

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Brown S8092

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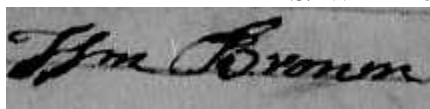
State of North Carolina Iredell County: November Term 1832.

On this 21st day of November 1832 William Brown Senior Personally appeared in court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Iredell State of North Carolina being a resident of said County and State aforesaid. He states that he has no record of his age but believes that he was fifteen or sixteen that fall after he done the six months Tour of duty which as well as recollected was in 1777 was living in Rowan County North Carolina when he entered the service where he now lives which is now Iredell County who being 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He volunteered under Captain David Caldwell in Burke County North Carolina to guard the frontiers against the Indians we were stationed at the head of the Cababa River [sic, Catawba River] and went over the Mountains about once a week for three months – and when that time of service was out volunteered for three months more and served out the two towers [sic, tours] which made six months. That three months was under the command of Captain David Caldwell who was ordered by General Retherford [sic, Griffith Rutherford] to keep a station of men to guard the frontiers. Lieutenant Richard McGuir [sic, Richard McGuire?] Ensign John Knox [indecipherable word or words] Lamb officer the second three months I was out several other little tours was in the scrimmage at Torrences East¹ of Beaties ford [Beatties Ford] on the Catawba River Rowan County now Iredell but unable to state the time of service in these little tours.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or if any only a on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina. Sworn to and subscribed to

S/ Wm Brown

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Wm Brown". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

¹ This may be a reference to the action on February 1, 1781, at the widow Tarrant's Tavern [also spelled, Torrence, Tarrence, etc. etc.]

[David Beatey gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Thomas Benson² certify that I was a soldier and served in the same Towers of service with William Brown and have heard the above statements read and do declare that his statements are true.

Sworn and subscribed to

S/ Thomas Benson

State of North Carolina Iredell County

From a letter directed to John W Gray dated August 22nd 1833 respecting the claim of William Brown; His alleged service of turning out once a week for 3 months cannot be admitted and his last service having been 3 months only affords him no claim to the benefit of the act of June 7th 1832,

Being satisfied that his claim has not been fairly and clearly set forth to the War Department in his Declaration of November last 1832 The applicant William Brown appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for and in Iredell County North Carolina and offered the following Declaration to make plain his former declaration who being first duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he is seventy-two or seventy-three years of age last September that he was living with his Father in Rowan County North Carolina in April 1777 he enlisted in Captain David Caldwell's Company a volunteer to guard the frontiers against the Indians for three months; Captain Caldwell was a citizen of Rowan County. We were stationed in Burke County at Samuel Davidson's Fort which was an Hundred miles from where I resided we generally went over the mountain once a week to make discovery if there was any preparations making by the Indians to make depredations on the whites; When that term of service was out I entered three months more and served out that term. These two engagements for three months made six months. Captain Caldwell had got orders from General Rutherford to raise a company to go to Burke County to guard the frontiers against the Indians. The officers were Captain Caldwell ~~Major McDowell~~ Colonel McDowell I was out several times on the minute service but unable at this time to state the precise time; I was at the battle at Terrences East of Beatties Ford on the Catawba River then Rowan County now Iredell County North Carolina for which service I claim a pension.

When and where were you born; Ans. Pennsylvania Lancaster County from the best information I got in the year 1760 or 1761

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it; No

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live

Ans. With my Father in Rowan County I have lived generally in Iredell County. I have lived in Iredell within 2 miles of where I lived when I volunteered in the Militia.

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for him; Ans. I volunteered –

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Coln. M Dowel [[sic, McDowell] I recollect Captain Caldwell when Indians came to the Fort took a guard and took them to Colonel McDowe's I was a private soldier in the foot

did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has

² [Thomas Benson S8066](#)

become of it

Ans. I never received a written discharge – but Captain Caldwell marched us back to Rowan County and discharged was verbally as well as I recollect

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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution?

Ans. I am known to Thomas Benson, Reverend James McRee, Matthew McPherson & John McPherson to whose certificates I refer.

Sworn to and subscribed this 10th day of November 1833

S/ John W Gray, JP

S/ Wm Brown

I Thomas Benson aged 79 Residing in Rowan County North Carolina do certify that I am well acquainted with William Brown who has signed and sworn to the Declaration. That he served as he alleges in Captain Caldwell's company a private soldier in the foot in Burke County North Carolina in the year 1777 under 2 successive engagements in the Militia that I was a soldier in Captain Caldwell's company the same Terms of service. Sworn and subscribed to before

S/ John W. Gray, JP

S/ Thomas Benson, X his mark

[James McRee,³ a clergyman, aged 81, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Matthew McPherson, 75, and John McPherson, 73, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

³ He is described as a Presbyterian Minister.