

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Brooks <sup>1</sup> S31574

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State of Georgia, DeKalb County

On this the ninth day of January in the year 1830 seven personally appeared in open court for James Lemon, Edward Jones, Sodowick Tuggle & Isaac N. Johnson, Judges of the inferior Court of DeKalb County now sitting the same being a court of record, George Brooks, a resident of the County of DeKalb and state aforesaid aged Seventy-four years the fourth day of April in the year 1836, who first being 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated, to wit, that he entered the [service] as a volunteer in the Militia of South Carolina under Captain Moses Wood (number of his company not recollected), Colonel Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck] and General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] in the month of September in the year 1779 in South Carolina, Spartanburg district in said state (at that time called Ninety Six); marched down to a place called White Hall and there ranged about through the country in pursuit of the Tories and Indians; captured none nor had any engagements; was in service six months and was then discharged by verbal discharged. Returned home and in three or four days afterwards was again called into service under Captain Moses Wood, Colonel John Nesbit and General Pickens & after he was called out and mustered into the service of the United States was again placed under the command of Colonel Roebuck, was then a citizen of Spartanburg district South Carolina; was engaged during this tour in scouring the country in search of the Tories and Indians; some time was out with scouting parties & sometimes was with the main Army; was marched while in search of the Indians and Tories to Prince's Fort and to Fort Williams; was not stationed at either of them or at any particular fort for any length of time at any one time; was at many places and was generally on scouts and in active duty; served in this tour in the service of the United States four months. The above services were performed in the state of South Carolina and this deponent entered the service in Spartanburg district where he then resided and at the termination of which tour he only received a verbal discharge.

This deponent again about one month after his return home from the last mentioned service volunteered in the militia and entered the service of the United States in Spartanburg district South Carolina and served as follows under the following officers, to wit, Captain William Prince, Colonel Rutherford and General Pickens (does not now recollect of the number of the company or Regiment) and scouted about through the country; marched to the Saluda River and Ninety Six in pursuit of the British and Tories; was in the battle at King's Mountain in October 1780 [October 7, 1780]; marched from thence as one of the guard with the prisoners to the Moravian town where we remained five weeks and then received a verbal discharge and returned home in company with the balance of the guard. Served in this tour three months.

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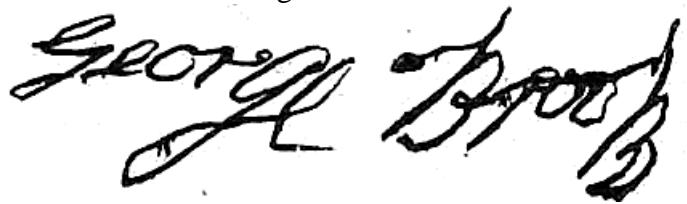
<sup>1</sup> BLWt6382-160-55

This deponent after his return home moved to the State of Virginia, Mecklenburg County; remained there sometime and in July in the year 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one William Crutchfield; marched to York River under Captain Samuel Marshall, Major Walker, Colonel Lew Burrell, was in the Siege of taking Cornwallis; then was marched to the River Mattipinea [Mattaponi River], there received a written discharge from under the hand of Captain Samuel Marshall which is herewith submitted dated 25 October 1781. Served in this tour three months.

That this deponent now knows of no person by whom he can prove said services that is in his power to procure, and that he has no documentary evidence of the same other than his discharge and exhibit A, and that he hereby relinquishes all 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/George Brooks

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Brooks", written in black ink on a white background. The signature is written over a vertical line.

This applicant further swears that he has but one reason for not having made an earlier application for a pension under the Act of Congress of June 1832 which is that immediately after the passage of the aforesaid act he employed an attorney to make out his pension declaration and present his claim to the proper department for adjudication which was done but in consequence of the old age and extreme inability of this deponent, he was not able to attend at the time of the session of the Court with all his witnesses that were necessary under the provisions of said act, but ultimately succeeded in so doing; the papers were forwarded to the department and by its officers pronounced defective and were returned to him again for correction when for the above reasons, considerable time intervened before they were properly (as this deponent & his counsel thought) executed, but was done & again forwarded to the department and again by its officers decided effective, and this deponent now has forwarded them the third time, in furtherance of his constant and untiring efforts to present to the department his claim in such manner as well insure from the department a favorable action and insure for him that pension which his government has set apart as a reward for the services of his youthful & best days spent in the service of his country, and of which he greatly needs to support him in his declining years.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1837.

S/George Brooks

And the following questions were then propounded to the applicant, George Brooks, who first being duly sworn in due form of law, true answers to make such questions as might be propounded to him by the court, touching his services as a revolutionary soldier, and his application for a pension as such and the answers of the said George Brooks follows each question successively, to wit:

1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?

I was born on the fourth day of April 1762 in the State of Virginia, Mecklenburg County.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

I have no record of my age, but have frequently seen one in the possession of my father & family.

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

I was living in Spartanburg district South Carolina at all times when called into service except the tour mentioned in my declaration as a substitute for William Crutchfield at which time I lived in the State of Virginia, Mecklenburg County; I lived in Laurens district South Carolina six years; moved from there to Pendleton district South Carolina, lived there 29 years and move from there to the State of Georgia, DeKalb County where I now reside.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

I was called into service by voluntary enlistment when a draft was ordered and served in this capacity all the time except three months during which time I was a substitute for William Crutchfield.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

I do not now recollect any regular officers where I was. I do not recollect any of the regiments that is the number either Continental or militia. The general circumstances of my services or such parts of it as made the most lasting impression on my mind and such as I now can recollect owing to my old age, the consequent loss of memory and the great space of time that has since intervened, I have given in the foregoing declaration.

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

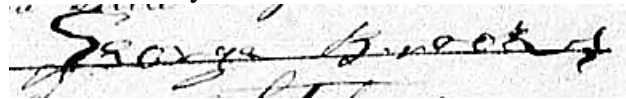
I received but one written discharge which is herewith submitted signed by Captain Samuel Marshall; at all other times I received only verbal discharges.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

The Reverend John M. Smith, Joel Morton & Thomas A. Sullivan; the Reverend John M. Smith is a regular ordained minister of the gospel.

S/George Brooks

[p 14: On March 22, 1855 in Cobb County Georgia, George Brooks applied for his bounty land entitlement as a revolutionary war soldier describing himself as a private and sometimes company Sergeant under Captain Moses Wood in different regiments of the United States militia commanded by Colonel Lew. Burrell & others.



. William Brooks a room resident of Cobb County Georgia gave a supporting affidavit but his relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

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George Brooks a Militia soldier  
in Colonel Burrells Ridgment is  
hareby Discharged  
October 25<sup>th</sup> 1781

Saml Marshall [Samuel Marshall]



Hugh Roack & you will Oblige your Humble Servant  
S/ Gorge Brooks



January 17, 1787

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The State of South Carolina

To George Brooks

Dr.

To 296 Days Duty done as Horsemen under  
Captain Moses Wood July 15<sup>th</sup> 1780 as per Captain Wood's  
Pay Bill & testified by Colonel Roebuck at 20/

£296

Stg.

£42.5.8 ½

Received \_\_\_ full satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 1160 X  
S/ Hugh Rork



[p 5: Printed form of Indent 1160 X]

[p 6: reverse of the above Indent]

Charleston January 23 1787

For value Received I assign over all my right Title & Interest in the within Indent to the Bearer  
Williams Thayer.

S/ George Brooks

