

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Stephen Brown S1749

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State of Tennessee } S.S.
Bledsoe County, County Court }

On this eleventh day of February A.D. 1833 personally appeared Stephen Brown a resident of the county of Bledsoe and State of Tennessee, in open court before the worshipful justices of this county court of Bledsoe county now sitting, the said Stephen Brown aged seventy seven 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. He entered the service in Buckingham county State of Virginia as a drafted militia man under the command of Captain Redd and was stationed at Albermarle Barracks in guarding Burgoyne's prisoners [Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Apr 1781] for the term of one month. Declarant cannot remember the year, but recollects distinctly that he was employed in guarding Burgoyne's prisoners. He was discharged at the end of the month. Sometime after this term of service, he believes in the year 1780 he entered the service again in Buckingham County Virg'a. but is unable from loss of memory to state the names of his officers. He was drafted and was marched to Petersburg, Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] North Carolina, Camden, & Cheraw hills in S. Carilinia at which place he was stationed for a while [Jan 1781] under Col Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford] & General [Nathanael] Greene. From Cheraw hills he was marched to Salisbury & from there to near Guilford where he was discharged about a week before the battle at that place [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. Declarant remembers that he heard of that battle before he reached home. He had this tour been in the service eight months and some days, not less than ten, making declarant's services in the war in all nine months and ten days. He has no documentary evidence of his service but can prove it by Charles Thurman [pension application R10582] a citizen of this county, who was declarant's neighbour in Buckingham and who was with him in the same company at Albemarle Barracks, and in the same mess until a very short time before the close of declarant's second tour, in which he and the said Thurman were under the same officers & in the service together.

He was born in Cumberland county State of Virginia in the year 1756 but has no record of his age. He was living in Buckingham County Virginia when called into the service and continued to live there about thirty years after the war. from there he moved to this (Bledsoe) county where he has lived ever since, say about twenty years, and where he still resides. He was a drafted militia man. He was under Col Dudley, General Greene & was along with General [Daniel] Morgan. He received a written discharge which he kept about twenty years when his house was burnt, and with it all his other papers destroyed. He is known in his present neighbourhood to William Nail a clergyman and Johnson Parham who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

Stephen hisXmark Brown

State of Tennessee }
Bledsoe County } February the 12th 1833

Personally appeared before me, Elisha Kirklen an acting justice of the peace in and for the county of Bledsoe aforesaid, Charles Thurman a citizen of the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that he is well acquainted with Stephen Brown a citizen of the said county

who made out a declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he and the said Brown resided in the same neighborhood in Buckingham County State of Virginia previous to, and throughout the whole of the revolutionary war, that affiant and the said Brown were in the service of the United States together stationed at Albermarle Barracks & employed in guarding the prisoners taken at Burguoyne's defeat, under the command of Thomas Redd. Affiant cannot state the length of the said Stephen Brown's service at the Barracks nor the year in which it was performed. Affiant further states that he and the said Stephen Brown in August 1780 entered the service of the United States in Buckingham County, together, and together were eight months in the service under the command of Captain Ewell, they marched together from Buckingham to Petersburg, from there to Hillsboro, from Hillsboro to Salisbury – from there to Charlotte & from there to Cheraw hills where they were stationed for some time. from there they fell back to Dan river under General Greene when he rallied on our bank & Cornwallis on the other [14 Feb 1781]. Affiant was not discharged at the same time the said Brown was owing he supposes to the fact of his having that tour served nine days over his time, which he did. Affiant further states that he and the said Stephen Brown were together another tour of three months in the service in the company commanded by a Captain [John] Graves of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county, and were stationed principally at Hillsboro where they were discharged together, when affiant made his declaration he could not remember the name of this Captain. Affiant knows that he and the said Stephen Brown served together eleven months, beside their services together at the Barracks in Albemarle, the length of which he cannot recollect. Affiant states that he is seventy three years of age and that he believes the said Stephen Brown is older than he is. Charles hisXmark Thurman

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that "the child of Stephen Brown" received the final pension payment up to the date of his death on 31 Aug 1837.