

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters  
**Pension Application of William Brown**  
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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passes 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832\_\_\_\_\_

On this 13th day November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two Personally Appeared in open court before the worshipful Jno. L. Neill, Saml. Phillips & Jno. B. Armstrong Esquires gentlemen justices of the peace in and for Bedford County in the state of Tennessee now sitting William Brown a citizen of Bedford County aforesaid aged Eight years one month and twenty one days who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein states To wit that he entered the Service of of the united states as a Substitute in the place of his father in the County of Pendleton and State of South Carolina some time in the winter but does not recollect what year under Capt. Richd Saddler [Richard Sadler] and Col. David Neill [probably Thomas Neel] and was marched under the command of Genl. Pickens up an Tugalow [Tugaloo] River to a Wm. Norwood's who had built a blockhouse and then to Wm. Hamilton's who had also a blockhouse about four miles distant from each other, and was stationed there two months, and marched back to General Pickens and discharged. He thinks in the early part of the year 1776.

He states that afterwards some time in the next Spring or Summer he volunteered under the same captain and Col. and he thinks General Pickens or Anderson And was marched into the Cherokee nation to an Indian Town called Watawga [Watauga] Town; he says the Americans cut down and destroyed the corn and burnt all the Towns they came to. And was marched back into Pendleton County, about the first of November in the same year. Deponent further states, that he again volunteered under Captain John Hannah, and was marched under the command of General Williamson To the State of Georgia, Crossed the river at Augusta and from that to Bryar Creek [Briar Creek] and was in the engagement at that place [Battle of Briar Creek or Ashe's Defeat, March 3, 1779]; he says he was then marched home and discharged; he further States that after that he enlisted with a Captain Tate he thinks in the County of York and State of South Carolina as he then understood for twelve months and was sent with twentyone or two others, under, or in the care, he thinks of a Wm. Hannah to Genl. Rutherfords Army, and from that there to Genl. Greenes Encampment on the Reedy Fork or [of?] Dan [Haw?] river he is not certain which, here he says he understood that Captain Tate was dead, and the squad that went with him; were placed

under different Captains he says he was placed under different Captains he says he was placed under a Captain Raulston or Alston but is not positive which, and was marched across Dann [Dan] river at Dickson[?] ferry and through Halifax, and Pittsylvania county in the State of Virginia, where he thinks he was discharged after serving eighteen months; He states he does not know how it happened that he had to serve eighteen months in stead of twelve, unless he was deceived by Captain Tate, or was enrolled wrongfully by the Officer in Genl. Greens army so it was he states he actually served eighteen months making in all a term of Service of two years and two months. \_\_\_\_\_

And he states that he has no documentary evidence whatever; and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his Service. He also hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the united States to his knowledge. He says he employed a lawyer in this county some years ago to try for a pension for him under the former law of Congress but has heard nothing of it in no way whatever.

Interrogatories by the Court.

Int. 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born. \_\_\_\_\_

Ans. I was born in the County of Guilford, in the state of North Carolina, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Septem. in the year 1752 agreeable to what my parents informed me.

Int. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it. \_\_\_\_

Ans. I have no record of my age at this time

Int. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 in Pendleton County South Carolina when I first entered the Service and in York County in said State when I entered the service the last time, and when I was discharged and wend back to Guilford, N. Carolina until after the close of the war, and from that to South Carolina, then, to the State of Georgia, and from that to Bedford County Tennessee, and from that to the State of Alabama, and from that back to Bedford County in the State of Tennessee where I now live. \_\_\_\_\_

Int. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service, were you drafted, were you a volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Ans. I was Substitute for my Father when I first went into Service and then a volunteer and the last time I enlisted. \_\_\_\_\_

Int. 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regament as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your Service.

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Ans. I recollect Genl. Greene, and My Captain, but I do not recollect the number of any Regement in the Militia or Continental army at this time.

Int. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge and so where is it.

Ans I did receive a discharge in writting for my eighteen months tower, but what has become of [it] I cannot tell. \_\_\_\_\_

State the names of some persons in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity; and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. \_\_\_\_\_

Ans. Jacob Burrow, Nicholas Anthony, the Rev. William Jinkins [?] and Wilson Brown.

This day William Brown appeared in open court and made oath in due form to the foregoing declaration.

Jos. Mc Kisick

William Brown