

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Brown R1277

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Virginia Hampshire County Sct

At a Court held for Hampshire County the 19th day of October 1818 John Brown resident in the County of Hampshire aged fifty six years came into Court & declared upon oath in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" That he enlisted at Leeds Town [Leedstown] in the County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia in the Company of Artillery Commanded by Captain John Mazzarett [sic: John Mazarett] in the service of the United States about the Spring of the year 1779 That he marched from thence with the said Company to the Town of Hampton in Virginia where he continued for some time in the fort at that place from thence he marched to the City of Williamsburg in Virginia & served in the 5th Virginia Regt commanded by Colo. Thomas Marshall from thence he marched to Petersburg in Virginia under the command of Capt. Christopher Roan [sic: Christopher Roane] from thence he marched to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina and was in the battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780] under the command of Genl Wayne [see note below] at Genl [Horatio] Gates defeat & returned from thence under the Command of Captn Christopher Roan to the town of Gloucester [sic: Gloucester] during the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] & was present at the capitulation of lord Cornwallis in 1781 after which he received his discharge, which he afterwards filed in the land office in the City of Richmond where he obtained for his services a warrant for one hundred acres of land that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of this County [sic] for support and that he has no other evidence of said services now in his power

On the 16th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record John Brown 4th aged 59 years resident in Hampshire County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in the year 1779 for the term of three years in Westmoreland County Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Mazarett attached to the [blank] Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall on continental establishment, that he was in the Battle of Cambden when Gates was defeated and at the siege of York at the capitulation of Lord Cornwallis that he continued to serve in said Regiment for nearly two years, and was discharged at York Town in Virginia which will more fully appear by his original declaration filed in the war office dated the 15th day of March 1819 upon which he has obtained a certificate of pension numbered 12.189 and he did solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts owing to him nor has he any other income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by him subscribed viz. 2 horses worth together \$50.00. 9 small shoats \$7.00 about 50 Bushels of wheat worth \$25.00 about 50 Bushels of Rye worth \$20.84. Some household furniture worth altogether about \$20.00. That he owes to Thomas Taylor for rent \$57.00 to William Davy \$13.00 The following is a list of the members of his family Ann Brown his wife aged 57 years Margaret his daughter aged 18 years Richard his son aged 11 years John his son aged 17 years in October next Ann his Daughter aged 17 years in October next. That he is a Labourer and in consequence of advanced aged and some bodily infirmities is unable to support himself

NOTES:

No General Wayne is known to have been at the Battle of Camden. Brown may have

referred to Gen. Anthony Wayne, who was in the Virginia campaign.

On 5 June 1843 in Pickaway County OH Anne Murphy Brown, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married John Brown in Westmoreland County in Nov 1792, and he died in Pickaway County on 10 Feb 1843. She stated that he had been a Sergeant. With her application is a record of the births of their children.