

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Brooks S1641

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State of Tennessee } Be it remembered that this being the 23^d day of
Claibourne [sic: Claiborne] County } October 1832 personally appeared before me John Hurst
one of the acting Justices of the Court of please and quarter sessions held for said County the same being
a Court of Record, David Brooks aged 73 years who being first duely sworn according to doth on is oath
make the following declaration in order to obtain in order to obtain the benefit of an act of congress
passed June the 7th 1832

States that he is so old infirm and decrepit that he cannot attend Court in order to make this declaration

He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated That some time in the fall of the year of 1777 he enlisted in the army of the United States under Kier Morton [Hezekiah Morton] for three years in the county of Princedward [sic: Prince Edward] in the state of Virginia and that we marched from there to the old Vally Forge [sic: Valley Forge] in the state of Pennsylvania and this applicant joined the company commanded by Capt Thomas Bowyer which said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel [James] Wood and as well as this applicant can remember it was the 8th Regiment to which he belonged and the regiment was atached to the Briggaid commanded by General [William] Woodford and the hole army was campt at the old Vally Forge untill the 8th day of June then next ensuing when the army marched to monmouth Court House where we had a bttle with the British and defeated them [28 Jun 1778] and we marched from there to Middle Brook [Middlebrook NJ] where we took up winter quarters and staid untill some time in the spring then next ensuing and we marched to Stony Point where we defeated the British and took the Fort [16 Jul 1779] and we then marched to the white plains and various other places and then we took up winter quarters and had built our houses and was about covring of them when we were ordered to march immediately to Charlestown in the State of South Carolina where when we arrived on the 8th day of April in the year of 1780 and there was twelve hundred of us old regulars under the command of General Woodford when we arrived at Charleston and on the 13th day of the same month British commenced fireing upon us which lasted untill the 12th day of May when we stacked our arms and we were all took prisoners and we were placed on board the British Prison ships and this applicant states that he remained a prisoner untill the 15th day of June 1781 when he was exchanged and was landed at old James Town [Jamestown] in the State of Virginia and we marched up to old Williams Burgh [sic: Williamsburg] where this applicant Receivd his discharge from the servis after haveing been upwards of four years in the servis of his country insted of the three years for which he enlisted.

This applicant states that there was some money due him from the government when he left the servis and that he sold his discharge to Major Thomas Green together with what was due to him and he states that he has no documentary evidence of his services and he herewith submits the Testimony of Bartholamew Brooks and Joseph Smith which he prays may be taken as evidence of his services he states that he is verry old and Pore and that his wife is also verry old, and infirme Hereby relinquishes every claim to a pention or an annuity except the presant and declares that his name is not on the pention roll of any agency of any state whatever.

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NOTE: Bartholomew Brooks, about 70, stated that he was the brother of David Brooks and recalled when he returned home to his parents.