

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Brown S6769

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State of Virginia: County of Preston Ss.

on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the County Court of said County of Preston, now sitting, Thomas Brown, resident of said County of Preston and State of Virginia, aged 72 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 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. that he joined the Virginia Militia at Dumfries in Prince william County in the State of Virginia, in October 1780 as a volunteer, under the following named officers Captain John Brit, William Farrow first Lieutenant and Solomon Ewel [probably Solomon Ewell] second Lieutenant, and Cud Peyton [Cut Peyton] Ensign. Commanded by General [Edward] Stevens and Col. [James] Lucas. we marched from Dumfries to Richmond Va. thence to Petersburg Va. thence to Hillsborough [sic: Hillsborough] in North Carolina thence to Salsbury [sic: Salisbury], thence to Cherraw Hill on Pedee River [sic: Cheraw Hills on Great Pee Dee River, Jan 1781] in South Carolina where we joined General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army then commanded by said Green and from thence we marched to the Adkin [sic: Yadkin] River in North Carolina, where I was on guard & heard the firing at the battle at the Cowpens [in SC, 90 mi away!; 17 Jan] where General [Daniel] Morgan took four hundred prisoners and I saw Gen'l. Morgan & his army crossing the Adkin River [at Trading Ford E of Salisbury, 4-5 Feb] with his prisoners who was closely Pursued by the Brittish army, & Gen'l. Morgan had only time to cross the River, when the Brittish army was in full view on the opposite side of the River. Major [David] Campbell was sent with sixty men to the relief of Gen'l. Morgan, and he fell in with the British army on the opposet side of the adkin river, and was attacked by the Brittish, and Major Campbell and a number of his men was killed which took place on the opposit side of the River from us - and after Genl. Morgan had crossed the River he joined Genl. Green - from thence we marched back to Virginia, and I received my discharge at Pittsylvania Courthouse as I had served my time out (I served for six months) I was in no battles the following named regular officers were with the army where I served Genl. Green, Genl. Morgan and Col. [Otho Holland] Williams - I received a discharge from Capt. John Brit which discharge was amongst my fathers papers at his death, and his papers fell in the hands of Huriah Byrne [?] his executor living in Fauquire [sic: Fauquier] county Va. and I do not know what has become of it. I was born in Prince William County in the state of Virginia the 7<sup>th</sup> of September in the year 1760. my age was written in my fathers Bible and I do not know what has become of it. I was living in prince William County Virginia when called into the service, and I have lived since the Revolution War in the said County of Prince william, Fauquire, Monongalia and now in the said County of Preston and state of Virginia - that I have no documentary evidence, and that I know of no person, whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State - sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Thomas Brown

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

Thomas Brown - draws \$20—

I the undersigned Thomas Brown at the requisition of of the Secretary of War, give the statement here following of my age & services as a soldier in the war of the Revo - to Wit - I am in my 74<sup>th</sup> year of age. am a native of Prince William County and lived there until I was 26 yrs. old -

In the fall of the year 1780 I volunteered in Prince William County under Capt. Jno. Britt for six months. marched to Cheraw Hills South Carolina. there joined Genl. Greens army - I dont

recollect number of my Regt. But thinks it was commanded by Col. Lucas. Genl. Stephens commanded my brigade. remained there about six weeks & then marched within 3 miles of Saulsbury at which place Cornwallis & his army was. - fell in between him and Morgan - from thence the army went to Guilford Court House and then into Virginia - got my discharge after serving 6 mos & returned home. thus ended my services. - Jno. Burn wrote my Declaration - told him same I now tell. In witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name. August 2, 1834

Thos. Brown

A Copy. W. G Singleton

[On 2 Jan 1833 Brown applied to have his pension payment transferred from the Richmond agency to the Wheeling agency. A letter to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions from John P. Byrne, dated 28 Sep 1835, indicates that all the pensions of Preston County had been suspended pending Singleton's investigation. Although Singleton wrote "entitled" on his report, and other entitled pensions had been restored, Brown continued to have trouble collecting his pension, partly because of the change in agency.]