

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Brown S1748

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State of Virginia Lunenburg County (towit)

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Lunenburg and now siting John Brown Resident of 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 Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he was drafted in the United States service for seven months on the first day of May 1780 and marched under Capt'n Sylvanus Walker from the County of Lunenburg State of Virginia to Hillsborough State of North Carolina and there was attached to the first Virginia Regt commanded by Colo Holt Richardson and in a short time was marched from there to Deep River and was marched from there to Masses Ferry [also known as Mast's or Mask's Ferry] on peedee [sic: Pee Dee] River and marched from that Place to Rugeleys Mills [SC] where we joined the main Army commanded by General [Horatio] Gates

And on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August we started from that place in the night in order to attack the British at Camden But unexpectedly we met them on the way and some skirmishes took place Between the Armys and on the next day being the 16<sup>th</sup> of August the battle took place and we were defeated in what is called Gateses defeat we afterwards collected together at a place called new garden [in present Greensboro NC] and were marched from that place to Hoganses Creek [Hogans Creek in present Rockingham County] to surpress some Tories that had collected there and were marched from that place to Gilford Courthouse North Carolina where he was discharged on the 30<sup>th</sup> November by Major Boid [probably William Boyce] But have since lost my Discharge

and on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1781 he was drafted in a Militia tower for three months and marched from the County of Lunenburg under Liutenant Tomlinson to the Morban Hills [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County VA] and then was attached to a company commanded by Col. Beverly Randolph and were marched and stationed at different places untill the first day of October when we were discharged by Col. Randolph haveing served the tower of three months and two weeks but for what cause he was kept in service longer that his tower he at this time does not recollect in this case he received no Written Discharge and that he never served in any other capacity than that of a common soldier

And in Answer to the different Interrogatories prescribed by the War department he Answers thus

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born

Ans'r. Agreeable to a Register kept by my Father I was born the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1761 in the County of Lunenbg State of Virginia

Question 2 Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it

Ans'r The book in which my Father Registered his childrens ages was sold at his sale and I do not know what has become of it

Question 3 where were you liveing when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Ans'r I were born in the County of Lunenburg State of Virginia have lived there ever since and live there now

Question 4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a substitute

Ans'r I were drafted in Each Tower

Question 5 State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served sutch Continental and Militia Regiments as you can Recollect and the General Circumstances of your service

Ans'r I can only say that I were commanded by Col. Richardson of the first Va. Regement; By Gen'l Gates in my first tower and that I was in in the Engagement called gateses defeat and that I was Honourably discharged by Maj'r Boid but have since lost my

discharge And in my second tower I were discharged by Col Beverly Randolph but did not receive any written Discharge

Question 6 did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans'r In my first tower I received a discharge which was signed by Major Boid and in my second tower I was discharged by Col. Beverley Randolph but did not receive any written Discharge

Question 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your carrector for Veracity and their Belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Ans'r I am known in my neighbourhood by the Rev'd. Henderson Lee Captn John Knight & Capt Wm Stokes

He hereby Relinquishes every claim to a pension or anuity Except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Role of the Agency of any State

[signed] John Brown

NOTE: On 3 May 1836 John Brown applied to have his pension transferred to Rutherford County TN where he had moved for the following reasons: "First that he owned a tract of land in the State of Virginia which had been much worn & exhausted from tillage, & he had previously visited Tennessee & discovered he could sell out in Virginia & buy land in said County of Rutherford much to his advantage; and secondly part of his children were living in said County the ballance of his children agreed to move & did move with him to the said County of Rutherford in said State of Tennessee."