

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Brown S1942

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State of Tennessee } Ss

Davidson County }

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in Court, before the Justices of our said Court now sitting, Moses Brown, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the united States, under the following named officers, & served as herein stated to Wit, that he was born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, on the 26th day of May 1752 and entered into the service of the United States as a drafted militiaman sometime in the month of July 1780 under Capt. Pegrum [sic: George Pegram]. they marched from the County in which he was born & enlisted to the American Army under the Command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates in South Carolina. After they got to the Army of Gen'l. Gates, he was taken sick, and lodged in the hospital, and there remained until after the battle at Camden [16 Aug 1780], in which Gen'l. Gates the American Commander was defeated by Lord Cornwallis the British commander. Upon retreating from the place of battle his company took him out of the hospital and carried him along with them as far as Hillsboro' [Hillsborough] in North Carolina – in their retreat to this last place, they secured many of the enemy, including tories as well as the british – he was here discharged by his Captain. After his discharge he went home, but staid there but a very short time before he was drafted a second time, and place under the Capt. Peagram, and marched for the general rendezvous of the Continental army under General [Peter] Muhlenberg, stationed at what was called Stoner's Mills – here by the influence of some of his friends Gen'l. Muhlenberg was prevailed upon to send him to Petersburg in Vi'a. as an artificer, in which capacity he served until the battle at Petersburg took place [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781], in which he bore his part. Our Army was defeated at Petersburg, and they retreated with much haste, to Chesterfield Court-house in Virgi'a and from thence again to Osborne's on James River [E of Chester], & from there they marched to Little-York, but did not arrive there until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. The whole of us composing the army was here dismissed, and I returned home. If he received any certificate for his service in either the first or last tour, he has no recollection of it – he has none now & must have lost it if he received any – he served fifteen months in all – seven in the first, and eight eight in the last expedition.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state. [signed] Moses Brown

Question. Where & in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Dinwiddie County Virginia on the 26th day of May 1752

Question. Have you any record of your age, and if so, what is it?

Answer. I have often seen my age in Virginia, recorded in a testament belonging to my Grandmother. I am Eighty years of age.

Question. where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Dinwiddie County when called into service; from there I moved to Davidson County, Tennessee, & have resided here ever since for the space of thirty two years I suppose.

Question. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or was you a substitute? & if a substitute for whom

Answer. I was no substitute. I was drafted twice – and as I stated in narrating the facts of my service, was placed in the service of the Continental Army, as a volunteer Artificer.

Question. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops, where you served; such continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect, & the general Circumstances of your service?

Answer. I don't know that I can recollect more than I have already stated with regard to Officers. Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens was an Officer, who served with us & not heretofore spoken of – as well as Col. [Ralph] Faulkner.

Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer. If I ever received any, I have no recollection of it, and must have lost it if I did, as I have none now.

Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier in the Revolution?

Answer. In my neighborhood I am known by Robert C. Foster & Col. Eph. H. Foster and William Lytle, will testify as to my character for veracity for character, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

[signed] Moses Brown