

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Brown S3061

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State of Tennessee White County

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court for White County now sitting Benjamin Brown a resident of Wake County in the State of Tennessee aged about 81 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 7th 1832. –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. The 1st tour he served he was commanded by Colonel Matthew Locke (Major's name not recollected) Captain James Smith and Lieutenant M. Davis, he entered the service in the latter part of the fall, or first of the winter 1777, 8 or 9, the year not recollected. He was discharged by being mustered out of the service sometime in February following. He is certain he served three months this tour. During this time he was in no battle. He then lived in the State of North Carolina Rowan County, marched from that place to Fayetteville North Carolina, where he remained until he was mustered out of service. He cannot prove this tour of service by any one to his knowledge.

This applicant again entered the service of his country the latter part of the Revolutionary war under the command of Colonel Isaacks Captain Liles Hedrick and Lieutenant Davis, and marched from Rowan County North Carolina to Deep River. He was in no engagement, during this tour, but was actively engaged as an Ensign in the enemy's country for the term of three months, when he returned home. Applicant cannot prove as he knows this tour by anyone. This applicant cannot state accurately the dates of each Tour.

Interrogatories propounded to the applicant by the Court.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In the State of Virginia Halifax County in the year 1757.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have not. –

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. In Rowan County North Carolina, near Salisbury. From Rowan County, I moved to Buncombe County North Carolina and from Buncombe I moved to White County, Tennessee,

where I now live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. General Rutherford, Colonel Locke and Colonel Isaacs etc. were some of the regular officers – I do not recollect the regiments. I have stated the most material circumstances relating to my services, as well as I can recollect.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

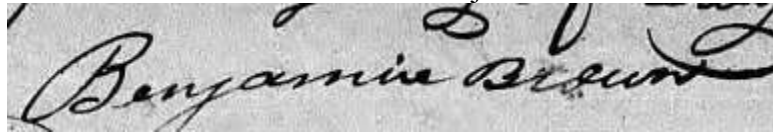
Ans. I never received a written discharge, nor have I any documentary evidence of my service.

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Colonel Jose C Dew, the Reverend Jesse Stuart and Jonathan C Davis.

He, the said Benjamin 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 the agency of any State.

S/ Benjamin Brown

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Brown". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Jesse Stuart, a clergyman, and Jose C. Dew gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]