

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Brooks S16655

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State of Indiana } Sct.

Orange County } In the Orange Circuit Court.

On this 25th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of said Court, it being a Court of Record now sitting Henry Brooks, a Resident of the said County of Orange and State of Indiana aged 78 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, and served as herein stated.

That in the Spring of 1775 at Bedford County in the State of Virginia he entered the service of the United States by joining a volunteer Company for the term of six months; said company was commanded by Capt. James Bluford [sic: James Buford] – he marched with said company through Richmond Virginia to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in Virginia; remained there some time, and until orders came for said Company to march against the Indians upon the frontiers, on the waters of Holstein [sic: Holston] river, this declarant then marched back with said company as far as New London in the said County of Bedford [now in Campbell County], where he was stationed by his Captain with a number of others to guard a large number of Tories kept at that place as prisoners, whilst the balance of the company marched on to fight the Indians. that he remained at New London guarding the Tories as here stated, for the balance of the term for which he volunteered when he was discharged, but his discharge is lost. this declarant states that he served in said company as a private soldier, and that the term of his service was not less than six months, according his best recollection at this time. that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his 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 the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid [signed] Henry Brooks

NOTE: On 6 Oct 1834 Henry Brooks, Sr. applied to have his pension transferred to Missouri, having moved to Lafayette County for the following reason: "he is old and wishes to live near his sons who have emigrated to the State of Missouri." Lynch Brooks stated that Henry Brooks had moved to Missouri with him and was residing with him. A letter dated 5 Apr 1836 states that Brooks's pension had not been collected for more than two years.