

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Brown S3066

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State of Tennessee } Ss.

Davidson County }

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of our said Court now sitting, James Brown a resident of the County & State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, & served as herein stated to Wit: that he was born in Dinwiddie County Virginia, on the 24th day of May 1759 and that he entered into the service of the United States, sometime in the year 1780 he thinks, the day of the month, & month of the year he does not now recollect, he enlisted as a substitute for a Mr. George Thweat, under Capt. Peagram [probably Edward Pegram], and after enlisting we marched from the County of Dinwiddie to what was called Stoner's & Everett's mills, where we remained inactive six weeks, at the end of which time we marched back to Petersburg, in Dinwiddie County Virgi'a. where we were dismissed – upon being dismissed I went home & staid there but a short time, when I was drafted as a militiaman, and placed under the command of Capt. John Nichols – we marched from Petersburg to Everett's & Stoner's mill again, and from thence we went to a place called Sleepy-hole [Sleepy Hole on Nansemond River], in the neighborhood of the aforementioned mills, where we expected to find the enemy, but upon our approach they fled. We then returned back to Petersburg by the way of Everett's & Stoner's mills where we were dismissed. Col. [Joseph] Jones who commanded over our Captains dismissed us each time. I received no[?] certificate of my service, which was six weeks in the first tour, & six in the latter – upon my second dismissal I returned to my home from Petersburg, and was there but a short time, when I was called upon, & entered again into service as a militiaman under Maj'r. Hardaway, a regular Officer of the Continental Army, who upon [part apparently missing at end of page] left Charleston South Carolina, upon furlough, a short time before it was reduced by the British [12 May 1780], and came down to Petersburg, & while here, understanding that the British had succeeded in their attempts on Charleston, he collected a company of militia (of which I was one) & marched down to Cabin Point on James River [in Surry County], where we met the American Army under Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] – we then returned back to Petersburg & was dismissed. Col. Jo. Jones again dismissed us. I received no certificate of my service – which was six weeks – He will here state, that Col Jones, after his dismission gave him up to Maj'r. Hardaway as his cook &c which duty he performed for the space of four months. Maj'r. Hardaway never gave him any certificate as to his service under him. After leaving Maj'r. Hardaway, he entered into the service of the U. States as a substitute for John Tucker. We marched under Capt. [Abraham] Kirkpatrick from Dinwiddie County to Powhatan County, where the whole Army was ordered to be inoculated for the small-pox. After staying in service four months & a half, he hired a substitute to fill his place. The war was ended shortly afterwards – he was discharged by Col. Phebaker [sic: Christian Febiger]. I received no certificate of my service. After dismission I returned home in Dinwiddie County. I think it was some time in the year 1781. The whole amount of his service is thirteen & a half months, including the four and a half months he served as a cook under Maj'r. Hardaway –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[signed] James Brown

[Certified by Moses Brown, possibly pension application S1942.]

Ques. Where & when were you born?

Ans. I was born in Dinwiddie Count, Virginia, on the 24th of May 1759.

Question. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. I had it once, but it was burnt up with my house in Virginia.

Question. How were you called into service; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I was living in Dinwiddie County Virginia; when called into service. I was a substitute the first time for George Thweat, the second I was a drafted militiaman; the third I was a drafted militia men, & the fourth a substitute for John Tucker.

Question. State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect, & the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. I seen no Continental or Militia Regiments, but at Cabin-point – we here met Gen'l. Muhlenberg – Capt. Pembleton [probably Pemberton or Pendleton] I think was in Muhlenberg's Army. I attended as a soldier, first, & continued as such until I was taken off with the officers as a cook. I afterwards became a soldier in the Regular Army under Capt. Kirkpatrick, & Col. Phebaker.

Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, & if so by whom was it given, & what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge from Col. Phebaker, and it was burnt with my house in Virginia.

Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, & who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer. I am known to Wm Lytle, Thos. Claiborne, of my neighborhood, & they with Robert C. Foster & Col. Ephraim H. Foster will testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Question. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Dinwiddie County Virginia when called into service; I have lived in North Carolina, from North Carolina. I moved to Tennessee, from there to Upper Louisiana & from thence back to Tennessee, where I now reside.

[signed] James Brown