

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Middleton Brooks S31572

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State of Georgia } SS

County of Jackson }

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October personally appeared in open court before the Inferior Court of said County being a Court of record now sitting, Middleton Brooks of the County of Jackson and State of Georgia aged Seventy three 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<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated –

He was drafted in Halifax County Va. in the year 1780 and instead of being sent into field service he was stationed to guard a magazine at Boyd's ferry on Dan River [at present South Boston], in said County. He remained there until the approach of Lord Cornwallis's army [in Feb 1781] rendered it necessary to remove the military stores contained in the magazine, which was done by removing it in waggons first to Halifax C. H. from thence to Charlotte C. H. & from thence to Prince Edward C. H. where it left; the retreat of Cornwallis back into N. Carolina rendering it unnecessary to remove it any more. During this period he served three months for which he never rec'd. any discharge as he never afterwards saw Col. Peter Rogers the officer to whose regiment he was attached when drafted – does not recollect his Captains name. So soon as this service was performed he was called on to perform a three months tour in the service. He was attached to the Company of Capt. Edmund King which formed a part of a battallion commanded by Major [Hugh] Rose under whose command he was placed on his arrivall at Salisbury N. Carolina. The battallion of Major Rose joined Gen'l. [Nathanael] Green at Ninety Six during the siege of that place [22 May - 19 Jun 1781], where he (Declarant) remained until the siege of that place was raised by the approach of Lord Rawdon from Charleston. He continued under Gen'l. Greene until he retreated to the High hills of Santee, where, his term of service expiring he was discharged & set out for Virginia with some prisoners was taken sick & performed no further service.

To the Interrogatories from the Department [of War] he answers to the First – Was born in Caroline County Va. does not know the year & judges of his age from what he has been told by his acquaintances.

2 Have none [record of his age]

3 Was living in Halifax Va when drafted. Came to Georgia in 1786 Settled in Wilkes Co. afterwards removed to Jackson where he now lives.

4 He was called into service by Drafting

5 Gen'l. Greene was the only Continental officer that he knows to have been such – it was said that Major Rose was a Continental officer, but declarant knew at that time but little about the officers as he was but a youth – Cols. [William] Washington & [Henry] Lee were said to have been such

6 He received a discharge from the last tour he served – the discharge was given by Capt. King – and has been lost or destroyed.

7 James Liddell, Francis Hobson, Joseph T. Cunningham, Edward Storey – David Witt & George Cowan [are neighbors who can testify to his character for veracity and the belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution].

This declarant served a little over six months in all the service he performed. He has no Documentary evidence by which to establish his claim nor does he know any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to that service. He has no claim whatever except the present to any pension or annuity & his name is not upon the pension roll of any state agency [signed] Middleton Brooks