

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William R. Brown: S15764

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State of Missouri}

County of Ste. Genevieve} SS

In the Ste Genevieve Circuit Court on the 4th day of December, 18th AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge thereof, now sitting, William R. Brown, a resident aforesant aforesaid of the said County, 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 an act of congress, passed June 7th [1832] That he volunteered in the service of the United States, in the Virginia Militia, in the company of Samuel [last name illegible] [word illegible] Lieutenant to John Philips [sic: Phelps], the name of the field officers not recollected but thinks Col. Donaldson, Lieut Massy [sic: Matthew] Pate, Ensign, Jonathan Charten served as a private soldier for three months, rendevouzed at the Horseshoe on goose Creek, Bedford County, Virginia, and the regiment was attached to Col. Washiment of Horse [sic: William Washington's Regiment of Horse]. We then joined General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and went and fought the battle of Guilford Courthouse [15 March 1781]. Three weeks after that battle, I was discharged. I think at King's Mill [sic: more likely Ramsey's Mill on Haw River in North Carolina]. I have lost my discharge. In 1781 was drafted for three months in the Virginia militia, and in Colonel [William] Trigg, in the Company of of Captain David Beard, and during this Campaign, Trigg, in the Company of Captain David Beard, and during this campaign Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781], but I was not present, being sick and on furlough This affiant says that he was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, that he has no record of his birth, but knows nothing but what his parents have told him on that subject, which information so received was that he was born in the year 1761

That he was living, when called into service, in Bedford County, Virginia, that he lived in Bedford County, Virginia for several years afterwards resided in Washington County, Virginia, about nine years, removed thence to Kentucky, where lived about four years, and thence removed to my present residence in St Genevieve County, Missouri, in 1818

In the first Campaign in this declaration mentioned, I volunteered In the second campaign, was a drafted man. In the third and fourth campains mentioned[?] I was a drafted man. In all these campaigns, I acted for myself and not as a substitute.

Mr Obediah Scott can testify as to my revolutionary services and as to my character for veracity - Also, as to my character I can and do refer to the reverend Wingate Jackson, and Joseph D. Grafton, Clerk of the Court of St Genevieve County, as well as his neighbors Generally.

And I do 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 any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid William R hisXmark Brown

NOTE: There was apparently an amendment to Brown's application made in 1835 that is not included in the copy available online from HeritageQuest. A summary in the file lists the following tours:

Sept. 1777	3 mos.	Capt. Paulding	Col. Charles Lynch
May 1778	3 mos.	Capt. Campbell	Col. Floyde
Oct. 1778	42 days	Capt. Bedford	
Mar. 1779	3 mos.	Capt. Pate	
Mar. 1781	3 mos.	Capt. Richardson	Col. Lynch
July 1781	2 mos.	Capt. David Beard	Col. Trigg