

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

1818 Pension Application of Thomas Brown: S 35790

Transcribed and annotated by James Lee East

State of Kentucky Cumberland County

This day **Thomas Brown** personally came before me Christopher Tompkins, Circuit Judge for the State and County aforesaid & made oath that he enlisted in the continental army of the United States pending the revolutionary war with England as Musician (Drummer) in the month of February or March 1777 in Captain Reed's company [Capt. Nathan Reid's Company] for three years, which company was attached to the 14th Virginia Regiment [Organized 12 February 1777] commanded by Col. Lewis. Before the expiration of said three years he reenlisted in said Company & Regiment in November or December 1778 to serve during the war at which time the said Regiment was commanded by Col. Davis [Col. William Davies; Regiment now called the "First and Tenth Virginia Regiment"]. This affiant continued in said Regiment after reenlistment on furlough till the spring following when orders were given to all on furlow & to the new recruits to march to the lower part of Virginia to join the Southern Army. This affiant served his first campaign under Genl Geo. Washington in the northern States. In the Spring of 1779 this affiant arrived at Petersburg Va. where he received orders to join Captain Gregs Company in the Regiment commanded by Col. Heath [Colonel William Heath, Commander of the Second Virginia Detachment] in which he remained till taken sick with the fever & ague & sent to the hospital. After his recovery this affiant had orders to join Capt Striplins company [Sigismund Stribling] in the battallion or Regiment commanded by Major Sneed [Smith Sneed] in which he continued & served during the whole of the Southern campaign. Headquarters at the High Hills of Santee River.

Gen. Green issued orders for the Regiment to which this affiant belonged to return to Virginia. This affiant on getting to Virginia was ordered to the barracks at Cumberland Old Court House where he joined Capt Kilpatrick's Company [Abram Kirkpatrick] under Col. Phebaker (?) [Colonel Christian Febiger] & there remained till ordered to the Winchester Barracks to guard Burgoyne prisoners. This affiant remained at Winchester under the command of Genl Peter Muhlenburg until the British prisoners were exchanged & until he was honorably discharged by said Muhlenburg having served more than five years. This affiant lost his discharge at Gillespies Station in the State of North Carolina (now Tennessee) when said station was taken & burned by the Cherokee Indians at which place his family was captured & this affiant badly wounded [Gillespie Station Indian Attack, October 17, 1788 (now in Blount Co., Tenn.)]. This affiant is now a citizen of Barren County Ky & from his reduced circumstances in life stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. He has never received a pension from his country heretofore.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me [Signature of "**Thos Brown**"]
Judge as aforesaid this 8th day of
June, 1818.

[Signature of Christopher Tompkins]

State of Kentucky, Cumberland County and Circuit Court.

I, **Milton King** the Afistant Clerk in and for the Cumberland Circuit Court Do Certify that Christopher Tompkins whose signature is subscribed to the foregoing affidavit

is and was at the date thereof acting as a Circuit Judge in and for the Cumberland Circuit regularly commissioned and duly qualified, and that full faith and credit is & ought to be given to all his official acts and such, and that his attestation is in due form of law.

In Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Circuit Court to be affixed at my Office in the Town of Burksville the 9th day of June 1818 and of the Commonwealth aforesaid the scscvii (?)

[Signature of "**Milton King**"]

I do further certify, that I am satisfied from the evidence of **Wm. Owens & Benjamin McDowell** of Adair County, that **Wm. Caldwell** whose name is subscribed to the within affidavit, is a man of good character & worthy of credit on his oath; being as far as they know or believe, wholly disinterested in the matter about which he has been sworn. Given under my hand the 7th June 1820.

[Signature of "**Christ. Tompkins**"]

This day **William Caldwell** personally came before me **Christopher Tompkin**, Presiding Judge for the Cumberland Circuit Court in the State of Kentucky and made oath that he well knew the within named **Thomas Brown** in the revolutionary war with Great Britain & that said Brown was Drum Major to the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Lewis. This affiant served about one year under the command of Genl Weeden with said Brown both belonging to Weedens brigade altho to different regiments. This affiant after the battle at Monmouth was separated from said Brown & never served in the same brigade with him afterward. This affiant further states from his acquaintance with said Brown he verily believes the statements made by him in the within affidavit are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 17th June, 1819

[Signature of "**Wm Caldwell**"]

[Signature of "**Christopher Tompkins**"]

I do furthermore certify that I am satisfied from evidence & partly my own knowledge that the within named Thomas Brown is in reduced circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country for support. Given under my hand this 3rd July, 1819.

[Signature of "**Christopher Tompkins**"]

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Kentucky **X**

Thomas Brown **X**

of Barren Co in the state of Kentucky who was a Musician in the regiment commanded by Colonel Davies of the Virginia Line, for the term of War.

Subscribed on the Roll of Kentucky at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on the 8 of June 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 3rd of July, 1820 and sent to **J. R. Underwood Esq.** Glasgow Ky

Arrears to 4th of March 1820. 20 mos 23/30 4/31	\$167.16
Semi-anl. all'ce ending 4 Sep. 1820	\$48
	\$215.16

[Revolutionary claim, Act 18th March, 1818]

(Continued)

[following are notes on the back of the Pension Form above]:

Notice sent to J. R. Underwood, Esq. 8 Oct 1821 Glasgow, Kentucky
___? To T. Brown Jr & Pen. Agt July 23, 1834
___ ___ ___ and ___ to Thomas Brown in
Tompkinsville, Ky Jan 26, 1835

Died Dec. 31, 1842 (a.b.)

[following are apparent notes and judgment of Judge Tompkins]:

Decd 8th June 1818
Thomas Brown X
Musician X
enlisted in Febr 1777 for three years
Col. Lewis
14th Virg. Regt.
& before time ___ ___ enlisted in it
again for the War.

Admitted

[the following look like notes to the Judge by his clerk]:

The Judge must certify to the credibility
& disinterestedness of he witnesses. Also
to the service of the applicant.

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1821 Pension Application of Thomas Brown: S 35790

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State of Kentucky Monroe Circuit

July Term 1821

This day **Thomas Brown** produced and filed in court the following Declaration and schedule attached thereto to which he made oath in open court. Towitn

State of Kentucky. On this **11th day of July, 1821** personally appeared in open court towit in the Monroe Circuit Court being a Court of Record for the said County of Monroe and made so by an act of assembly in the 4th of June last resident in Monroe County in said State which County of Monroe was established by an act of the General Assembly out of the County of Barren and part of Cumberland County, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. He listed in the year 1777 in Capt Reeds Company [Capt. Nathan Reid] 14th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment which Regiment was commanded by Col. Lewis and served as stated in his original application dated as well as he recollects the 8th of June 1818 and to which he refers for further particulars the same being filed in the war office and on which a certificate of pension was granted him being No. _ and I do solemnly swears that he lives a resident citizen of the United States as 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 persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War signed (?) 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 anexed and by me subscribed that is to say one steer, one sow & six pigs, one horse, eight sheep, two small plows, one ax, saddle & bridle, one pair of drawing chains and fixings, two weeding hoes, two pots, oven & skillet and old spinning wheel and Red Draper furniture including plates, knives, forks, cups & a Bible Hymn Book and one or two other small books and a drum. My occupation is that of a farmer but I am unable to support myself by labour on account of old age and the effects of a wound received having been shot thro the body [Citico Massacre, August 8, 1788; Blount Co., Tenn.]. My family consists of my wife Margaret Brown aged about 63 years, my wifes mother Nancy Anderson aged about 87 years, my daughter Betsy Brown aged about 21, Polly Brown aged 18 and my grandchild Jese Brown an orphan and a cripple from the white swelling aged about 11.

[Signature of "**Thos Brown**"]

It is ordered to be certified that it is the opinion of this court from evidence that the Estate of Thomas Brown named and specified in the foregoing schedule is worth \$67.50.

I, William Butler, Clerk of the Monroe Circuit Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing Declaration schedule and oath are truly copied from the Records of said court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this **11th day of July 1821**.

Teste **Will Butler**