

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Broaddus R1227

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State of Virginia, Caroline County

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court at a Court of Quarter Sessions held in and for the said county at the court house John Broaddus a resident of the said county and state aged sixty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits 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 -- That some time in year 1780 he was drafted into work in the Militia in the company commanded by Capt. Christopher Blackburn, that he was then detailed to forage, or drive beeves for the supply of the army under the command of Capt. James Puller -- That he was continued in that employment until after the surrender of Cornwallis at York Town, but does not recollect the precise time when he was discharged, or by whom it was given. That at the time he entered into the service he was a resident of the said county and is now a resident. That he was unacquainted with any of the officers of the regular army, having been detailed for foraging [as] soon as he was drafted. That 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 any State (or, if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Broaddus



[Andrew Broaddus, a clergyman, and Philip Long gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Robert Houston of the County of Caroline and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Robert Broaddus an applicant for a pension under an act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That I have been acquainted with him from a child that I believe him to be not less than 68 years of age and do know that he was employed as a beef driver in the revolutionary war – but how long he served I do not know.

S/ Robert Howston

Robert G. G. G. G.

[p 18: Reuben Broaddus also gave a supporting affidavit.

Reuben Broaddus]

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State of Virginia, Caroline County: to Wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Caroline, John Broaddus who, being duly sworn, deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade -- For the year 1780 he served as a private eight months and for the year 1781 he served nine months, making one year and five months, his total turn of service as a private and for such service claim a pension.

Given under my hand this 27th day of November 1832.

S/ J. W. Upshaw

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State of Virginia, County of Caroline

On the 13th day of October 1834 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Caroline then and there sitting as a Court for said County, John Broaddus a resident in and of said county aged Seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 "That he entered the service of the United States in May 1780 in the militia of Virginia under one Captain James Puller at Caroline County, who was employed to collect and drive beeves to Fredericksburg and Williamsburg for the use of the Army. That in order to avoid a draft to serve in the regular army he continued under Capt. Puller until after the siege at York when he was discharged. The reason of his avoiding the draft was that Capt. Puller wished him to stay with him, and so did the applicant's father for Captain Puller was a friend to the family, and the applicant was young and his father placed him in Capt. Puller's care. We were closely and actively engaged in collecting beeves and when my time of three months would be out I would engage to continue longer with Captain Puller. During these times we marched through Hanover, King William, New Kent, and the James River country, and were employed and did duty as soldiers in all these places as well as in Fredericksburg -- "

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Broaddus Senr

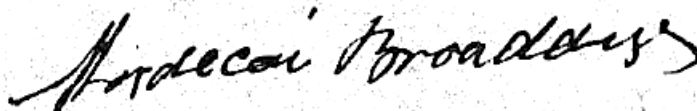
John Broaddus Senr

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I, Mordecai Broaddus aged Seventy four years, having been first duly sworn do hereby depose in open Court. That I am well acquainted with the applicant John Broaddus. I have known him from his infancy, and well know that he entered the army of the Revolution two years previous to its close and served until after the siege of York. He was to my own personal knowledge a soldier under Capt. Puller, and was considered as an active and faithful soldier. I have read his declaration aforesaid and I believe it contains nothing but the truth.

Given under my hand in Open Court

S/ Mordecai Broaddus



And

the said Court then proceeded to put to the said John Broaddus the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department which are here set forth, with his several answers thereto.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: In the aforesaid county of Caroline in the year May 7 1764 --

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

Answer: At home in our family bible

3. Where were you living when called into service -- where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer: Always in the aforesaid County of Caroline

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

Answer: In the manner I have stated in my declaration, I never was a substitute for any person

5. 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.

Answer: Genl. Woodford, Col. William Saunders, Col. Philip Johnson, Capt. Kit Blackburn

6. Did you receive a discharge from the service, and if so when was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I had one but I have lost it

7. 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 service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: Doctor I. H. Upshaw, Col. Ira White, R. McDaniel and generally to the whole county

We Spilsbee Woolfolk a clergyman residing in the said county of Caroline and John Anderson residing in the same hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Broaddus who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy years of age and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Spilsbee Woolfolk

S/ John Anderson, Senior