

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Brown: S14998

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State of Virginia Giles County to wit

On this 29th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the county court of Giles being a court of record now sitting William Brown a resident of the said county of Giles & state aforesaid aged 77 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 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in a redgment of Virginia Malitia commanded by Colo [William] Christian (or Christy) as he was sometimes called. He commenced his service in the year 1776 and was engaged under the said Colo Christian for three months or probably more He belonged to a company commanded by Capt Daniel Smith. He was while in the said redgment marched [in early Oct 1776] to the Cherokee Nation of Indians beond the Holston river in the state of Tennessee and during the expedition destroyed very many indian towns & villages When this tower was performed he was a resident of Wythe County Virginia at present Tazewell. He was then assigned the duty of a spy by Capt James Maxwell which duty he did for the three ensuing summers generally against the Shawnee Indians. He was attached to Capt Maxwells company and was subsequently joined by a company of malitia under the command of Capt John Preston on the waters of Bluestone river then the Frontier of the state of Virginia

The third tower was in the character of a drafted militiaman from the County of Wythe for the "Mackintosh campain" as it was called [see note below]. He was in a company commanded by Capt James Thompson and was discharged at Gauley Mountain in Greenbrier [now Pocahontas County WV] after a tower of about six weeks He then returned to Wythe where he resided untill Tazewell was formed [in 1800] and now resides in Giles. He knows of but two persons by whom he can prove his actual service to wit William McGuire [pension application S5746] & Low Brown [pension application S5299] who are residents of Tazewell and who have been prevented by old age and infirmity to appear personally before this court but but ~~their~~ affidavits the affidavits of McGuire before a Justice of the Peace for Tazewell county is herewith filed He never had written discharges for any tower that he recollects.

He hereby relinquishes all right or claim to any pention or annuity whatever Except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agent in any state or territory. Swon to and subscribed the day & year above written. [signed] William Brown

Virginia Giles County to wit

On this 25th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the county court of Giles Wm Brown of said county for the purpose of ammending his declaration for obtaining a pension under the act of the 7 of June 1832 who being first duly sworn declares That, By reason of his age and the remoteness of the time he did not state precisely the time of his services in his former declaration. He remembers that the first tower was three moths and is all he claims for and as stated in his former declaration. His second tower as a spie was as stated for three summers successively. He thinks it was for six months each summer But he is positive it was five at Least. He therefore claims for the time of five months each summer making in all fifteen months in his second tower. His third tower was for six weeks and was fully performed making in all nineteen months and two weeks.

Which are all the amendments [one or two illegible words] except the certificate of the Magistrate as to the credibility of the witness whose deposition was forwarded Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above last written. [signed] Wm Brown

State of Virginia}

Tazwell [sic] County} SS

On this 18 day of June 1833. personally appeared William McGuyer in open court, the county court of Tazwell it being a court of record, aged Seventy five years and after being duly

sworn according to law states that he is well acquainted with William Brown of Giles County in the State of Virginia, and that he served with the said William Brown as an Indian Spy for two years on the waters of Blue Stone in Tazwell County, this affiant cannot state the precise period when the service was performed but according to the best of his recollection it was in the year 1780. & 1781. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid
[signed] Wm MGuyer

NOTE: Gen. Lachlan McIntosh commanded the Western Department headquartered near Pittsburgh PA from spring 1778 until February 1779.