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Pension Application of Robert Brooks S10422

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Georgia                    }            On this the Eighth day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open  
Marion County        }            court, before the Hon. Inferior Court for said county now sitting Robert Brooks a  
resident in said county & state; aged Seventy one years on the third day of June last, who being first 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was drafted, and entered the service of the United States  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1781 and rendezvoused at Henry Deloneys stand in Mecklenburg County  
Virginia, on that day. That he belonged to Capt Asa Oliver's company in Maj'r. Binns Jones battalion, who  
was from Brunswick County, and in the Regiment commanded by Col. James Fleming, I think from  
Chesterfield, and attached to Gen'l. Muhlenburg's [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade; We marched from  
the place of rendezvous to Petersburg, Vir, from thence our Regiment was marched to Cabin Point [on  
James River in Surry County], from which place I, with some others was detached as a guard, and went  
on board a vessel stationed at Sandy Point on James River; from which vessel we were called off some  
time in March, and our Regiment was sent to stop the incursions of [Gen. Benedict] Arnold the Traitor,  
who had stationed himself in Portsmouth, Vir, We had a skirmish with some of his party, and took seven  
prisoners; While in the performance of this service our time expired and I, with the company was  
regularly discharged on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 1781 making a three months tour, I received written evidence of my  
discharge but took no care of it, and lost it many a year ago, In the July following (viz 1781) the precise  
day I don't recollect, in consequence of a draft, I entered the service again, in Capt Stephen Mabreys  
[Stephen Mabry's] company, in Col. Lewellin Burrell's Regiment, attached to Gen'l. Weedon's [sic:  
George Weedon's] Brigade; shortly after we got into service, our Regiment stood a draft at Gloucester C  
House, Virg, as I understood it for the purpose of filling up, and completeing a Regiment of Regulars – or  
Grenadiers; I was drafted or picked out for that purpose, and the Regiment now complete was  
commanded by Col. [Hugh] Mercer. Still in Mabrys company he being the oldest captain, We then  
marched to Gloucester Town, in which Col. Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] and his command  
were fortified, immediately opposite to York Town in which Cornwallis had defenced himself, We lay here  
under the command of General Washington until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis which according to  
my recollection was on the 18<sup>th</sup> day October 1781 – and so it was generally counted by the soldiers  
although it has been represented in history to be one day later; The British fleet or vessels was blocked up  
in York river, by the French fleet who stretched themselves across the river below; after the capitulation I  
was sent in Capt Mabrys Company to guard the prisoners; The British were sent in the back country to  
Winchester as I understood, and I went to Richmond Vir, to carry some Tory prisoners, at which place  
Mabrys Company was discharged about the first of November 1781– I was in actual service this tour  
three and half months – which makes six months and a half that I was in actual service by authority,  
besides many short trips in defence of my country that I cannot precisely recollect as to time; It may not  
be improper to remark that when I was discharged at Richmond Va, I was acting as Second Sergeant in  
Capt Mabrys company, which appointment I had received a short time before, And the said applicant  
says that he received a written discharge from this service also, and recollects perfectly well the time he  
got a neighbor to examine his papers for him, for the purpose of preserving those of value, and that they  
threw his discharge in the fire, with other of his papers which he supposed would be of no value to him,  
and that he knows of no person liveing who can testify to his services in detail,

The said applicant says he was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1762; my  
Father kept a record of the age of his children; In January 1800 I moved from said place to Edgefield S.  
Carolina, and in January 1818 I moved to Georgia, and settled in Wilkinson County, from thence to

Houston County and from thence to Marion County where he now resides,

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid          Robert hisXmark Brooks

NOTE: On 3 June 1844 Brooks applied to have his pension transferred to Alabama, having moved to Pike County "to purchase lands and do better for his Family." The application was witnessed by Samuel W. Brooks, a Justice of the Peace.