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Pension application of Brown Edwards S35910

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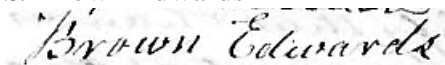
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State of Kentucky

On this 14th day of July 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Circuit Courts for the said State, personally appeared, Brown Edwards aged sixty-seven years, resident in Knox County and the said State, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by 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:" that he, the said Brown Edwards enlisted for the term of nine months on the 20th day of July in the year 1778 in Halifax in the state of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Quinn [Michael Quinn] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hogans [James Hogun] in the line of the State of North Carolina of the Continental Establishment; and that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the end of the said term, when he was discharged from the service in Halifax County, State of North Carolina. That he previously enlisted for three years under Captain Medicy [probably Cosmo de Medici] for the Dragoon Service but was detained [sic, detailed?] to ride post, was captured in that service & never received any compensation and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence in his power of his services, and he has lost his discharge.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid, in addition to his affidavit of October 1818.

S/ Brown Edwards



S/ Thomas Montgomery

I Brown Edwards a private in the North Carolina Continental Line enlisted in Halifax in Halifax County in Captain Medicey's [Cosmo de Medici] Company for the Horse Company after my Enlistment I was Detained by Colonel Nicholas Long of said County Quarter Master to Ride the post for three years & four months in the year 1778 I enlisted under Colonel James Hoguns [James Hogun] of the Continental line Commanded by General Washington then rendezvoused at Petersburg on the 20th of July 1778 when I was received by Gee Bradley Captain & Captain Quin [Michael Quinn] a Continental officer then marched to Philadelphia then to West Point on North River then marched back to Philadelphia when inoculated for the Small pocks [smallpox] in Spring took shipping at Philadelphia to Chisteen bridge [sic, Christian Bridge in Delaware?] then marched to the head of Elk thence took shipping and came around to Virginia and marched back to Halifax and was discharged by Gee Bradley Captain at the Request of General James Hogun Commander of the North Carolina Continental Army which Discharge I have lost. In July 1778 I hired two soldiers for the term of nine months they rendezvoused at Petersburg on the 20th of July 1778 for use of said Army. Under inoculation said

William Cane and wineoak Charles [Wineoak Charles] died at Philadelphia when I was discharged at Halifax my discharge was in these words[“] this may Certify that Brown Edwards has served nine months as a good and faithful soldier and this is his Discharge[”]. In the year 1781 I enlisted under Abner Ellin [Abner Ellen] Captain, marched to Guilford in the Battle I was wounded on my forehead on my right thigh and leg After the Battle I was ordered by General Butler & Col. Thomas to ride the post which I did to General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Quarters in South Carolina near Camden on my Return I was taken Prisoner by Mygirth [sic, Daniel McGirt ?] a Tory Robber who took my Horse and my Light Horse A discharge that certified I has served three years under Captain Medicy for the want of said Discharge I could get no pay for my services after I left McGirt on the 29th of April 1781 I got the public papers again and delivered them to Colonel Thomas at Wake Court House when I was Discharged which Discharge I have at present to show my age is about 66 or thereabouts to the best of [my] Recollection the Whole of my Service was three years and nine months In the Continental Army and six months in the Militia first under Henry Dawson Captain & under Abner Ellen Captain Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas [Abisha Thomas] commander 1 R. NC .

S/ Brown Edwards

James Alsop being sworn saith that the above named Brown Edwards is a man of Troops & a man in poor circumstances.

[Attested by Richard Ballinger, Clerk of Knox Circuit Court, October 12, 1818.]

State of Kentucky, Knox Circuit: July Term 1820

Brown Edwards (an applicant for a pension) came into Court and made oath that the statements made in his Certificate of enlistment &c were true which statement is ordered to be recorded, and is and words and figures following (to wit) “State of Kentucky, 12th Judicial District, and Circuit Court for Knox County

On the 12th day of July A.D. 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, in the Circuit Court aforesaid, it being a Court of record by act of Assembly proceeding accordingly to the course of the Common Law, Brown Edwards, aged about 68 years, resident in Knox County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, and addition to his Affidavit &c by which he obtained his pension certificate number 15169 doth on his oath declare that he served as a soldier in the revolutionary War three years, as a post Rider, and nine months with the Infantry, that he enlisted for three years in the Company commanded by Captain Medici of the Cavalry, under which enlistment he was ordered to act as a post-Rider and actually did perform said service for the term aforesaid, and at the end thereof was regularly discharged, that his enlistment for nine months was under Captain Bradley in the Regiment commanded by James Hogun of the North Carolina line upon the Continental establishment, that he believes that the whole of his services, or as a soldier of the Continental Army. He further declared on his oath that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule below by him signed Viz.: He has no land, he has one Horse of the value of \$30, and not more. One cow. One yearling heifer & one calf, the whole not worth more than \$20. A Stock of hogs about 21 in number, not exceeding the value of \$21, he owes no debts worth naming. And there is not more than one dollar owing to him. Signed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court.

S/ Brown Edwards

“The said Brown Edwards at the same time stated further upon his Oath, that his occupation is farming, or Cultivating the earth, but that he is not able to perform much labor owing to his age, and

the infirm state of his body, that he has no wife living with him, that he has but two children, a daughter, who is married, and has a family in Kentucky, the name of his said daughter is Mary, another daughter named Nancy, married to John Whitehead of Halifax County North Carolina. Sworn to and declared by said Brown Edwards on the said 15th day of July A.D. 1820 for me in Open Court, as Presiding Judge of the war in Knox Circuit Court.

S/ John L. Bridges

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 25 September 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify, that, it appears from the muster rolls of North Carolina Continental line for the Revolutionary War, that Brown Edwards a private in Captain Mumfort's [Joseph Montford] company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 20th of July 1778 for the term of nine months – There are no remarks opposite his name, it is therefore a son that he served out the time for which he enlisted.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 14th, 1819 for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]