Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Stark Brown S31566

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State of Georgia } Ss.}

The Declaration of Stark Brown a revolutionary soldier at Aug. Term

County of Walton }

1832 of Walton Sup. Court in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of

Congress passed 7 June 1832

On this twentieth day of August eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared before the honorable Superior Court of the said County of Walton being a court of Record Stark Brown a resident near the Village of Monroe in the said County of Walton & State of Georgia aged seventy six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed the seventh June Eighteen hundred & thirty two That he enlisted in the regular Army of the United States in the year seventeen hundred & seventy six some time about the first of March in that year with Captain Samuel Cabbell [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell, rifle company raised in Amherst County 4 Mar 1776] & served in the sixth Virginia Regiment of the Virginia Line under the following named officers Gen [Charles] Lee commanding in 1776 Mordecai Buckner Col, Samuel Cabbell Captain Alexander Rose first lieutenant Benjamin Tolliafero [sic: Benjamin Taliaferro] second lieutenant James Barnett Ensign and the said Stark further declares & deposeth that at the time he enlisted one Samuel Ayres was orderly Sergeant & Ralph Joblin Thomas Burfett & Cluff Shelton [sic: Clough Shelton] were Sergeants & Thomas Dickerson & Edward Cox were corporals and the said Stark further deposeth & declares that he left the service about the first of March seventeen hundred & seventy eight at a Village called the white horse about twenty four miles westward of the city of Philadelphia [probably White Horse Tavern near present Glenloch PA] it being two years from the time he entered the army & he having fully served out his term of enlistment (two years) he was then & there honorably discharged which discharge the said Stark cannot annex hereto the same having been for many years lost or destroyed

And the said Stark farther deposeth & declares that at the time of his enlistment or entering in the revolutionary service he resided in the County of Amherst & State of Virginia and the said Stark Brown also deposeth & declares that he was engaged in the following battles at the battles of Trenton New Jersey in December [26] seventeen hundred & seventy six at the battle of Princeton in the State last aforesaid in January [3] seventeen hundred & seventy seven & at the battles or engagement with Burgoyne at Stillwater in the State of New York [7 Oct] in seventeen hundred & seventy seven & at the surrender in Saratoga in the State last aforesaid [17 Oct 1777]

And the said Stark further deposeth and declares that during his service as aforesaid in the continental Army he marched through the following sections of Country First he marched to Williamsburg in the State of Virginia thence to Gwynn Island to oppose the Landing of Lord Dunmore thence back to said Williamsburg thence to Fredericksburg in Virginia thence to Leesburg thence to Fredericktown [Frederick] in the State of Maryland thence to Little York [York PA] thence to the city of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania thence to Trenton in the State of New Jersey thence to Princeton in the State last aforesaid thence to New Brunswick in the State last named thence to Elizabethtown [Elizabeth] in the last named State thence to Newark in the last above mentioned State where being met by Gen. Washington on his retreat from New York [beginning 21 Nov 1776] the said Stark marched back the same route upon the retreat aforesaid passing the same towns in New Jersey until he recrossed the Delaware River at Trenton aforesaid

And the said Stark further deposeth & declares that he again recrossed the said Delaware river & was engaged in the aforesaid battles at Trenton & Princeton – that thereafter he marched to the upper section of the State of New Jersey where he was innoculated with the small pox – that during the early

part of the year seventeen hundred & seventy seven he marched from thence & joined Gen. Washington at Middlebrook near Amboy in the State of New Jersey where some time near the tenth of June in the year last aforesaid the said Stark was detached from the main Army & placed under the immediate Command of Col Daniel Morgan as one of his Regiment of Riflemen Col [sic] Butler being second lieutenant & Morris Major & Cabbell Capt. thence the said Stark marched in various directions & through different portions of the State of New Jersey said Regiment being engaged in scouts & skirmishes with the enemy almost daily from said tenth of June until sometime in the month of August following when the said Stark marched from the State of New Jersey to a place called Kings Bridge upon the Hudson river in the State of New York where the said Stark went on sloop board & sailed thence up said Hudson river to the city of Albany thence the said Stark marched to Stillwater aforesaid where he was engaged in the above named battle with Burgoyne from thence the said Stark marched in pursuit of said Burgoyne to Saratoga aforesaid where the enemy surrendered on the seventeenth day of October 1777 thence the said Stark marched back to the city of Albany thence by Land back through the States of New York & New Jersey to Trenton aforesaid where the said Stark crossed the Delaware river into the State of Pennsylvania & the said Stark farther deposeth & declares that he with the balance of Col. Morgans Regiment of Riflemen were stationed upon the line until Gen. Washington built his huts at the Valley Forge thence the said Stark was quartered at the said Village called the white horse where he was discharged as aforesaid And the said Stark farther deposeth & declares that at the time he enlisted as aforesaid he was nineteen years of age being on the sixth day of July 1776 twenty years old

And the said Stark also deposeth and declares that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pen[sion] or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name [is not] on the pension roll of any agency in any State

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NOTES:

A Treasury-Department document states that two children of Stark Brown received the balance of his pension up to the date of his death, 5 Feb 1840.

On 8 Sep 1846 Dosha Wood, 66, of Maury County TN, as the only child and heir of Stark Brown, applied for \$2500.28, the difference in pension that her father would have received for his service as a private under an act of 1828 and the amount he should have received as a supernumerary Orderly Sergeant. Her application was successful. Note, however, that if Stark Brown had been an Orderly Sergeant it is expected he would have signed his own name to his pension application, since the duties of an Orderly Sergeant included copying orders into the company's orderly book. Dosha Wood stated that she was the widow of James Wood, whom she married at about age 19. She listed other children of Stark Brown as follows: Meredith Brown, dead nearly 18 years; and Matilda Brown, deceased, who married John Stokes.