

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Brown S6719

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions February Term A.D.
1833

On this 27th day of February personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Duplin County now sitting Jesse Brown a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged 70 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

This applicant was living at the beginning of the war at Muddy Creek in Duplin County. I first was drafted under Captain James Love & with him went to Camden South Carolina & was at that Battle at the time of Gates defeat. I was gone between six & seven months. We were drafted. I had no discharge. On my return home I met another body of men under Major James Foy – & I went with him & my service with Foy together with that under Captain Love made up the rise of 6 months. I got home very much exhausted & after being recruited I joined a Captain (name not remembered) & we went with him to the Big Bridge this side of Wilmington. Was gone two or three months. Had no fight of consequence. I next after this joined a company of Light Horse under Captain James Gillespie, Lieutenant Samuel Houston & was with them when the British evacuated Wilmington. The English were ascending the River when we got in town. I was nearly three months under Gillespie. Was in no fight under Gillespie. This was end of my service. I got a discharge from Gillespie, & one from Major Foy, the last I received from Major F while near Salisbury, but deeming them of no consequence they are long since lost. I remember being in the ranks with Cater Harrell¹ of this County, now living, at the Camden fight. The battle began before day. I remember of seeing two British light horse cutting at Cater Harrell. I myself, after our ranks were broken & dispersed escaped beyond a fence which protected me from the pursuit of the British dragoons. Many of my Comrades were shot down by my side. After this I fell in with a Captain Pugh of Bertie [County] & we traveled together several days when we fell in with Major Foy & we both joined & I served under Pugh. I think I served in the whole at the least ten months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present &

¹ Sic, [Kidder Harrell S6963](#)

declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above written.

Test: S/ James Taylor

S/ Jesse Brown, X his mark

[Cater Harrell, James K. Hill, John Sutherland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I – Cater Harrell do hereby certify that I served with Jesse Brown in the battle of Camden in the war of the Revolution – the applicant above.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ James Taylor

S/ Cater Harrell, X his mark

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. – I was born in Duplin County & am 70 years old next March

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

Ans. – I have a record of my age & it is at Davy Brown's, my son's House.

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

Ans. – Always in Duplin County North Carolina

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

Ans. – I volunteered twice & was drafted once – was never a substitute

I, John Rigby hereby make oath that Jesse Brown the above applicant was in the Light Horse Company commanded by Captain Gillespie in the war of the Revolution, & that he served with me in that company.

S/ John Rigby

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.

Knows nothing of the Regular Officers – nor of the names of the Regiments – thinks one of our light horse was drowned in the North East [River] in consequence of attempting to cross being pursued by the British – the North East is a branch of the Cape Fear [River] – After I joined Major Foy we marched to Salisbury, then to Charlotte, then to two other small places – names not remembered – I got my discharge a few miles this side of Salisbury, this side of the Yadkin River – we were pursued there by the British

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

Yes I have received one from Gillespie, one from Foy & one from another not recollected – All are lost not having seen one in 30 or 40 years

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.

Ans. – John Fania [?], Thomas Canaday, Nicholas Hall & Saml. Sandlin.

S/ Jesse Brown, X his mark

State of North Carolina Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term A.D.
1833

On this 26 August 1833 Jesse Brown came into open Court & made the following amendatory affidavit in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 1832 and in pursuance of the requisitions of the War Department –

1st difficulty – the periods of the war when he served

Ans. – He does not recollect the year, but it was in the year of Gates defeat, to which event and date he begs to refer

2nd – The Colonels name – length of service, grades etc. –

Ans. – I served always as a private, was drafted first, went first to Camden South Carolina & was there defeated – was gone over six months in all – three months under Captain Love – & three months under Captain Frank Pugh from Bertie – in the year of Gates defeat. About two months after my return home – I volunteered under Captain Sheffield – had 60 or 70 men – went to the Big Bridge near Wilmington – thinks Kenan James was our Colonel then – served three months under Sheffield one or two months after this served under Captain James Gillespie – as a volunteer, in the Light horse – served three months under Gillespie as a private –

– All the service was in embodied Corps – 3000 men in South Carolina at Gates defeat – all my service after I returned from South Carolina was around Wilmington, above and below.

1st 3 months under Captain Love – 2nd 3 under Pugh – 3rd 3 months under Sheffield & 3 months under Gillespie – Charles Ward was a Colonel when I served under Gillespie – was marching about all the time during our service –

The foregoing statement contained specific replies to all the questions required by the Department – and although Jesse Brown states 2 months more service therein stated in his foregoing declaration yet this statement contains the truth as distinctly as he can recollect & he believes it to be true. He has no additional testimony to substantiate his statement.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ James Taylor

S/ Jesse Brown, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]