

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Casey S32158

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The State of Alabama, Autauga County

On the tenth day of February A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open court before the county court of said county now sitting William Casey a resident of said county and aged seventy-five years who 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 herein stated—In the year \_\_\_ he volunteered in a company of which Edward Hampton was Captain in the Regiment of which Thomas Branhan [Thomas Brandon] was Colonel, the time not remembered, however \_\_\_\_\_ Williamson [Andrew Williamson] was one of his Generals under the higher command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. At the time of his volunteering as above he was a resident of what was then called the 96th District of South Carolina. He marched from there to Augusta, Georgia thence to Savannah. He was in the battle of Savannah with the combined American and French forces. After the battle, he marched out to Briar Creek near Augusta where received a furlough—on condition that he should hold himself in readiness at a minute's warning. This period of service lasted four months.

During this time he was upon furlough, he was constantly engaged in skirmishing parties against the Tories and some few scattering British soldiers—not under regular command—but always holding himself in readiness to join any army which might come, or be raised, to reconquer that part of the country, which the defeat at Savannah had nearly placed again under the British rule. In these services he was engaged at least one month.

He was then compelled to leave that part of the country and went to North Carolina where he volunteered in the Army of General McDole [sic, Charles McDowell] in and near Rutherford County—was placed under Robert Beene as captain and under \_\_\_ Clarke [Elijah Clarke] as Colonel and was one of the detachment sent by General McDowell to take the fort [Fort Thickett] commanded by Moore [Patrick Moore], a Tory in the 96th District, S. C. After taking the fort and destroying it he returned to Rutherford County, N. C. This service lasted one month.

He then went to Franklin County, N. C. where he joined that were called "The County Rangers," whose employment was to watch the movements of the British forces under Cornwallis. In this service he was engaged three months. Swan Trenton [Swan Trouton] was his Captain. During this

service he traversed Franklin, Wake, Halifax and the adjacent Counties in N. C.

At the expiration of this last mentioned service, he volunteered in Franklin County, N. C. under John Robertson as Captain and under \_\_\_\_\_ Malbade [sic, Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmedy], a Frenchman as colonel and marched to meet General Greene [Nathanael Greene]--joined General Greene at what were called Troublesome Iron Works near Dan River, the day after the battle of Guilford—thence to Ramsay's Mill on Deep River of Chatham County, N. C. Cornwallis retreating, he marched to Camden S. C. and a few days before the battle of Camden [sic, the Battle of Logtown or the Battle of Hobkirk Hill] he, together with the forces with which he joined Greene, were discharged. His discharge he has lost and by whom it was signed he does not now recollect. This service lasted four months.

He has no documentary evidence to prove his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service with the exception of Jesse Brown whose affidavit respecting one of the services above related taken before Lott Warren, Judge of the Southern Circuit in Georgia he has procured and which is hereto annexed.

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.

To the several Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to be propounded by the Court he returns the following answers:

To the 1<sup>st</sup>: I was born in Franklin County North Carolina, in 1759.

To the 2<sup>nd</sup>: I have no record whatever.

To the 3<sup>rd</sup>: When I entered the service of the United States, I was a resident of the 96th District, S. C. Since the Revolutionary War I lived about twenty four or five years in Wilkes County, Ga—then about ten years in Morgan County, Ga—and for the last sixteen years in this County with the exception of 1832, when I lived in Shelby County in this State.

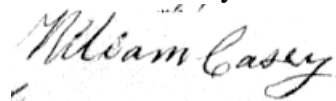
To the 4<sup>th</sup>: In every case I was a volunteer.

To the 5<sup>th</sup>: My answer to this interrogatory will be found in my declaration.

To the 6<sup>th</sup>: I received a written discharge only when I left Greene's Army near Camden, S. C. The loss of it I have before stated.

To the 7<sup>th</sup>: Peyton Bibb as a Clergyman and Thomas Smith.

S/ William Casey



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ Joseph Gaffe. Clk

[Peyton Bibb, a clergyman, and Thomas Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

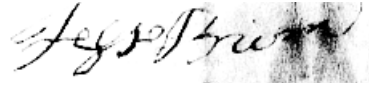
Georgia Early County: Before me Lott Warren, Judge of the Superior Courts of the Southern Circuit in said State personally came and appeared Jesse Brown of said County who being duly sworn on oath saith that in the month of June 1780 as well as deponent recollects, deponent knew William Casey then of North Carolina, but now of Shelby County Alabama. That the said case he was then a soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War, that deponent and the said Casey served as

soldiers in a detachment commanded by General Charles McDole in Rutherford County North Carolina and aided in taking a Fort commanded by a Tory named Moore.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th of December 1832

S/ Lott Warren, Judge

S/ Jesse Brown

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Brown", written in dark ink on a light background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]