

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Brown R1348

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[Capitalization partly corrected]

State of Kentucky Floyd County (SS)

At a Court held for Floyd County at the Court house in prestonsburg on Monday the 26th day of September 1825 present Alexander Lackey James Lucy and William M Smith Esquires William Brown and old Revolutionary officer produced in open Court his Declaration and Schedule for the purpose of obtaining a pension which is ordered to be Recorded which is as follows (to wit)

Floyd County SS

on this twenty sixth day of September 1825 personally appeared in open court this Being a Court of record for the County of Floyd it being Solemnly adjudged to be such by the other tribunals of this state William Brown Resident in said County aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworne according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provissions made by the acts of congress of the 18th day of March 1818 and first of May 1820 that the said William Brown entered the service of the United States as an Ensign in the fall of the year 1780 in the State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain John Henry in the 13th Virginia Regement commanded by Col Dabbney [see endnote] in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps in said office untill November 1781 after the surrender of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] which was on the 19th day of October 1781 when he was discharged from the service [see endnote] of the United States in the State of Virginia about four miles below Richmond at Rockets landing [Rocketts Landing] that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any states except Kentucky and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension (Viz) I have been for about seven or eight years past liveing with one of my son in laws by the name of George Pack and him together with his famaly with what little assistance I could render supported me and my son in law with whome I lived is now dead and has left a helpless widow and famaly who are not more then able to support themselves. I have for several years past been advised to make an application for a pension but I thought I never would do it so long as I could support without. Because I knew that I had rendered much service to my country in the achievements of its liberty I therefore determined never to become a public charge to my country so long as I could possibly avoid it by what little labour I was able to render and what assistance my friends was willing to give me But my son in law with whome I lived who supported me for the regard he had for me as a relation and what little work I was able to render is now dead and from age and infirmity I am unable any longer to support myself that I have no family except myself nor has not had for about eight years past my occupation has been that of a farmer but I am now from age and infirmity unable to persue it

And in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the first of may 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of 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 person 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 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 in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit

one old mare mare Colt worth \$35

three head of cattle worth six dollars each 18

William Brown

The following changes has been made in my propperty since the year 1818. At that time I had one horse which I swaped for the mare I now own with one Charles Pack about three years sence and sence the mare has had the colt above mentioned also in the year 1818 I had about the same number of cattle I have now that is three but they has some young ones which are the same above stated and I killed the old ones for beef I think three, to support myself.

State of Kentucky Floyd County sct [26 Sep 1825]

the following is the deposition of Edward Burgess [S35806] an old Revolutionary Soldier about seventy five or eighty years of age taken to prove the Services of William Brown an Ensign in the Revolutionary War I Edward Burgess do swear that I was well acquainted with William Brown an Ensign in the army of the Revolutionary war that I do know that he the said William Brown did Enter the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1780 as an Ensign in the 13th Virginia Regiment of Infantry Commanded by Col Dabbaney in Captain John Henrys Company that I do know that the said William Brown did continue to serve in the said Regiment as an officer holding the office of Ensign for upwards of one year for the same term of time that I do know that the said William Brown was discharged and quit the service of the United States in the month of November 1781 at the close of the war in Henrico County Verginia at Rockets Landing near Richmond

Edward hisXmark Burgess

here also follows the Deposition of Peter Sullivan [W3736] aged about seventy five years taken at the same time to prove the services of William Brown an ensign in the Revolutionary war who deposeth as follows Viz. that I Peter Sullivan do swear that I was well acquainted with William Brown the present applicant that I do know that he did Enter the service of the United States as an officer holding the office of Ensign in Captain John Henrys Company of Infantry in the 13th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment in the fall of the year 1780 that I do know that the said William Brown did continue to serve in said Regiment holding the office of Ensign in one and the same tour for upwards of one year and that he the said William Brown at the Close of the war quit the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1781 and was discharged at Rockets Landing in the State of Virginia near Richmond

Peter hisXmark Sullivan

Lawrence County SS [14 July 1828]

The following is deposition of Silas P. Wooten [Silas P. Wooton, pension application S40730] taken to prove the service of William Brown an old revolutionary soldier who after being duely sworn before me Peter Mauk a Justice of the peace for Lawrence County deposeth and sayeth.

That he was acquainted with William Brown in the army of the revolutionary war that he knew that the said William Brown did enlist in the service of the united states in the army of the revolutionary war. That he knew that the said William Brown did enlist in Capt. Bowyers Company in the 7th Virginia regiment commanded by Col. Campbell or Col. Dabney which of now not distinctly recollected for the term of three years sometime in the summer of 1778; that he does know that the said William Brown did serve out his full term of enlistment under the same enlistment and that he the said William Brown was discharged in Henrico County state of Virginia in the fall of the year 1781 by Col. Campbell or Col. Dabney.

Silas P. Wooten

NOTES:

Col. Charles Dabney was Lt. Col. of the 2nd Virginia Regiment of Foot until late 1778, when he resigned. From early 1779 until early 1782 he was Lt. Col. in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia State Line.

Ensigns and other commissioned officers were not discharged. They served until they resigned or were made supernumerary by not having sufficient troops to command.