

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Broom S21664

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District

On this third day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before William D. Martin one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting at Fairfield Court House in the District and State aforesaid John Broom a resident of the District aforesaid 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 the 7th of June 1832. Deponent was born in the State of North Carolina ^{Wake County} & went about five years old was removed to the District aforesaid where he has resided ever since. Deponent's age is recorded in a book which he believes to have been done by his father, according to which he was born on the 16th March 1763. Deponent served as a private soldier in the militia during the Revolutionary war and never did receive any written or regular discharge.

Deponent went out as a volunteer in a company commanded by Jacob Frazer in Colonel Thomas Taylor's Regiment in the year 1781 & in May or June of that year. The Company started with a few individuals & they went on recruiting more until they arrived at Haigs plantation on the Congaree River below where Columbia now is. After remaining encamped there for some time they were marched into Orangeburg for the purpose of attacking the British under Rawdon.

General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] commanded the militia. The British would not give battle & they then marched on down the Country to Biggin Church within 32 or 33 miles of Charleston.

The British were encamped there & Deponent acted as a guard & guarded the prisoners 12 or 13 which were taken by Colonel Hampton. The British burned the Church & retreated to Charleston. Deponent's Regiment was then marched to Murray's ferry on Santee [River] where about 15 more prisoners were brought in & Deponent assisted to guard them. They were then marched to Sumter's plantation in Sumter District. The Regiment then dispersed. The whole of this tour Deponent thinks was about three months.

The next service was in the same year at Orangeburg which Deponent performed as a drafted militia man. This was in Colonel Thomas Taylor's Regiment & Deponent was commanded by Lieutenant Brown. This service was about three months.

In the following year Deponent was again drafted & performed duty as a soldier three months at the Four holes in Orangeburg, under a Captain Pope and Colonel Taylor's Regiment. This Deponent performed duty in all at least nine months. Some short tours performed times of service not particularly recollected.

Deponent 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.
Sworn to before me & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court

S/ John Broom, X his mark

S/ J. Elliott, Clk JU ExO

South Carolina Fairfield District: Before me appeared Jeremiah Taylor¹ and being duly sworn makes oath that he was acquainted with John Broom who makes the forewarned declaration, during the time he performed the services as a soldier as he has stated & has lived about three miles from him ever since.

Deponent knows personally that the said John Broom did serve as a soldier at the times & places & for the terms which he has stated in his said declaration.

This Deponent knows he was considered a good soldier & he is a man of respectable character.

S/ Jeremiah Taylor, X his mark

I Meredith Taylor² a resident of Fairfield District do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with John Broom, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that I believe him to have been a soldier in the Revolution, Deponent saw him in going in returning in every tour he has mentioned, Relieved him at the four holes and at Orangeburg, and those personally that he served for the terms and at the times mentioned. Lived not more than ten miles distant ever since the war and the reputation of his neighborhood is that he was a soldier of the revolutionary war.

S/Meredith Taylor, M his mark

State of South Carolina District of Fairfield: John Broom Evidence supplementary

Before me James Elliot Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for Fairfield District, personally appeared John Broom of the District of Fairfield aforesaid and makes oath that he is the identical John Broom who made his declaration in open Court before the Honorable William D. Martin Judge of Common Pleas & General Sessions for the State aforesaid, on the second day of November 1832 in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 which declaration and the proceedings had therein are continued in two sheets.

1st That in the first tour mentioned in the declaration Deponent served from the latter part of May (as deponent believes) in the year 1781 until a few days before the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] Battle the 8th or 9th September 1781, for a three months as a private. Thomas Taylor was the Colonel commanding and was present. In the first tour Deponent volunteered. Two or 300 of the militia collected in Richland District at Howells old Mill and was there joined by Colonel Taylor. Several Companies joined shortly afterwards. General Marion was long at Biggin Church affair.

2nd In the second tour deponent recollects that he applied to Lieutenant Brown at Orangeburg after he had been at Orangeburg 10 weeks for leave to return home, on account of a hurt or wound he had received in the first tour, or in account of domestic matters, deponent is uncertain which, and was refused by Lieutenant Brown. How long Deponent stayed afterwards he does not at this time recollect, but these ten weeks and the time necessarily taken in going and returning would consume three months which he served in this tour as a private drafted soldier and probably some longer.

Captain John Hollis was along this tour. General Sumter was along part of the time and

¹ [Jeremiah Taylor S21527](#)

² [Meredith Taylor S32547](#)

whilst there had the command. Colonel Lacey was there and Regiment Captain James Craig was there. Tories in considerable numbers were hunted up and brought to camp.

3rd In the third tour Deponent served three months as a private drafted soldier, Colonel Richard Winn was there and deponent's company was attached to his command. This tour performed in 1782.

That in every tour mentioned Deponent served in a Company duly organized and regularly embodied, and called into service by the authorities of South Carolina. That he served in the field and not in garrison; and during the time the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit, but was entirely engaged with his military duties.

That deponent served not less than the periods mentioned above and claims a pension for nine months service as a private (being nine, twenty-fourths of a full pension as he has been informed.)

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12th August 1833
S/ J. Elliott, QU EXO S/ John Broom, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for eight months and 10 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to John Broom AA8
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 784
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No. 40
[Book] Q No. 26 1785
Mr. John Broom his Account of 128 days Militia Duty in 1781
Amounting to £9.2.10 ¼ Sterling
Ex^d. W. G. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined [by] William Galvan & John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State South Carolina
to John Broom Dr.
1781
22 Days duty done as Footmen
Expedition to Moncks Corners 10/ £11
69 Days Ditto Orangeburg 10/ 34.10
37 Ditto at Forehole's [Four Holes] ditto 18.10
128 Days £64
Stg. £9.2.10 ¼

John Broom maketh Oath that the Above Account is Just & true
Sworn to before me December 24th, 1784

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

S/ James Craig, JP

I do Certify that the Above Account is Just and true

S/ H. Hunter, Colo.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Hunter, Colo.", with some ink bleed-through or smudging.

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Received full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 26 Q per order

S/ R. Winn [General Richard Winn]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Winn", with a large flourish at the end.

17th June 1784

I this Day received from General Richard Winn, the full value of my Account against the Publick now lying in the Auditor's Office for Auditing and afterwards to get an Indent for the same from the Treasury and I do Request the Commissioners of the Treasury of the State of South Carolina to make out the indent for the same with the Interest pursuant to the Resolve of the Legislature in that Case to the said Richard Winn, and to accept this as a receipt in full against the public for the said Account.

S/ John Broom, X his mark

S/ Thomas Baker, JP