

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Brockus S39224

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State of Tennessee }
Knox County } On this 8th day of June 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for the State of Tennessee personally appeared John Brockus aged seventy one years resident in the county of Grainger Tennessee 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 John Brockus enlisted in the latter part of the year 1775 for two years in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Leach [sic: Andrew Leitch] of the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Weaden [sic: George Weedon] that he continued to serve in said United States service untill the expiration of his enlistment and was then discharged at Valley forge Pennsylvania. That he was in the battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], White Plains [28 Oct 1776] and Harlem heights [16 Sep 1776] – & said John Brockus also declares that after his aforesaid services he again entered the army as a Militia substitute for 18 months that towards the close of his 18 months tour which was the year 1779 or 1780 he enlisted in the United States for the war in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Wallace of the Regiment commanded by Colo. Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford] that he continued in said service of the United States untill the close of the said revolutionary war and was then discharged at Charlestown [Charleston SC] – that he was in the battle at the Cowpens [SC, 17 Jan 1781] – at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] – at Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] and at Camden [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780 or more likely Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] – that he has lost his discharges – that he is in very reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services – that he never has been a pensioner that he does hereby relinquish all claim whatever to pensions heretofore provided for except by the late act of Congress under which he now applies

John hisXmark Brockus

State of Tennessee }
Grainger County } Be it remember'd that on this 19th day of November 1821 Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, created by the State of Tennessee, for the County of Grainger, aforesaid John Brockus aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. that he the said John Brockus enlisted & served in the Revolutionary War two years, commencing in the year 1776 in the company commanded by John Peyton & third Regiment of Virginia line, commanded by Col Joseph Weeden [sic], on the continental establishment and afterwards served as a substitute one year and a half. and then enlisted during the war Served under Col Bluford & several others, as stated in a former Declaration, and was discharged by Gen [Nathanael] Greene in Charleston, South Carolina

Applicant has rec'd a pension Certificate No 5279 dated 12th day of January 1819.

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any other manner disposed of my property of any part thereof, with intent thereby to diminish it so 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 debts due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed viz

Schedule

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| A piece of land worth about | \$45.00 |
| One mare worth | 20.00 |
| Four head of Cattle | 20.00 |
| Eight Hogs & four Sheep | <u>17.50</u> |
| | \$102.50 |

In debt about \$8.00 & has no debts due him

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Declarant states that he is a farmer, but so infirm that he is unable to labour, his family consists of himself and wife Mary aged fifty three years in bad health, oldest child named Betsy, aged seven years, second child named John aged six years, & third & youngest child named David, aged four years.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written

John hisXmark Brockus