

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Brown R1349

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State of North Carolina Hertford County: SS

On this 26 day of August 1833 personally appeared William Brown aged seventy-eight (he believes) before the Court of Pleas etc. and for said County now sitting for the County aforesaid, and being duly sworn saith that. He was drafted for five months as a private in Captain Harris Company North Carolina militia Colonel Thomas Pugh Williams [sic, John Pugh Williams?] General Ash [sic, John Ashe] commanding that he marched from North Carolina to South Carolina – the date he does not know as he is very old, infirm and illiterate – but states it was just after the battle of Brier Creek – after he had served out his tour of five months he returned home to North Carolina; he was afterwards on his return very soon after again made a drafted private and served in Captain __ Company North Carolina militia for one month. He was employed in destroying batteaux , boats etc., to prevent Lord Cornwallis & his men from passing over the Chowan [River] on his way northward.

He has no documentary evidence to prove his service, but conceives the testimony of Charles Powell & Major Isaac Carter to be satisfactory here with filed. He releases all claim to any pension whatsoever except the present & declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and open court date above named.

S/ J. M. Cowper, Clk

S/William Brown, X his mark

[John Vann, Esquire, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The court then proceeded to propounded the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department –

1. He was born in Hertford about the year 1754
2. He has no record of his age, none ever made –
3. He was living in Hertford County North Carolina – living there when called into the service. He has lived in the same County since the Revolution, and continues at the same spot –
4. He was drafted both times when called –
5. He served under Captain Harriss – Colonel Tho. Pugh Williams & General Ashe –
6. He never received any discharge –
7. He refers to Major Isaac Carter, Charles Powell and John Vann as persons who are known to him and as being neighbors and citizens of same County –

State of North Carolina Hertford County: Court of Please etc. May 1833

Isaac Carter appeared in open court and states on oath that he is well acquainted with William Brown the applicant for a Pension & that he has known him for 58 or 60 years, that he has known him to be a worthy & respectable citizen during that time: that said Brown lived during the period of the revolution with the father of the wife of this deponent that said Brown was drafted in the Army of the Revolution a private in Captain Harris's Company. This deponent recollects well that ongoing to St. John's Chapel he saw said William Brown there quartered with the troops doing duty as a private – he was gone from at least six months. Brown is a respectable worthy citizen, & full faith & credit should be given to his statements. The undersigned is requested to state that he was formerly the High Sheriff of this County, & formerly & now is the representative elect in the Legislature of North Carolina.

S/ Isaac Carter

State of North Carolina Hertford County: Court of Please etc. May Term 1833

Charles Powell¹ aged 76 appeared in open Court and maketh oath that he is a revolutionary Pensioner now on the rolls of the War Department, and states that he has known William Brown for many years (about 60 years) that he well recollects that before 1776 he thinks he was present when said William Brown was drafted as a private soldier in Captain Harris Company for 3 months and that he knows that said Brown went & served his tour out & sustained the character of a brave & faithful soldier.

S/ Charles Powell

State of North Carolina Hertford County: SS

Be it known that on the 24th day of August 1847 in open Court held in said County personally appeared William Brown resident of said County aged eighty-five years who having been duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the law of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted soldier for nine months in Continental line as near as he now recollects in the month of January 1779 from the County of Hertford under Captain Figures and Captain Harriss. That he was marched thence to the rendezvous at Kinston North Carolina and placed under Captain Roundtree and Colonel J. P. Williams and was marched to South Carolina and joined the Army under General Lincoln then on the Savannah River near the black swamp the time he cannot more precisely state but knows it was a short time after the battle of Brier Creek from thence he was marched up to Augusta in Georgia and remained on the Savannah River to watch the movements of the Tories and British and in the neighborhood of and for the protection of Augusta until several months after the expiration of his tour of duty, was then honorably discharged and returned home. This declarant further states that he made application about twelve years ago for the pension due him for his service in the Revolutionary war and has waited patiently for a decision of his case and therefore makes this renewal of his claim and hereby relinquishes all other claims for any pension from the United States or the Government of any State or Territory.

S/ William Brown, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Lewis M. Cowper, Clerk

¹ [Charles Powel \(Powell\) S7323](#)

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from a book of settlements of the officers and Soldiers of the revolutionary war, that William Brown was allowed for his services as a 9 months soldier in said War, the sum of 40 pounds 10 shillings and 4 pence.

Given under my hand this 8th day of December 1847

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State