

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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Muster Roll¹ of Capt. Alex^r Brevard Company belonging to a Detachment of N. Carolina Continentals

Serving in the Southern Army of the United States Service under command of Lt. Col. Jno. B. Ashe²

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No.	Names	Dates of Enlistment	April	May	June	July	Casualties
	<u>Sergeants</u>						
1	James Gay*	April 28 th 1781	Salisbury				
2	Robert Martin*	do					
3	Robert Hardy*	May 28 th					
4	John Harvey*	do					
5	John Linnican*	do					
6	John Jiers*	25 May					
	<u>Corporals</u>						
1	Marshall Lewis*	April 20 th	Salisbury				
2	William Weavor* [William Weaver?]	May 2 nd					
3	Randle Shoemaker ³	April 28 th					
4	Phillip Mason*	June 6 th					
	<u>Privates</u>						
1	Thomas Hornsby*	April 28 th	Do				
2	Francis Graham*	Do	Do				
3	John Shoemaker*	Do	Do				

¹ This muster came from the Wilson Library at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and is contained in a folder containing documents relating to Alexander Brevard found in Folder 1 (Revolutionary War Material, 1780-1781) in the Brevard and McDowell Family Papers, 1754-1953, Collection Number 86.

² [John Baptiste Ashe BLWt2247-450](#)

³ [Randal \(Randel\) Shoemaker S42007](#)

No.	Names	Dates of Enlistment	April	May	June	July	Casualties
4	John Aronhart*	Do	Do				
5	James Craige*	Do	Do				
6	John Lye*	Do	Do				
7	Bernidic Miller*	Do	Do				
8	John Cox*	Do	Do				
9	Peter Workman ⁴	Do	Do				
10	Timothy Griffin*	Do	Do				
11	Christian Frederick*	Do					
12	Abner Scudder ⁵	Do					
13	Jos Sawyers ⁶ [Joseph Sawyers]	Do					
14	Colin Gibson*	Do					
15	Richard Pearson*	24 th May					
16	Elihu Burke ⁷	June 6 th					
17	Squire Osborn*	April 28 th					Singleton's Mill Guard
18	William Vaughn*	May 9 th					
19	John Poe*	Do					
20	William Pinkston*	May 12 th					
21	Humphrey Durham*	May 28 th					
22	David Burke*	Do					

⁴ [Peter Workman S39136](#)

⁵ [Abner Scudder S32510](#)

⁶ [Joseph Sawyers S9470](#) states that he served under Capt. Alex. Brevard in 1781.

⁷ He MAY be the same individual who filed for a pension on November 23, 1825 in Marion County, Tenn. [Elihu Burke W8233](#). This claimant states that he served in the Continental line of NC under Capt. Moore and Col. Lytle from June 6, 1781 until discharged on July 6th 1782 in Mecklenburg County.

No.	Names	Dates of Enlistment	April	May	June	July	Casualties
23	Arnold Hillton*	Do					
24	James Cavender*	Do					
25	Hezekiah Collins*	Do					
26	Joseph Spears ⁸	Do					
27	Henry Hysaw*	June 6 th					On furlough for 2 days by Major Armstrong
28	Abram Hunsucker ⁹	Do					On guard
29	Michael Grindstaff ¹⁰	Do					
30	Thomas Perkins ¹¹	April 28 th					
31	Jacob Tilly*	June 20 th					
32	James Berry*	April 28 th					
33	Isaac Jones*	May 20 th 1781					
34	John Conn ¹²	Do					
35	Thomas Davis*	July 6 th					
36	Thomas Cook*						
37	Jos. Spearpoint* [Joseph Spearpoint]	May 9 th					
38	James Smith*	Do					

8 [Joseph Spears S39086](#)

9 [Abram Hunsucker \(Hunnusuckle\) S5258](#)

10 [Michael Grindstaff \(Grinstaff\) S35995](#)

11 [Thomas Perkins S9455](#)

12 Bud Conn of Brookings Oregon points out that this is unlikely to be the same man as [John Conn S17890](#). In his email pointing this out, Mr. Conn notes: *I've studied Brevard's Co and the Catawba area of NC for years, have collected property maps and other info. There were definitely 3 John Conns in that general area in 1780s: (1) John Kann - s/o German immigrant Johannes Kann - often Anglicized to "Conn"; (2) John Conn of Rockingham County, brought down to NC by Uncle John Sadler, and for a brief time, in Lincoln Co. and (3) John Conn, associated with the Salyer family in NJ, NC, VA and KY. The John Conn who served in Brevard's is much more likely to be the third one, not S17890 as noted in B6.*

No.	Names	Dates of Enlistment	April	May	June	July	Casualties
39	George Ewing*	April 28 th					
40	Robert Wilson ¹³	June 20 th					Waggoner
41	Tho. Anderson* [Thomas Anderson]	April 28 th					
42	John Burriss*	April 28 th	Waggon				
42 ¹⁴	George Powell*	April 28 th					Sent with Boats 22
43	Will Cogdell* [William Cogdell]	do					Left as Orderly in Salisbury
44	William Adams*	Do		Left with QM in Salisbury Waggoner			
45	Geo. Mattepas? [George Mattepas]	Sick never April 28 th					In Hosp Sal ^y 6 th
46	Ellis Richardson	May 9 th 1781					Do
47	Jos. Koker* [Joseph Koker]	Do					Do
48	David Gibson*	Do					Do
49	John Chesheir*	April 28 th					Charleston Hosp 12 th
50	Jas. Wm. Cavender* [William Cavender]	May 28 th					Do
51	Jas Dillard [James Dillard] ¹⁵	Do					Do
52	Geo. Combs ¹⁶	May 9 th					Do

¹³ [Robert Wilson S38476](#)

¹⁴ The number "42" was assigned twice

¹⁵ [James Dillard \(Dilliard\) W7020](#)

¹⁶ [George Combs S41497](#)

No.	Names	Dates of Enlistment	April	May	June	July	Casualties
53	Isaac Samson ¹⁷ Pioneer	April 25 th					In camp
54	Allen Demry*	Sick Present					
55	Thomas Noll*	April 12 th					
56	Moses Winters*	Do					
57	Absalom Powers*	Do					
58	Moses Powers ¹⁸	Do					
59	Jesse Powers*and	Do					
60	Geo. Anderson* [George Anderson]	Do					
61	Thomas Nusum* [Thomas Newsum or Newsom?]	Do					
62	Archd Wallron* [Archibald Wallron]	Do					
63	Richd Hill ¹⁹	Do					
64	John Warren ²⁰	Do					
65	John Scarborough*	Do				Furloughed for 4 Days 30 th	
66	William Bowles ²¹	Do					

17 [Isaac Sampson S35640](#)

18 [Moses Powers S41963](#)

19 The file for [Richard Hill R4996](#) contains a certificate from William Hill, NC's Secretary of State stating that Richard Hill is listed on the muster rolls in his officer as having served under Capt. Brevard in the NC Continental line, but there is nothing in the file that appears to tie the widow applying for her pension to the Richard Hill referenced in the certificate.

20 [John Warren S3457](#)

21 [William Bowles \(Booles, Bools, Bowls\) R1076](#). His widow unsuccessfully sought a pension based on his service.

No.	Names	Dates of Enlistment	April	May	June	July	Casualties
67	Benjn Bowles ²²	Do					
68	Jesse Bowles*	Do					
69	Rhuben Morgan*	Do					
70	Samuel Scarborough*	Do					
71	Wm. Chevers* [William Chevers]	Do					
72	Francis Kapps*	7 th April					
	<u>Deserters</u>						
1	Daniel Davies*	April 28 th		Desert 17 th			
2	Charles Carter*	Do		May 7 th Desert			
3	Aaron Wallace*	Do		Do			
4	Wm Lee Junior*	Do		May 2 nd			
5	James Kenedey*	Do			June 16 th		
6	Leonard Keling*	May 9 th			From Bd river 2 nd		
7	Moses Curtis*	Do			Do		
8	John Slocorn*	Do			From Enoree 3 rd		
9	John Herring*	25 th May			Do		
10	James Mascal*	April 28 th			From 96 18 th		
11	James Vessells*	May 9 th			From Enoree 20 th		
12	William Crosby*	May 9 th			do		

22 [Benjamin Bowles S41448](#)

No.	Names	Dates of Enlistment	April	May	June	July	Casualties
13	Leonard Davies*	May 25 th				From Salisbury 1 st	
14	William Elridge*	Do				Do	
15	Saml. Elridge* [Samuel Elridge]	Do				Do	
16	John Vance*	Do				Do	
17	John Sexton*	Do				Do	
18	Thomas Mullin*	Do				Do	

On a separate page is a partial muster roll listing men in numbered columns beginning with 29 and ending with 44 at the bottom of which is the following note:

*“31st July 1781 Mustered Capt. Alexander Brevard's Company agreeable to the foregoing [illegible word]
S/ O. H. Williams [illegible, might be “Adjutant”]”*

29	William [illegible]						
30	Benj. Pendleton* [Benjamin Pendleton]	9 th May					
31	Martin Trap*	Do					
32	Richd. Hill ²³	Do					
33	Levi Jackson*	Do					
34	John Williams*	Do					
35	Jas. Jones* [James Jones]	Do					
36	Paul Hanson*	Do					
37	Thomas Tapley*	May 2 6 th					
38	John McCartney[?]	Do					
39	David Baxter*	Do					

23 See note 15 supra.

40	Tho. Kiskey* [?] [Thomas Kiskey]	Do					
41	John Hizzs*	Do					
42	Isaac Soward	9 th May					
43	Garnet Smithers*	9 th May					
44	Solomon Northern ²⁴	28 th April					

* Connotes that I found no pension application for the individual in my initial search of the federal pension records, but that search is not definitive since the spelling of names in the pension files might be different than as listed on the muster roll. I did test for spelling variations (which is easy to do using HeritageQuest's search engine searching by first name and state except for common names such as "John" or "William" in which HQ has more than 10 pages of results—I have yet to figure out how to get at the results of HQ searches which yield more than 10 pages of results). The problem with this approach of testing is that a researcher cannot rely on either HQ or Fold3.com's assignation of veterans to a particular state. HQ does list for each veteran the various states listed on the cover sheet (generated in the 1930's by the people who divided the files into "selected records" and "unselected records" sections), but there are errors in those designations. In other words, it is possible that there are some of the veterans listed above with an * by their names for which pension applications do exist.

24 [Solomon Northern S38965](#)