

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Brownlee S35799

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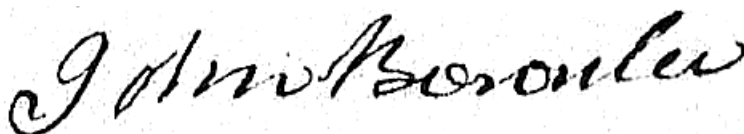
State of Kentucky

John Brownlee aged 60 years

This 29th Day of May 1818, Personally appeared before me Christopher Tompkins Circuit Judge of the Green Circuit, and Desiring to take the Benefit of the law of the Congress of the United States, makes Oath that sometime in the year 1777 he believes in the month of October, he enlisted in the County of Augusta & State of Virginia, in the Company of Captain Thomas Bell in the American Continental Service, in the revolutionary War with Great Britain, & in the 16th of Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Grason [sic, William Grayson], for the term of three years & Served the term of 10 months. He states that he was in the battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781], and was there wounded, in two places, receiving a ball in his cheek, and One in his thigh, Shortly after that, his wounds being uncured and rendering him unfit for Service, he was discharged, in or near Salisbury North Carolina, He does not recollect positively whether he received a written discharge or not, if he did he has lost it, He further states that he is now a citizen of Green County, and from his reduced Circumstances in life, Stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support,

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 29 May 1818.

S John Brownlee



S/ Christopher Tompkins

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State of Kentucky Greene County, to wit

This day personally came William Mitchell, George Bright & Windell Bright before me Samuel Brents one of the Judges of the County Court of Green County in the State aforesaid and the said Mitchell George & Wendell Bright severally made Oath that John Brownlee who has made application for a pension under the Act of Congress of the United States did enlist in the Service of the United States in the revolutionary War with Great Britain under Continental establishment & that the enlistment took place sometime in the year 1777 and that the said John Brownlee enlisted & Served in the 16th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Grayson and that after the said enlistment the said John Brownlee did serve for and During the term of nine months in one Continued tour in the Service aforesaid. The said Mitchell & George & Wendell state that they knew of the said John Brownlee going out & returning home & that he was wounded in the Service.

This 28th of June 1819. Subscribed by the deponents.

S/ William Mitchell
S/ Windel Bright¹
S/ George Bright

Sworn to & subscribed before eight the day & year aforesaid.
S/ Samuel Brents, JPGC

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District of Kentucky Green County

On this Twenty Sixth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record for the County of Green John Brownlee, aged Sixty one years, resident of said County and district, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, in the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson in Captain Thomas Bell's company which will more fully appear by my affidavit under date the 29th May 1818 filed in the Secretary of War's office and on which Issued a Pension Certificate on the 6th day of September 1819 numbered 14101 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 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, one Cow-- Set of Carpenter's Tools, Two Kettles, two pots & two ovens, one pare [sic, pair] of hand Irons—I have no money and am in debt upwards of Two hundred dollars. I am a Carpenter by Trade, but at this advanced age cannot support myself and family by my labor. I have a wife, an old woman – also four daughters and a grand daughter living with me by name Sally aged 25, Polly aged 22, Jane aged 16, Caroline aged 12, my granddaughter aged four years. I have two sons that are upwards of twenty one years of age, at times make my house their home, but are laboring for their own Support.

S/ John Brownlee

Sworn to and declared on the 26th day of June 1820 before the Green County Court in Session.

S/ John Barret, Clker

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To the Honorable Secretary of War

Your Petitioner John Brownlee begs leave to Suggest to your honor, that he feels aggrieved by your decision upon his Claim as Pensioner, and prays that you would reconsider his claim.

He states that he is aged about Sixty Two years, and has a wife nearly the same age – that he is in quite reduced circumstances and not able to labor for a support. That in his affidavit and Schedule dated 26th of June 1820 it was stated that he had two Sons and four daughters living with him, when in truth and in fact, himself and wife are and were living with one of them, and supported mostly by their charity. Your Petitioner during the revolutionary war received to Sever wounds while fighting for his Country and now has a rupture – which in addition to his old age and decline of strength much disables him from labor. He therefore begs to be continued on your list of Pensioners – with the privilege of drawing his arrearages of Pension.

For the truth of the foregoing .facts your Petitioner refers to the following affidavits.

S/ John Brownlee

¹ [Windel \(Wyndle\) Bright W27861](#)

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William Brownlee makes oath that John Brownlee lives with him, and has made his house his home for several years past, that the said John is aged and infirm and has no other means of a support than by his own labor – that the four Daughters named in the Petition of the said John lives with him the said William Brownlee also, and has lived with him since long before the 26th of June 1820, that the said John is declining in health and strength rapidly – and has a rupture which frequently confines him to his bed.

Sworn to this 23rd day of April 1841 before me a Justice of the peace.

S/ Samuel Brents, JP

S/ William Brownlee



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James Allen and John Barrett make oath that they are well acquainted with the Petitioner John Brownlee, and have been for many years – that they believe he needs the assistance of his Country for a Support, That he is old and poor; and not able by his own labor comfotly [sic] to support himself and wife – that he is declining in health, and strength.

And the said James Allen on his part further states that he was acquainted with the said John Brownlee at the time he was in the Army and lived in the same neighborhood where the said Brownlee lived where it was well understood and believed that he was very severely wounded in the Battle of the Cowpens under General Morgan.

S/ James Allen

S/ John Barret

Sworn to this 23rd day April 1821 before me a justice of the peace for Green County in the State of Kentucky.

S/ Samuel Brents, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 29, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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I John Brownlee of the County of Green & State of Kentucky, do on oath declare that I in the year 1777 enlisted to serve three years in Captain Thomas Bell's Company in the sixteenth Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War. I was honorably discharged from the service – that I have never before made application for my bounty land [remaining text too faint to discern].

S/ John Brownlee

[The date of the attestation is too faint to read the year but was dated August 25.]