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Pension application of Uriah Brown S32140

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State of Georgia County of Baldwin} On this third day of June 1833, personally appeared in open court, before John A. Cuthbert, Wm Grigg, Wm W. Carnes, Wm F. Scott, & Thomas H. Kenan justices of the inferior court for said County, now sitting, Uriah Brown, a resident of Hansel's district, in said County, aged seventy three years on the 10th day of April, 1833; 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 was born in Salem County, now Sumpter district [sic, Sumter District], South Carolina. He joined the Army of General Marion [Francis Marion], at Snow's island, on Big Pedee [River]: his officers were Captain John Armstrong, Major William B. Gamble, Colonel Richard Richardson, & Colonel Arch McDonald [Archibald McDonald]. He remained there three months, & then marched with the Army to Georgetown, where he remained six weeks. He then went with the brigade to Stono Landing, & was there engaged in a skirmish [Battle of Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]¹ with the English, who, he thinks, were commanded by Prevost [Augustine Prevost].² After remaining there eight days, he marched to Bacon's bridge, on Edisto [River]; & was there engaged a slight skirmish with the English. While stationed at Bacon's bridge, he was part of a small detachment sent out to hunt beef cattle: & while on this service, was wounded in the leg, by a buck shot from the enemy. He then went with the company to which he was attached, to Ebenezer, in Georgia, & remained there fourteen days: & then went to Beaufort, in South Carolina, at which place he remained about four months. The whole tour occupied about eighteen months: after which he was relieved by another division of his company going into the service.

At Coosawhatchie, he afterwards entered the service as a substitute for Allen Turner, in a small Regiment of regulars, commanded by Colonel Keaton Simmons [sic, Keating Simons], Major Ash Bee [sic, Anthony Ashby] & Captain Arch Huett [Archibald Huett]. This was a detached corps & was under the command of General Marion, generally: but sometimes under the command of General Ch. C. Pinckney [sic, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney]. Major Green was his brigade inspector. While in this service he was engaged in a small skirmish. He was afterwards, as a militia man, in the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]³ & old Fort Scott, under the command of Col. Richardson, Majors Gamble, James & Nelson, Captain John

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² Sic, the British forces at Stono Ferry were commanded by Lt. Col. John Maitland.

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

Armstrong, Lieutenant William Lewis, & Ensign James Gordon. He afterwards marched towards Georgetown, & was in the battle at Sand-pit bridge [sic, Sampit Bridge, March 28, 1781].⁴ He then went to Georgetown [May 28, 1781],⁵ & was engaged in its capture by the forces under Generals Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], Marion, & Pickens [Andrew Pickens]. He remained there six months, & then went to Horry's plantation on Santee [River], where he remained until peace was proclaimed. He was discharged on Christmas Day, 1784. In his removals he has lost his written discharges; & he has no record of his age.

He removed to Georgia in 1816 & has since resided in the aforesaid County of Baldwin.

He does not know any person within reach of the court, whose testimony he can procure, to prove the foregoing statement.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present: & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to, & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Ransom H. Smith, Clk.

S/ Uriah Brown



[William Grigg gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer 1st I was born in Salem County, now Sumpter district [Sumter District], South Carolina, in the year 1760.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Question 2nd I have no record of my age: it was entered in my father's Bible, which went into the possession of my elder brother.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer 3rd I was living in the County of Salem above mentioned, when called into service: since the revolutionary war, I resided in the same County, now Sumpter district, until the year 1816, at which time I removed into the County of Baldwin, & State of Georgia, & have continued to reside there to the present time.

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer 4th When I first went into the service, I volunteered. After a long term of service, I was a substitute for Allen Turner.

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer 5th I remember Captain William Keith, Lieutenant John Scott, Major Ash Bee, Major James Huger, Colonels Keaton & Simmons; & c; the circumstances are described in the preceding declaration.

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer 6th Captain Keith gave a written acknowledged month of my services, under him, when I

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_sampit_bridge_2.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_georgetown_7.html

was discharged, & I don't know what has become of it.

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer 7th Col. Ez. E. Park, William Grigg Esq., John Hall, Wm Matthews, Nathaniel Nichols, Neil Murphy, John Smith, besides many others.

S/ Uriah Brown, X his mark

Sworn to, & subscribed before me this 12th day of June 1833

S/ John A. Cuthbert, JIC

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Georgia of Baldwin County: Before me, a justice of the inferior court of said County, personally appeared Uriah Brown, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that he served as a revolutionary soldier during that he last four years of the war of the revolution, except four months: that he served as a militia man, twenty-six months: & as a substitute in the regular service, eighteen months being a private all the time for which he claims a pension: that he was either in the field or in garrison: & for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Sworn to & subscribed before me, this 12th day of June 1833

S/ John A. Cuthbert, JIC

S/ Uriah Brown, X his mark

[Ezekiel E. Park gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia of Baldwin County: Before me, John A. Cuthbert, a justice of the inferior court of said County, personally appeared Uriah Brown, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that in his first term of service, stated in his accompanying declaration, he was at times under the command of Colonel Richard Richardson, & at times under the command of Colonel Arch. McDonald, those officers relieving each other, & that said tour of service, this deponent is confident, occupied eighteen months. During these eighteen months, he never was out of service.

When the deponent entered the service as a substitute for Allen Turner, he was in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Keaten Simmons [sic, Keating Simons], & he is confident that at the time he underwent a tour of service of eighteen months.

When he again entered the service as a militia man, under Colonel Richard Richardson, & was in the battle of Eutaw Springs & at other places mentioned in his declaration, by reason of old age, & the consequent loss of memory, & on account of the great length of time elapsed, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than eight months, as a private. During the whole of this last tour of service, he was under the command of Colonel Richard Richardson.

Sworn to & subscribed before me, this sixth day of January 1834

S/ John A. Cuthbert, JIC

S/ Uriah Brown, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]