Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Brown S36929 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 23 Dec 2017.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [8 May 1819]

I James Brown a citizen of the United States, born in Prince William County Virginia, now resident in Fairfax in the District of Maine, upon oath testify and declare, (being fifty nine years of age) that the last of December 1776 I enlisted as a private soldier for the term of three years, in the war of the revolution, against the common enemy upon the continental establishment in Capt Gallihue's [Charles Gallahue] company, but commanded by Lieut Davis [Jesse Davis W8652] and Col. Daniel Morgan's regiment, of the Virginia line. Under this enlistment I continued to serve until December 1777 when I again enlisted as a private for the period of during the war in Capt Wright's company and the same Col. Daniel Morgan's regiment of the Virginia line but my company was afterwards assigned to the first Virginia regiment commanded by Co. Russel [sic: William Russell] of the same Virginia line. Under this enlistment I continued to serve and was marched to Charleston South Carolina and was there taken prisoner upon the surrender of that city in [12] May 1780. I remained a prisoner until May 1781 when I made my escape, but did not arrive home until after the close of the war, and therefore took no formal discharge. I was in the battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine PA, 11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and at the seige of Charleston. Being at a great distance from my native state, I am unable to furnish further evidence of my service. For my reduced circumstances, I need the assistance of my country for support. And I do hereby relinquish all my claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the U. States, if any; but I am not to my knowledge borne on any pension list whatever.

State of Maine. [13 May 1820]

To the Honorable the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Counties of Lincoln, Kennebec and Somerset.

I, James Brown, the second of Fairfax in the County of Kennebec aforesaid, a pensioner on the Maine roll, under the law of the United States, 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 March, 1818, do hereby exhibit the following schedule of my whole estate and income (necessary clothing and bedding excepted,) viz; I am utterly destitute of property, excepting my wearing apparel; I have no income derived from trade or profession; and being aged and infirm, am unable to obtain but little from my manual labor, which is the only source from which I am able to gain any subsistence.

James Brown 2^d.

etumes 200W/

[The following is from <u>rejected claims in the Library of Virginia</u> together with misfiled documents pertaining to James Brown W3760.]

I, James Brown, aged sixty years, a citizen of the United States, born in Prince Williams County in the state of Virginia, now resident in Fairfax Kennebec County, District of Maine, upon oath testify and declare, that in December 1776 I enlisted as a private soldier into the war of the revolution against the common enemy, upon the continental establishment, for the term of three years in the company commanded by Captain Gallihue, and in Col. Morgan's Regiment of the Virginia line, and after having served about one year I entered into the same Company and Regiment for the period of during the war. I was in the battles at Brandywine and Germantown, and in the siege at Charleston, where I was taken prisoner. I remained a prisoner part of the time on board the prisonship, more than eleven months, in

Charleston, from which place I made my escape from the enemy, but not being able to find any of the officers of my regiment, and being naked [one or two undeciphered words] and wholly destitute of the means of marching, I never joined my Regiment afterwards. I served in the regiment and as a prisoner nearly four years, but being in a remote part of the District of Maine I am unable to procure any evidence of my services.

& cons sisce

[4 Nov 1819]