Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Brown S39214

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State of Virginia,

At a Superior Court of Law continued by adjournment and held for the County of Charles City in the State aforesaid on Tuesday the 19th day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, before James Sample esq Judge of the said County Isaac Brown this day personally appeared in Court and made a Declaration under the acts of Congress of the United States of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st May 1820, which was signed and sworn to by said Brown and is in the words and figures following Towit–

"Charles City County, State of Virginia Viz – On this 19th day of May in the year 1829, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Isaac Brown aged sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820; that he the said Isaac Brown enlisted for the term of eighteen months in the Fall of the year 1780, in the State of Virginia under Captain Wm. G Mumford at Charles City Courthouse. That he was from thence carried to Chesterfield Courthouse with other recruits by Captain Stith Hardyman and was there mustered in the Company Commanded by Captain Sandford[?] in the Regiment under the Command of Colo. [Richard] Campbell in the line of Virginia on the United States Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of the said term of eighteen months, when he was discharged from the said Service at the round O [in Colleton County], in the state of South Carolina. that he was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse [in North Carolina, 15 March 1781], of 96 [Siege of Ninety- Six SC, 22 May - 19 June 1781], and of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], when the gallant Commander of the Regiment (Colo. Campbell) was Killed, and Colo. [William] Washington of the Cavalry was made prisoner. That he has no other evidence now in his power to establish his said services than the Certificate accompanying this; his discharge having long since been lost, and that he is old and infirm, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support. – and in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the U. States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any other 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 persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the U Stated during the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th March 1818; nor that I have not, nor has any one 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 Viz. Seventy acres of poor and exhausted Land 2 Cows 2 yearlings and one Ox, 4 Sheep, 3 feather beds, 2 pine Tables, 4 Rush bottom'd chairs 1 water pail, 3 metal spoons, 3 pine Chests, 3 pots and 1 spider, 1 plough, 2 axes, 3 hoes, 1 Sow and fourteen shoats and 2 grubbing hoes; That he is a farmer by profession and that his family consists of a wife who is now old and infirm, a son of about 20 years of age, who has been for years past afflicted with a grievous issue, and is a weighty expense to him, being unable to work except in light and indifferent matters, his right arm and right leg being almost entirely disabled, and a daughter above 21 years of age who has an infant Child of four years of age Isaac hisXmark Brown"

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following information: Isaac Brown/ age 18/ height 5 $2\frac{1}{2}$ / farmer/ born and residing in Charles City County/ black

hair/ black eyes/ black complexion/ enlisted 12 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

The 1820 federal census for Charles City County VA lists Isaac Brown as a "free colored person" over 45 with a male under 14, a female 14-26, and a female over 45.