

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Pollard Brown S21656  
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The State of South Carolina } Ss  
Abbeville District }

On this twenty fourth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Hon'ble Richard Gautt presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas & Gen'l. Sessions for said State & District now sitting Pollard Brown a resident of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina aged sixty nine 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 provision made by the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States at the age of seventeen or eighteen as a drafted militia man from Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia early in the month of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty one under the command of Capt. Robert Pollard and one Lieut William Gaines to serve a term, or tour of duty for the period of three months, that he does not recollect the name or number of the regiment to which Capt. Pollards company was attached, neither does he recollect the field officers of the regiment unless they were a Col \_\_\_ Dark and a Maj'r. Nathaniel Welsh [sic: Nathaniel Welch], that he was marched in Capt. Robert Pollards company from Culpepper County in the State of Virginia to different places on or near the sea coast in the said state, but does not recollect many of them, but does distinctly recollect of having during this tour of service crossed James River five or six times and of having been marched to Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County], Petersburg and Richmond that he served out the full time of three months in the said company and that at the expiration of the said time he & the rest of the drafted militia were verbally discharged.

That the applicant Pollard Brown entered the service of the United States the second time as a drafted militia man from Culpepper County in the State Virginia some time in the month of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty one under the command of one Capt. Cad Slaughter [Cadwallader Slaughter] to serve another term or tour of duty for the period of three months; that he does not recollect the name or number of the regiment to which he was attached neither does he recollect the names of the other commissioned officers of the company to which he belonged, nor the names of the field officers of the regiment unless they be Col \_\_\_ Dark and Maj'r. Nat Welsh, he is however certain that these field Officers commanded, during either his first, or this his last service in the United States. that he was marched in Capt. Cad Slaughters company from Culpepper County in the State of Virginia toward the sea board to & through many places not recollected and finally to Williamsburg in the said state, where after having fully served this last tour of three months duty under Capt. Cad Slaughter he was verbally dismissed with the rest of the drafted militia, about ten days previous to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at YorkTown Virginia [19 Oct 1781].

The applicant Pollard Brown also hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.  
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Answers of Pollard Brown to the second and seventh interrogatories marked as not answered in the Brief Objections XVII and in figures in red ink 2.7. [15 May 1833]

2<sup>d</sup>. Int'y – Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it.  
Answer – The applicant Pollard Brown says he has no record of his age, that his fathers bible in which his age was recorded was misplaced at his fathers death & does not know where that bible is, that his recollection of his age, is derived from his service in the Revolutionary war, being as he supposes seventeen or eighteen years old when he first

entered the service of his country.

Int'y seventh – 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 of the revolution

Answer – James Williams, Jordan Ramey, Daniel Weed, John Armstrong, Dr. John F. Livingston, and Christian Barns are persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

NOTES:

Pollard Brown's service was certified by his brother, Robert Brown (pension application S31569).

On 7 Dec 1850 Pollard Brown applied to have his pension transferred to Georgia, having moved to Decatur before 1847. On 5 Nov 1852 he applied to have the pension moved back to South Carolina, having returned to Abbeville District. In this application he stated, "I am so poor, that I am entirely dependent on the public for a support." On an application for bounty land dated 13 April 1855, Pollard Brown was said to be 93 years old.