

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Brown S2403

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State of North Carolina County of Rockingham: Superior Court of Law Fall Term A.D. 1832

On this 30th day of October A D 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James Martin one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity in & for the State aforesaid, now sitting, Elisha Brown now a resident of said County of Rockingham aged eighty years, wanting twenty days or thereabouts, 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 hereinafter stated that is to say:

That he was drafted in the Militia of Caswell County in the State of North Carolina, about the close of the Summer of 1780, and in a few days afterwards joined the Company of Captain James Wilson attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore and marched from Hillsboro in said State, to Salisbury crossing Haw River at a Ford near the residence of General Butler and the Yadkin at Beards Ferry, where they remained about a week: From Salisbury the Regiment proceeded to join the forces commanded by Generals Smallwood & Davidson at New Providence or "Six Mile Creek" after remaining a considerable time at New Providence, he was drafted and attached to the force under Colonel Morgan and marched under him to the attack on Rugeley's Mills in South Carolina from whence he returned to New Providence with Colonel Rugeley & about 200 prisoners and from thence back to Salisbury with said prisoners, and at Salisbury about the 10th of December 1780 was discharged by Captain Wilson having served about three months and a half.

That about the last of July or the first of August 1781 he was again drafted in the Caswell Militia, and joined the company of Captain Richard Sanders near Camden in South Carolina, then attached to Colonel Farmer's Regiment which had marched from Hillsboro in North Carolina; – from Camden he marched in Farmer's Regiment to the Camp of General Greene above the junction of the Wateree and Congaree Rivers, some time previous to the Battle at the Eutaw Springs. He was engaged in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs, acting as Sergeant in Sanders' Company during the action & afterwards: He marched back to Camden in Farmer's Regiment, having charge of upwards of 600 British prisoners where they were delivered over to Colonel Locke of North Carolina: at Camden he was placed among the number who were left there to take charge of the wounded who survived the Battle of the Eutaw Springs – at Camden he remained attending to the sick & wounded for about four weeks when Farmer's Regiment returned from the Army of General Greene by the way of Camden. He again joined Farmer's Regiment & marched to Salisbury in North Carolina where he was taken sick & was there discharged by Captain Sanders about the end of three months under Captain Sanders attached to the Regiment of Colonel Farmer.

He has long since lost or mislaid both of his said Discharges.

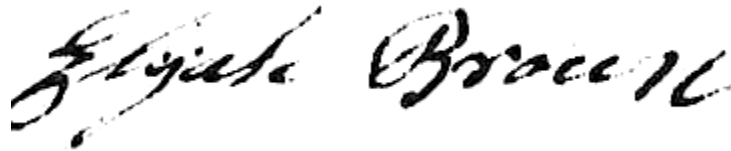
He was born in Dorchester County on the Eastern Shore of Maryland – has no record of his age: was living in Caswell County in North Carolina when called into service, and has continued to reside in Caswell County until about fifteen years ago when he removed into the adjoining County of Rockingham where he has ever since resided and still resides.

He is personally known to the Honorable Bedford Brown now a Senator in Congress & to Thomas Settle Esquire formerly a representative of Congress from North Carolina and to the Honorable Augustine H Shepperd, now a member of Congress from North Carolina.

The said Elijah Brown 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 any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Elijah Brown



S/ T. Searcy, CSC

I John Dill¹ residing in the County of Caswell hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Elijah Brown who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration. Then I believe him to be about eighty years of age – that in the year 1780 and 1781, I was a near neighbor to him – and that I have personal knowledge – and distinct recollection of his entering the service of the United States at the times mentioned in the above Declaration, and being in the service myself, and at Gates defeat near Camden on the 16th of August 1780, have no doubt but the facts set forth in his Declaration aforesaid are substantially true.

S/ John Dill, X his mark

[William Donnell and Nathan Wright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Rockingham County: March 3, 1833

Elijah Brown the applicant in the foregoing declaration for a pension under act of Congress the 7th of June 1832 personally appeared before me John J Wright an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and after being sworn agreeable to law he swears – That he is very confident that he served in the two tours of duty mentioned in the foregoing declaration six months and a half at least that he has no other evidence relative to his service – but those set forth in his declaration. That he knows of no person except Mr. J. Dill whose certificate is attached to his declaration now living that he can get to certify for him and that he has no knowledge of any clergyman that has personal knowledge of those services – but he most positively states that he served as stated in the [indecipherable word] declaration and this affidavit.

Subscribed & sworn to before me the day & date above written

S/ Jno. J. Wright, JP

S/ Elijah Brown

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 1/2 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [John Dill S8326](#)