

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Brown S31564

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State of Tennessee McMinn County: County Court September Sessions 1832

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for McMinn County and State of Tennessee now sitting being a court of Record Benjamin Brown a resident of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Wake County in the State of North Carolina in October he believes in the year 1775 under Captain Woodson Daniel Archibald Lytle was his Colonel and General Rutherford had the command of the troops marched to Puransburg [sic, Purrysburg] on Savannah River and there joined General Lincoln remained with General Lincoln for about three weeks there was called for men to volunteer to make up a light infantry company to go up the River and guard the ferries. Declarant turned out and marched up to Augusty [sic, Augusta] and then joined General Ash [John Ashe] and from there to Briar Creek where he was in a battle against the British. After the battle at Briar Creek he retreated to the two Sisters ferry on Savannah River remained there about six weeks and from there he marched to Turkey Hill where he remained until his term of service expired marched up to a place called the Black Swamp and was discharged by Colonel Lytle after having served 5 months.

Sometime in the spring he thinks in the year 1777 he volunteered in a light horse company in Wake County in State of North Carolina his officer was Captain Jiles Thomas [Giles Thomas?] marched through Randolph, Chatham and Wake Counties after the Tories was discharged by Captain Thomas after having served two months.

Sometime in the summer of the same year 1777 he volunteered in Wake County North Carolina under Captain Jemison [Jamison?] and Hardy Griffin was his Major marched through Chatham, Orange & Randolph Counties after the Tories was discharged by Major Hardy Griffin after having served twenty days.

Some time he believes in the year 1780 he volunteered for an eighteen months tour in

Gates County in the State of North Carolina his officer was Captain Benjamin Baly [sic, Benjamin Bailey?] he marched to Ashley Hill where he joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] from there he marched to James Island near Charleston where he remained until his term of service expired which was about three months he thinks after Cornwallis was taken at Yorktown in Virginia he was discharged by Colonel Lytle. He received four discharges as stated above but they were all burnt in his brother-in-law's house some time after the war.

Declarant was born in Edgecombe County North Carolina in the year 1775 [sic] from there he removed to Wake County in the same State where he remained in Wake County during the war he removed to Blunt [Blount] County in the State of Tennessee from there removed to Oglethorpe County in the State of Georgia from there to McMinn County in the State of Tennessee where he now lives.

He has no record of his age his sister who lives in Kentucky has or had a record in an old family Bible.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Benjamin Brown, X his mark

I William Dodd¹ a resident of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee do certify that I have been well acquainted with Benjamin Brown who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration from his boyhood and served with him though under a different officer in the revolutionary war part of the time he has stated in his declaration and has a knowledge of him the other part And knows his statements to be true.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Dodd, X his mark

[fn p. 8: On October 8, 1853 in Fayette County Georgia, Benjamin Brown, 95, a resident of said County and state file for his bounty land entitlement stating: "that he is the identical Benjamin Brown who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Woodson in the Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle in the revolutionary war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the __ day of __ 17__ that he enlisted (or volunteered) at Wake County and at the Court House of said County on or about the 1st day of September A.D. 1774 for the term of 5 months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 5 months and some over and was honorably discharged at Black Swamp on or about the 10th day of April A.D. 1775.

"This Deponent also volunteered for 18 months under Benjamin Bailey in said Revolutionary War on or about 1st day of September A.D. 1775 that he volunteered and said about the 1st day of September A.D. 1775 under Captain Alexander Brevair & then Benjamin Joseph Rhodes which company was under the command of General Green and was honorably discharged or furloughed to return home from Charleston which furlough was to be a Honorable discharge unless called for in the 18 months about the __ day of July A.D. 1776 the service last aforesaid was rendered in a militia Company. This deponent further states that he performed a service of 2 months under Captain William Terrell and volunteered as a substitute for James Lassiter about the Spring of the year 177_ and was honorably discharged near Wake Court House at the public store by reason of Expiration of the term of service etc. as will appear by the muster rolls of said Company...."]

¹ [William Dodd S3292](#)

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Benjamin Brown a private Soldier in Captain Bailey's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 17th day of September 1782 for 18 months and nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 20th day of March 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 36: veteran was still living as of April 17, 1855 in Fayette County Georgia at age 97 when he again applied for his bounty land entitlement.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months & 15 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]