

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levi Browning S2406

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State of North Carolina Halifax County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 20th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of common pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Halifax now sitting Levi Browning, a resident of Halifax County & State of North Carolina, aged 74 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, viz.: he volunteered in the service about the 19th July in the year 1780 in Halifax County under Captain Frank Jones, Turner Mason Lieutenant & John Green Ensign, Colonel Ben Sowell, William Brickell Lieutenant Colonel & General Sumner officers, marched to South Carolina as reinforcement for General Gates but did not reach the main Army until after Gates defeat returned to Ramsay's Mill in North Carolina, then marched to six mile Creek beyond Charlotte in North Carolina, afterwards returned home with a detachment to attend the sick, was in service about four months but never received any regular discharge. In the year 1781 he was drafted under Captain Theophilus Thomas in Halifax County North Carolina & remained in service in said County about three months & was discharged by order of General Jones & Governor Burke, but never received any written discharge – he was born in the County of Southampton State of Virginia. I have a record of my age at home –

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court

S/ Jno. H. Pettway, Clk

S/ Levi Browning, X his mark

[Miles Smith, a clergyman, and George Green gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Halifax County

Levi Browning the declarant in the annexed application, a man of Credibility came before me Rice B. Pierce a Justice of the Peace for Halifax County in the State of North Carolina being duly sworn deposes and says that he was living in the County of Halifax & State of North Carolina, when he entered the service, was called out in the North Carolina line, we volunteered: the company that I was in met in an old field near Halifax Town, from there we marched &

cannot at Rocky Swamp, from thence we marched to the Court House in Franklin County, and then we marched & cannot at the South side of Crab Tree Creek [sic, Crabtree Creek] in Wake County (near where Raleigh now is) where our company was joined by a number of other Companies – Captain Frank Jones commanded our company I recollect some of the Companies that joined us was commanded by a Captain Carter, Captain Bunn & Captain James Richards – have no recollection of any other officers except Colonel Sewall & Colonel William Brickell – and a Captain Clanton commanded the company from Warren County – from Crabtree we marched as fast as we could to Pedee in South Carolina for the purpose of reinforcing General Gates for which purpose we were first called into service – when we reached Pedee on the next morning we first heard of General Gates defeat. – From Pedee Colonel Seawell & Colonel Brickell marched us to Ramsay's Mill where we stayed some time in camp: General Sumner then took the command and marched us by Chatham Court House North Carolina, to the six mile Creek the other side of Charlotte Court House NC, where we remained till we heard the British was very near us, when we retreated through Salisbury North Carolina the British pursuing us & would have overtaken us if the Light Horse had not have retarded their march, we continued retreating till we halted on this side of Salisbury on the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] – in Camp I was taken sick & remained there sick upwards of one month, I was then sent home with a detachment to attend the sick – I never applied for a written discharge, thinking I could get it anytime from Captain Frank Jones who lived only a few miles from me. – Done service as a private Soldier in this Tour four months – some little time after the British went through Halifax North Carolina I think in the year 1781: I was drafted as a private soldier in the Halifax Militia of North Carolina under Captain Theophilus Thomas – our Company met near Mr. Sary's old [field] on Quankey Creek Halifax County North Carolina to serve a three months Tower all of which Tower we remained in the old field in camps and did not during the three months follow any civil pursuit whatever: I mustered almost every day during the time when our three months expired, General Jones & General Burke came to our camps & discharged us. General Jones did not give me any written discharge thought I could get it from him at any time should it be necessary – I was born on this 16th day of April 1758 as is recorded in a Book in which I set down my own age as well as that of my own children – my own age is set down as my father left it Registered – I have lived in Halifax North Carolina ever since I was a boy – I have no knowledge of any other Testimony at this time that I could obtain to prove my seven months service & have stated as near as my recollection serves me.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 11th day of May 1833

S/ Rice B. Pierce, JP

S/ Levi Browning, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]