

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William R. Brown S15764

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State of Missouri            }  
County of Ste. Genevieve } SS

In the Ste Genevieve Circuit Court on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 18<sup>th</sup> AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges thereof, now sitting, William R. Brown, a resident aforesant aforesaid of the said County, aged 72 years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he volunteered in the service of the United States, in the Virginia Militia, in the company of Samuel Campbell, Lieutenant to John Philips [sic: John Phelps], the name of the field officers not recollected but thinks Col. Donaldson, Lieut Massy Pate [probably Matthew Pate], Ensign, Jonathan Charter served as a private soldier for three months, rendezouzed at the Horseshoe on goose Creek, Bedford County, Virginia, and the regiment was attached to Col. Washiment of Horse [sic: William Washington's Regiment of Horse]. We then joined General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and went and fought the battle of Guilford Courthouse [15 March 1781]. Three weeks after that battle, I was discharged. I think at King's Mill [more likely Ramsey's Mill on Deep River in North Carolina]. I have lost my discharge. In 1781 was drafted for three months in the Virginia militia, and in Colonel [William] Trigg, in the Company of of Captain David Beard, and during this Campaign, Trigg, in the Company of Captain David Beard, and during this campaign Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781], but I was not present, being sick and on furlough

This affiant says that he was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, that he has no record of his birth, but knows nothing but what his parents have told him on that subject, which information so received was that he was born in the year 1760

That he was living, when called into service, in Bedford County, Virginia, that he lived in Bedford County, Virginia for several years afterwards resided in Washington County, Virginia, about nine years, removed thence to Kentucky, where lived about four years, and thence removed to my present residence in St Genevieve County, Missouri, in 1818

In the first Campaign in this declaration mentioned, I volunteered In the second campaign, was a drafted man. In the third and fourth campains mentioned I was a drafted man. In all these campaigns, I acted for myself and not as a substitute.

Mr Obediah Scott can testify as to my revolutionary services and as to my character for veracity – Also, as to my character I can and do refer to the reverend Wingate Jackson, and Joseph D. Grafton, Clerk of the Court of St Genevieve County, as well as his neighbors Generally.

And I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

William R hisXmark Brown

State of Missouri    } Ss.  
County of Ralls     }

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1835 personally appeared in Open Court before the County Court for the County of Ralls now sitting William Brown a resident of Ralls County and State of Missouri aged 74 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

that he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit

I was commanded by Col. Charles Lynch and the Majors name was John Caliway [sic: John Callaway] I entered the service for a three months tower under Capt Paulding in Sept AD 1777 we rendezvoused at the house of Isom Talbert on the head of goose Creek I think on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1777 we were marched from thence through prince Edward cty. and thence to Williams Burg Va. and there stationed untill my three months expired and was discharged there by Capt Paulding Col. Trigg was stationed there likewise I then returned home to Bedford County Va. from where I entered the service in the last of the following may after my first Tower I again entered the service under Capt Campbell for a Tower of three months our Cols. name was Floyd We were marched from thence to Petersburg Va and was stationed there about half of that Tower and was march from thence to Norfolk Va and was there stationed untill I was discharged by Capt Campbell and returned home in the month of October 1778 I entered the service for a Tower of three months and under Capt Buford and was marching toward Williamsburg Va. and was met by an express and was discharged after haveing served 42 days and I then returned home in the march following (towit 1779 I again entered the service under Capt Pate for a Tower of three months we rendezvoused at the horseshoe on Goose creek and marched thence through North carolina and into South carolina to ninety six and was there stationed untill my three months was out and I was then discharged by Capt Pate and returned home

I again entered the service of in march 1781 for three months under Capt. Richardson [Jonathan Richeson] and was march thence to Guilford Courthouse North carolina I was under Col. Lynch that Tower and after persueing the british and Alternately they us we came to an engagement at Guilford Courthouse N.C. during that engagement Genl Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] was shot close by me through the left thigh and after a serious contest we was compelled to retreat we still was chaseing the british and they us untill my time was out and we were discharged at the house of Major Pirkens [sic: Peter Perkins] on Dan River

I entered the service for a tower of three months about the first of July 1781 under Capt Baird [sic: Beard] and was marched thence to or near York Town in Virginia and was there when Earl Cornwallace surrendered his army to the americans [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] I was dishcarged after haveing served two months of that Tower and returned home which was the last services I rendered in the army which was in the faul of 1781 when I quit the service I volunteered the Two first towers and was drafted the four last ones

I lived when I entered the service in Bedford County state of virginia and when I left Va I moved to Kentucky and then moved to Missouri Ralls County where I now live

I have no documentary evidence nor no person by whom I can prove my services

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 agency of any state or Territory

[signed] William Brown

Where and in what year were you bornd

Answer I was bornd in Fairfax County Va. in 1760

2 have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer I have no record of my age only that which is in my fathers Bible and that I have not got

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

Ans I lived when called into the service in Bedford County Va. and part of my time lived in Kentucky and part in Missouri Ralls Cty where I now live

4 how were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer the two first engagements I volunteered and the four last I was drafted

the Virginia militia was commanded by Gens Stephens & [Robert] Lawson there was also at Guilford some Continental troops Commanded by Col Lynch [sic]

I have stated most of the general circumstances so far as I can recollect

[signed] William Brown

[Certified by Hanceford Brown and others.]