Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Brown S6714
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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Robert Brown a private soldier in Captain __ Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 30th day of August 1777, for the term of 3 years, and discharged on the 10th of September 1778, Abraham Shepard was Colonel of said Regiment. Given under my hand this 8th day of December 1852

S/Wm Hill, Secry of State

State of North Carolina Rockingham County

On this 24th day of September 1852, personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County, Robert Brown who being duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration.

That he is the son of Robert Brown who was a Revolutionary Soldier, that his father said Robert Brown was in a Regiment he believes commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepperd that he entered the Continental Army sometime during the war, but the length of his services and at what time his said father entered the Army, he cannot distinctly state, nor neither can he state what battles his father was engaged but that he has frequently heard him speak of his services in said Revolutionary War, that subsequently he served in the militia under Captain McAdoo and Colonel Paisley, he thinks in a Cavalry Company, but how long he served this declarant cannot state, that he does not state the foregoing services from his own knowledge, but from what he has heard from his father and from others.

That his father never made application for a pension, not because he did not think himself entitled to one, but because he was in good circumstances, and did not stand in need of it and had some reluctance to applying for it, as it would seem to argue he was a pauper, and requires such a for a support, and that he had frequently heard his father land solicited to apply for a pension say that in as much as this Government paid him nothing when he needed it, he should not apply when he did not need it, this declarant further states that his father the said Robert Brown died on the 2nd day of October 1844, leaving no widow, but the following named children (to wit) the

said Robert who is the declarant and one daughter named Margaret. Sworn to and subscribed on the 24th day of September 1852

S/ Robt. Brown

S/ P. D. McCollum, JP

State of North Carolina Rockingham County: In the term of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County aforesaid at the courthouse thereof on the 4th Monday of August in the year 1855 satisfactory evidence was addressed before the said court that Robert Brown a soldier of the Revolution, and whose children on now applying for arrears of pension due him at the time of his death, died in said County and State on the 2nd day of October 1844, leaving him surviving (no widow she being dead) but the following named children viz. Robert and [name obliterated] Brown, and that the said children are still alive, and all the only surviving children and heirs at law in or of the said Robert Brown Deceased, viz. the said Robert and Margaret.

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27th August 1855

S/W. M. Ellington, Clk C.