selves] when McCarty overtook them.

After he left Few he entered the service, but does not recollect the time he entered nor the time he left the services, that he never has received any education; was a young and wild boy and never paid any attention to dates, he entered the service under George Barber Captain and Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] was his colonel. He entered the service in the County of Wilkes in the State of Georgia as a volunteer, that while he was under the last mentioned officers in said County of Wilkes they got in pursuit of some Tories and said Clarke sent Captain George Barber and Thomas Rainey as spies to ascertain the number of Tories, they went and returned to the main body and reported that there were seven or eight hundred Tories and after hearing the probable number Col. Elijah Clarke after halting for some time on account of the number of Tories, he the said

Col . Clarke followed on after them and came up on them (after dark in the first part of the night) where Kettle Creek and Little River run together and after coming on them, Col . Clarke fired on the Tory Sentinels and they run in, said Col. Clarke then charged on the Tories and they, the Tories, fled and ran in every direction and left their horses provisions and plunder in the hands of Col. Clarke and his men. During the time [of this skirmish], there were three Tories killed and they shot back and killed a captain belonging to Col . Clarke's command by the name, he thinks, of Anderson from South Carolina he thinks though not certain as to his name or place from whence he was; after he entered the service under these named officers he marched from Tugalow [sic, Tugaloo] River to the mouth of Kettle Creek and Little River in the said County of Wilkes and from there to Newsom's Fort in now Warren County said State of Georgia and after remaining two or three weeks at said Fort, he was discharged. After his discharge from under said named officers he went to the State of South Carolina with the intention of returning to his Mother in North Carolina and while in the State of South Carolina, in Edgefield District Stephanses [sic, Stephen's] Creek, Abraham Redick was drafted, and he the said Micajah Brooks entered the service as a substitute for the said Abraham Redick. [He] does not [recollect] the day nor the year, but it was in the month of March he entered the service as such a substitute three months, he entered as such a substitute under the following named officers to wit, Bartley Martin was his Captain, Nobles was his Major [he] does not recollect said Nobles' Christian name and Leroy Hammons [sic, LeRoy Hammond] was his Colonel. They marched from Stephan's Creek in Edgefield District South Carolina to Orangeburg in Edish [sic, Edisto] River and remained there for several days and there were joined by Roebuck and Farr with two companies, they then marched to General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] camp on Podyister [?] River twenty two miles from Charleston in said State of South Carolina. Belonging to General Greene's Army at that time were General Lee and Colonel Washington. He remained there with General Greene's Army until the expiration of the three months and was discharged. At that time, then he was with General Greene's Army he understood that British were in possession of Charleston in South Carolina and Sullivan's Island.

After he was discharged out of Captain Martin's Company, he the said Micajah Brooks returned to Wilkes County in the State of Georgia. He there joined Captain John Hill's Company, who were in possession of Hill's Fort on Long Creek in then Wilkes County but now Warren County in the State of Georgia. [He] does not recollect the day, month, or year that he joined Captain John Hill's Company. After joining said last mentioned company, he remained in said fort for some length of time and said Captain John Hill resigned and Joseph Mimms succeeded him in the command of said company. [H]e then remained in said Fort under Captain Joseph Mimms for some time, does not recollect how long, and Captain Mimms started out of the Fort to get his horse to go to Colonel Samuel Alexander who was stationed on the head waters of Ogeechee River in Wilkes County in said State for the purpose of getting some ammunition, and said Captain Mimms went out of said Fort and got his horse and so soon as he the said Captain Mimms got his horse, the Indians rose up between the said Captain Mimms and the Fort and ran him a little around the Fort and shot and killed him and scalped him, the said Captain Mimms; shortly after the death of the said Captain Mimms, Captain John Wilson came by said Fort with a drafted company on his way to join Col. Elijah Clarke of the

State of Georgia and General Andrew Pickens [sic, Andrew Pickens] of the State of South Carolina at Washington now Wilkes County in the State of Georgia and when said Captain John Wilson came to said last mentioned Fort there was a man in his company by the name of Dempsey Toler, who was very much opposed to going on with Captain John Wilson and by the consent of said Captain Wilson he the said Toler took place of him the said Micajah Brooks and the said Micajah Brooks went on with said Captain Wilson and at now Washington in said Wilkes County in said State joined said Colonel Clarke and said General Pickens and marched thence through the Cherokee Country in the State of Georgia and marched as far as Tennessee River and up and down said river and through said nation of Indians and burnt all most all of their houses and towns and got a great deal of property such as Negroes, horses, blankets and killed all the cows they saw, killed five Indians and three white men and brought back a good many prisoners; after marching through said Nation of Indians they returned to Gernel's [?] fort on Sandy Creek in said State of Georgia, there General Pickens left with his Command for South Carolina and Captain John Wilson marched to Columbia County in the State of Georgia and there discharged his company. They were all mounted men that went as above stated through Cherokee Nation.

After the said Micajah Brooks was discharged in Columbia County from the said Captain John Wilson's company, he the said Micajah returned back to Hill's Fort in the said County of Wilkes and then resumed his place in said Fort and discharged the said Dempsey Toler. Stephen Bishop was then Captain in room of the said Joseph Mimms. After his return to said Fort he the said Micajah went to the siege of Augusta under the command of Samuel Beckam as Captain. Augusta in the State of Georgia was then in possession of the British commanded by General Grierson and Colonel Brown. After he the said Micajah went to the siege of Augusta, he was called off to go into the upper part of Wilkes County in the state of Georgia to take care of women and children and collect them together at Robert Harper's in said county. He remained as said Harper's until just before the surrender of Augusta and returned just before the surrender of Augusta in the State of Georgia and was there at the surrender, the British marched out after the surrender and left the Tories in the hands of the Whigs who slaughtered them without mercy. He there saw the British General Grierson killed, he was shot in the upper part of a log house in a place something like a balcony by a Whig whose name was James Alexander, who had been a prisoner of General Grierson and during his imprisonment mistreated by him, said James Alexander was in disguise when he shot General Grierson. After the surrender of Augusta, he the said Micajah, remained in Augusta for a considerable length of time as a guard under Captain David Miller and Major Collins (not recollect his given name).

In answer to the interrogatories proposed by the Justices of the Inferior Court, Micajah Brooks answers that he was born in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina. To the second Interrogatory, he answers that he has no record of his age, his mother told him that it was burnt up with his grandfather's house and she informed him that he was born on the same day that Dennis McSwain was born and in the same settlement and that if he could see him he could tell him his age. He saw him and from what said Dennis McSwain told him he will be eighty nine years old the twenty fifth of next December. To the third Interrogatory, he answers that he was living in Chatham County North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States. After he left the

service of the United States he lived three years in the State of North Carolina since which time he has lived in the State of Georgia in various counties. That he is now a resident of Paulding County in the State of Georgia. The answer to the fourth Interrogatory, he has answered in the foregoing declaration and also he has answered the fifth in the foregoing. In answer to the sixth he states that he was always a private soldier. To the seventh Interrogatory, he answers that Augustine Young, Silas McGrady, John Strong, Wilson Whatley, Brooks M. Willingham, Joseph Morgan, Sr. Woodson Hubbard, Barnaby Pace, David Griffin and Elias E Hightower.

To the best of his recollection he the said Micajah states the he served doing the Revolutionary War in the service of the United States at least two years but cannot as before stated being an illiterate man recollect the dates he served, the dates he left the service, but whilst he was in the service of the United States the British had possession of Charleston in the State of South Carolina and Savannah and Augusta in the State of Georgia. He also states that he has not documentary evidence to establish his claim. The certificate of the comptroller General of the State of South Carolina of his having received pay for his time of service whilst a substitute for Abraham Redic [sic] in the United States service in said State of South Carolina as before stated and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except this present and disclaims that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed to me by this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Micajah Brooks, X his mark

S/ Asa Scott, JIC

S/ Joseph Mason, JIC

S/ Churchill Mason, JIC

[Lewis M. Matthews, a clergyman, and Woodson Hubbard, Brooks M. Willingham, John Ledbetter, Joseph G. Thomas [digital image omits the next page]

[fn p. 16; On May 31, 1869, in Polk County, Ga., Margaret T. Brooks, 63, filed a claim stating that she was the widow of Micajah Brooks; that he died June 15, 1862; that she has resided since January 1, 1861 in Polk County, Ga.; that she did not bear arms against the US in the late war]

[facts in file: veteran was born December 25, 1761 in Chatham County, NC; he died June 15, 1862; he married about 1839 in Paulding County, Ga., Margaret T. Carter.]