

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Brown S39229

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I William Daniel one of the Judges of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit including the County of Campbell do certify that John Brown a resident of said County came this day [25 Aug 1818] before me and made the following declaration upon Oath in order that he may be enabled to obtain the provision lately made by an Act of Congress for certain persons who were engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War — that is to say, that he the said John Brown now about the age fifty Eight years in the year 1777 joined the American Army at Valley Forge, & was in the commencement under the command of Captain William Mosely of the 7th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment, for a tour of twelve months; but that on a consolodation of the Regiments, he was transfered to the command of Capt John Blackwell of the 3rd Virginia Regiment of General [William] Woodford's Brigade. That he served the said tour of 12 months and was discharged at MiddleBrooke, & that he has no other evidence now at his command, of his said service — That he is now in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support; being disabled by the palsy and incapable of bodily labour — and I do further certify that Edward Lynch came also this day before me and solemnly affirmed according to Law, that he is personally and well acquainted with the above named John Brown & that he is an infirm man & in reduced circumstances as in his declaration is above set forth and further that he thinks he needs the aid of his country for support.

State of Virginia SS.

Hustings Court of Lynchburg Nov'r. 1820.

On this 9th day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appeared in open Court, expressly constituted a Court of Record by the laws of the Com[monweal]th of Virginia, John Brown, aged Sixty one years, resident within the county of Campbell in the state of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz: That he the said John Brown on the — day of February 1777. enlisted for the term of one year in the county of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. William Moseley in the Seventh Regiment of Infantry Commanded by what Colonel he does not know in the line of the State of Va. on the Continental establishment, and joined the army at Valley Forge where the 7th and 3^d Regiments were united, and he then fell into the company of Capt. Blackwell in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colo. John Heath, in which regiment he continued untill he was discharged at Middlebrook in New Jersey — and as to his particular services he begs leave to refer to his former declaration and on which he received a pension certificate, and was inscribed on the pension roll at the rate of Eight dollars per month. That he hath heretofore made a declaration of his services & circumstances (the date whereof he cannot recollect, but supposes it was dated on the 25th day of August 1818. from his drawing a pension from that day) and obtained a Certificate of a pension of Eight dollars per month from the said 25th day of August 1818. which certificate bears date on the 12th day of March 1819. and is numbered 7515. And the said John Brown doth solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he hath not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring himself 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 he has not nor hath any person in trust for him any property or securities, contracts or debts due him, nor any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed — That he has no family. That he is a Bricklayer by trade — That his constitution is is weakened by age, the hardships undergone in his youth, together with an attack of the dead palsey by which he has lost the use of his left side so as completely to prevent him from using that exertion and application which would be useful and

production. That he has acted as Constable in the county of Campbell for a few years past by which he has been enabled to acquire a precious subsistence. — That he hath no property whatever except — one horse, one cow, one sow & three pigs, a few old chairs, two pine tables, two pots and one dutch oven, one small brass kettle, a few plates, knives, forks and spoons.

(signed) John Brown