

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Brown S39217

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State of South Carolina } Ss.

Richland District }

James Brown maketh oath that in the year 1780, being then a resident of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County in the State of Virginia he enlisted as a Soldier to serve for Eighteen months & at Leesburg was sworn in by Francis Peyton Colo of the Canty from thence he marched to Fredericksburgh [sic: Frederricksburg] Richmond Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] from thence to Chesterfield Barracks which was head quarters for Rendezvous, where Captain Joseph Selden of the 2<sup>d</sup> Virginia Regiment took charge of him Col. John Green having at that time the command of said Regiment. That after the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he marched to Cumberland Court House and received an honorable Discharge having served out his full time, his Discharge signed by Major John Polston [sic: John Poulson] which he has since lost. That he received his pay from John Starke paymaster. That he fought in the Battle of Guildford in North Carolina [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. That he is so far removed from the residence of his former officers & comrades in the Revolutionary army that he knows not whether any of them be living from whom to obtain certificates of the above facts, & too poor & feeble to be able to travel back to Virginia to obtain such information but is in hopes that being thus particular in his recital his Country may within their own records either at Washington or at Richmond find his name duly enrolled among its Defenders in their time of need

He further maketh oath, that his time of need has come upon him being old & worn out; with a large family to support, by only his own Labour. That this duty he is entirely unable to perform, or indeed to support himself – and that he verily believes he is a fit object for the Benevolence of his Country & entitled to the relief proposed to be given by the act of Congress to the superannuated and destitute Soldiers of the Revolution

[signed] James Brown

Sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> December 1818

Langdon Cheves on of the Associate Justices of the State of So. Carolina.

District of Columbia }

South Carolina }

On this twenty sixth day of June 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said District, James Brown, aged sixty four years, resident near Columbian in the said District, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: viz: in Virginia under Capt. Joseph Selden, the Second Virginia Regiment Colonel Green: – served eighteen months; enlisted about the middle of the year 1780, and discharged 31<sup>st</sup> Dec'r. 1781 – Date of his last declaration he believes was in December 1818 made before Judge Cheves: – has not his pension certificate with him, and cannot remember the number of the same. – And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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: to wit:

1 old horse and cart valued at \$15 –

6 head stock cattle 6 –

14 head of small hogs

14 —  
65 —

He also swears that he is a farmer, he is very old and weak. Has seven in his family, his wife Esther, aged forty nine, daughter Sally aged nineteen, daughter Lucy aged sixteen, Nancy aged fourteen, James aged eleven, Martha aged nine – His family are not in good health, and very little able to work.