

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Brock S30887

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State of Kentucky Harlan Circuit Court: October Term 1833

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. Joseph Eve Judge of the 15 Judicial District and Judge of the Harlan Circuit Court Jesse Brock a resident citizen of Harlan County and State of Kentucky aged Eighty Two years the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 who states that he entered in the Army of the United States in the year he cannot now recollect being an illiterate man, he can neither read nor write, in Guilford County State of North Carolina for the Term of three months, and served in the Regiment of the North Carolina State line the whole of said Tour, He cannot recollect the number of the Regiment, But he served under the following named officers, Gen. Alexander Martin Col. James Martin, his Capt. was by the name of Royston [Isaac Ralston]. He states that he entered the service at Guilford Court House in the State aforesaid, and marched to Cross Creek in the State of North Carolina where it was supposed that the British intended to land an Army and after serving out his Term of service he was Discharged in the Lower part of North Carolina. He further states that he again entered the service of the Army of the United States in Guilford County State of North Carolina for the Term of three months, the name of the officers he has forgot, But he belonged to the North Carolina State line, And he marched with some wagons loaded with provisions for the United States Army which was stationed in South Carolina, and he guarded said wagons to Chartill [sic, Charlotte?] Court House, He was again marched back to Guilford Court House, and after serving out his Term of service was Discharged. He states that he again enlisted in the Army of the United States in Surry County State of North Carolina in the month of February 1781 – under Capt. Williams under Lieut. Joseph Porter and Ensign Richard Taliaferro, for the Term of three months and marched to the Catawba [River], and arrived there a few days after the Battle I was then marched back to Surry County in the State aforesaid, and from there I was marched to Guilford County in the State of North Carolina between Guilford Court House, and the Adkin River [Yadkin River], where we joined Col. Thompson Regiment, which belonged to the North Carolina State line, and I was there in the skirmish with a party of British and Tories at the Alamance Creek and Ensign Taliaferro was killed<sup>1</sup>, we then marched toward Guilford Court House and was in another skirmish with the British on the Reedy fork of Haw River at a place called Whits Mills [probably Whitesell's Mill, March 6, 1781, also referred to as Wetzel's Mill, Weitzel's Mill, Wetzell's Mill], Where we were defeated by the British a few days before the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], And after the Battle of Guilford, and after he had served out his Time of service he was Discharged near Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina. He further states that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service in the Army or any part thereof, nor neither does he remember the number of the Regiments to which he belonged.

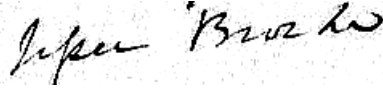
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<sup>1</sup> Ensign Richard Taliaferro was killed at the battle of New Garden Meeting House on March 15, 1781

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency in any State or if any only on that of the Agency of the State of Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Brock



The Court propounded the following interrogatories to the Applicant

1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born Answer I was born in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1757 – as my father has told me

2. Have you any record of your age

Answer I don't know that there is any record of my age, my father always told me that I was four years old the year of Braddock's Defeat [July 9, 1755]

3. Where were you living when called into service; Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live

Answer I lived in Guilford County State of North Carolina when I was called into the Service the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> time: And I lived in Surry County in the State of North Carolina when I was called into service the last time; And the same spring after the close of the War I moved back to Guilford County in the State of North Carolina, where I lived a few years, But I cannot remember the precise time. I then moved to Franklin County in the State of Virginia where I lived several years; I then moved back to Guilford County State of North Carolina where I lived several years, but I cannot say how many. I then moved to Russell County in the State of Virginia where I lived 4 years, & then moved to Knox County State of Kentucky which was afterwards stricken off to Harlan County Kentucky where I now live, and I have been here 34 or 5 years.

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

Answer the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> time I was drafted and the last time I volunteered

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served Such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service

Answer General Green [Nathanael Greene] commanded at Guilford but I belonged to a scouting party and I don't remember the name of any more of the officers except what I have stated in a former part of my Declaration.

[James Hall, a clergyman, and John N. Howard and John Coleirone [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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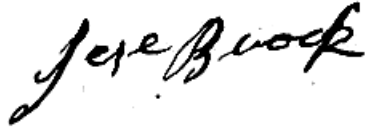
State of Kentucky Harlan County Sct.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1836 before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County of Harlan personally appeared Jesse Brock who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by William Underwood in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thompson as well as he now recollects in the service of the United States. That his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Kentucky that he received a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War which certificate on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of last December 1835 at or near the house of Armistead Miller in the County of Lincoln and State of Kentucky was lost. He further states that about the 14<sup>th</sup> day of last October he made a power of attorney to Charleton Hunt of the City of Lexington and state aforesaid to draw said pension and place the same in the hands of James S Henderson who delivered the aforesaid power of attorney with the original certificate to Major Charles Colyer at Rockcastle County and state aforesaid who presented it

to the said Hunt and hunt drew the money for him and delivered it with the certificate to the said Colyer at the place before mentioned but his pocket book and the original certificate with a considerable quantity of money as he is informed was lost or stolen.

He here refers to the of affidavit of the said Charles Colyer

S/ Jese Brock



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina service.]

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[Another transcript]

Pension application of Jesse Brock, Nat'l Archives Series M804, Roll \_\_, Application #S30887

Transcribed by Nancy Poquette

State of Kentucky, Harlan Circuit Court, October Term, 1833}

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1833, personally appeared in open court...Jesse Brock, a resident citizen of Harlan County...aged 82 years, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December next:

“Who states that he enlisted in the army of the United States [the year he cannot now recollect, being an illiterate man, he can neither read or write] in Guilford County, state of North Carolina for the term of 3 months, and served in the regiment of the North Carolina state line the whole of said time. He cannot recollect the number of the said regiment, but her served under the following named officers: General Alexander Martin, Colonel James Martin, his captain was by the name of Ralston [*or Rolston*]. He states that he entered the service at Guilford Courthouse in the state aforesaid and marched to Cross Creek in the state of North Carolina, where it was supposed that the British intended to land an army. And after serving out his term of service, he was discharged in the lower part of North Carolina.”

“He further states that he again entered the service of the army of the United States In Guilford County, in the state of North Carolina for the term of three months, the names of the officers, he has forgot, but he belonged to the North Carolina state line, and he marched with some wagons laden with provisions for the United States Army which was stationed in South Carolina and he guarded said wagons to Charlotte Courthouse. He was again marched back to Guilford Courthouse, and after serving out his term of service, was discharged.”

“He states that he again entered in the army of the United States in Surry County, North Carolina in the month of February, 1781 under Captain William Underwood, Lieutenant Joseph Porter, and Ensign Richard Taliaferro, for the term of three months, and marched to the Catawba, and arrived there a few days after the Battle, and was then marched back to Surry County in the state aforesaid, and from there I was marched to Guilford County in the state of North Carolina, between Guilford Courthouse and the Yadkin River, where I joined Colonel Thompson's regiment, which belonged to the North Carolina state line, and I was there in a skirmish with a party of the British and Tories at the Alamance Church and Ensign Taliaferro was killed. We then marched toward Guilford Courthouse and was in another skirmish with the British on the Reedy Fork of the Haw River at Whit's Mills [*Weitzel or Whitesell's Mills*] where we were defeated by the British a few days before the Battle of Guilford, and after the Battle of Guilford, and after he had served out the term of his service, he was discharged near Guilford Courthouse in the state of North Carolina.”

“He further states that he knows of no person living by which he can prove his service in the army, or any part thereof, nor neither does he remember the number of the regiment to which he belonged...”

The court pronounced the following interrogatories to the applicant:

Where, and in what year were you born? “I was born in Cumberland county, in the state of Virginia, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year ?1757? as my father has told me.”

Have you any record of your age? “I don’t know that there is any record of my age. My father has always told me that I was four years old the year of Bradley’s Defeat.”

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? “I lived in Guilford County, State of North Carolina when I was called into the service the first and second times; and I lived in Surry County, State of North Carolina the last time, and the same spring after the close of the War, I moved back to Guilford County in the state of North Carolina, where I lived a few years, but I cannot remember the precise time. I then moved to Franklin County in the state of Virginia, where I lived several years. I then moved back to Guilford County, state of North Carolina, where I lived several years, but I can’t say how many. I then moved to Knox County, state of Kentucky, which was afterwards stricken off to Harlan c ounty, KY, where I now live. I have been here thirty-four or five years.”

How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom? “The first and second time I was drafted, and the last time I volunteered.”

State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served... “General Greene commanded at Guilford, but I belonged to a scouting party, and I don’t remember the names of any more of the officers...”