

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Brown S34667

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State of Maryland

City of Baltimore Sct.

On this Twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen personally appeared before me the undersigned, John Brown residing in the City of Baltimore, aged seventy two years or thereabouts, an applicant for a pension under the late Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war" and then and there made the following declaration on Oath by me administered that he entered, as a private in the service of the United, on the continental establishment, at Petersburg, Virginia, in the early part of the year 1778, into Captain Jones's Company, of Col Yellotts Regiment, Virginia line. – that after continuing upwards of 9 mths in said company, he was appointed a "Military Horse keeper and farrier" to the Continental Army, then stationed at Petersburg – which situation he filled for some time, during which period, deponant supplied that line with all the horses they required, and fulfilling the duties thereof, deponant met with many losses, wherein he hath never been refunded. About the month of Nov'r. 1780 was appointed "Quarter Master" under Col Yellott then acting as "Quarter Master General," on that district or line, that he, deponant, was sent by order of Gen'l. Washington, to reconnoitre the enemy, just before the taking of Cornwallis [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], was attached to the line at the battle of "yorktown," "at the taking of Cornwallis" &c. in which commission as "quarter master" he continued until the close of the war, and believes he always met the approbation of Generals Washington and Yellott. – his Commission and other documents have long since been lost or destroyed, owing to his conceiving them of no further value. that there is no Officer of private of the said line now living in the City or County of Baltimore, within his knowledge, that his name hath never been inscribed on any pension list, therefore hath none to relinquish, and, that from his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support. [signed] John Brown

United States of America

Maryland District, Ss:

ON this eleventh day of July 1820, personally appeared in open court, in the District Court in and for the District John Brown 2^d aged seventy three years, resident in the City of Baltimore in said District who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: That he enlisted at Petersburg in the State of Virginia in the early part of the year 1778 in Capt Jone's Com'y in the Virginia Line, but through the favor of Col. Yelliott Bannister he was removed therefrom and appointed "Horse Keeper & Farrier to the Continental Army" – That he supplied the Army with Waggons, Horses & drivers, especially those required under the Command of Cols. [William] Washington & [Theodorick] Bland, and was occasionally employed as quarter master. That he was disabled in the service but never applied for a pension until the late Act of Congress, when he was placed on the Revolutionary Pension Roll of the Maryland Agency at the rate of \$8 per month commencing from the 25th April 1818 as will appear by his Pension Certificate No 4066 and bearing date the 30th October 1818.

and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in

trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule referred to within, viz:

That he hat 6 common chairs, two tables, one bureau, some crockery-ware of various kinds, a small quantity of kitchen furniture or cooking apparatus, some plates, dishes &c and sundry other small articles too tedious to enumerate, the whole would not sell at Auction for more than \$50. say – \$60.—

The services of a manumited negro man who has about 5 years to serve, but whose services is of little value the sum here put down would be accepted for him 75.—
\$135.—

That his family who are dependent on him consists of his two daughters, to wit: Mary Ann aged 13 years & Margaret aged 15 years. That he hath no trade, and from advanced age and nearly total loss of eye sight, he is incapable of doing any kind of business to assist toward a living and were it not for the Pension he receives as a Revolutionary soldier he could not possibly support himself except from private or public charity.

John Brown