

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Littleton Brooks S1503

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Court of Pleas &c August 1833

On this 27th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas &c now sitting Littleton Brooks a resident of Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee aged seventy-five 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 act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, & served as herein stated that he entered the service in Sullivan County then North Carolina, now Tennessee early in the year 1776 as a volunteer against the Indians under Captain James Elliot & Colonel Christie [sic, William Christian?] and marched from there to Chota on Tennessee River where they were stationed for some time, the Indians having betaken themselves to flight, and the troops then returned to the place from whence they had marched which campaign lasted 2 months & a half at least, this campaign was in the fall of the year. The applicant further states that within a few weeks after he returned from this campaign, he again volunteered in the service of his Country under Captain James Shelby against the Cherokee Indians and returned to Chota & from thence to Hiwassee, Coosa Wathe [sic] and Bulls Town and near the Creek nation & from thence, that Colonel John Sevier commanded this Campaign which lasted for a 3 months. That during this campaign the battle of Long Creek was fought by Colonel Sevier but this applicant was not in it. The battle being fought before the division to which he belonged arrived. This applicant further states that he again volunteered under Captain John Carmack in the fall of the year 1779 as well as he can recollect to serve a campaign against the Indians on the waters of the Clear fork of Cumberland River, that he served as a guard for Doctors Walker & Henderson who ran the line between Virginia & North Carolina & on which campaign he was out 3 months to the best of his knowledge & the Indians were still hostile. This Applicant further states that he, at another time in the latter part of the year 1778 & beginning of 1779 as well as he can now remember, volunteered under Captain Robert Kyle & said Kyle had about 30 men of whom this Applicant was one who were fortified at the Hickory Cove in what is now Hawkins County Tennessee, and remained in that condition and scouting parties for at least 5 months at which place Captain John Carmack before mentioned acted as Commissary for the troops. This Applicant further states that in the year 1776 as well as he can recollect, the time of the battle of

the Long Islands of Holston River, he was forted at General Shelby in Washington County in Virginia & from thence marched to Nolly Chucky [sic, Nolichucky] River in pursuit of the Indians, he was then under Captain Robert Allison, Colonel Isaac Shelby commanded the Regiment, but before he was stationed at General Shelby & marched to Chucky River he had been at Cowens' Fort and Glenn Hollow on Clinch River in Virginia on a campaign under Captain Allison he was out at that time & in Fort 4 months to the best of his knowledge. This Applicant further states that he never was wounded, but he has been shot at by the Indians, once when he had an Indian prisoner on his horse behind him he was fired on by the Indians, but made his escape with his prisoner without being injured he was after at other times shot at, but missed. This Applicant further states that he served several times in scouting parties after the Indians, for short periods & for short periods were stationed at forts, but cannot now remember so as to state them with particularity.

This applicant further states that he is old & frail and consequently has lost his memory so that 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 eighteen months in forts & scouting after the Indians. This applicant further states that he was born in 1758 in Brunswick County Virginia near Nottoway bridge & has resided in Hawkins County where he now resides ever since the Revolutionary War. He never was drafted but always volunteered. He further states that he never received a written discharge from the service but was always dismissed, that he has no record of his age, & that there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood. This applicant states that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the whole of his services but he proves a part by Thomas Brooks whose deposition is annexed, but his service against the Indians is traditional & well known in his neighborhood, that he is known to James Johnson & John Gibbons in his present neighborhood who can testify as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of ___.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ W B Mitchell, deputy clerk

S/ Littleton Brooks, X his mark

[James Johnson & John Gibbons gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: This day personally appeared Thomas Brooks aged about 73 years before me A. Kyle one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County and after being duly sworn according to law, deposes and saith that in the year 1776 that he Thomas Brooks was in Colonel Christie's Campaign against the Cherokee Indians; and Littleton Brooks was in said campaign and served as a military man; and I have understood, that said Littleton Brooks served a tour of duty against the Cherokee Indians; under the command of Colonel Joseph Martin but I was not in company with him, under the command of Colonel Martin, and consequently do not know it of my own knowledge –

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of August 1833

S/ A. Kyle, JP

S/ Thomas Brooks, T his mark

[Facts in file: veteran died August 19, 1840, children survived him; their names are not stated; nor all their any data as to his wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months & 15 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]