

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David E. Brown S39239

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District of West Tennessee

David E Brown aged 67 a citizen of Davidson County in the State of Tennessee came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his services as a soldier in the Continental Army during the revolutionary war, and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted into the service of the United States in the Continental Army in the spring of 1776 under the command of Captain Henry Daniel in the 5th North Carolina Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Buncombe, that he enlisted for two years and a half, that he faithfully served his said term and was discharged. That he has long since lost or mislaid his discharge. That he has no other Proof than is here with enclosed in his power. That he is a very poor man & such reduced circumstances that he stands in need of aid from Government. That he never has had any pension from the United States or any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 21st day of September 1818

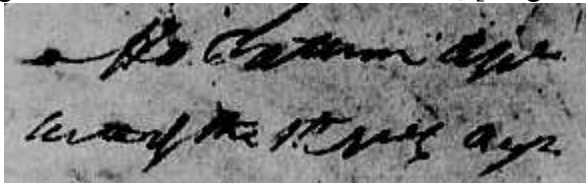
S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ David E Brown, X his mark

Major Howell Tatum¹ formerly a Captain in the revolutionary war made oath that he has had a conversation with the applicant David E Brown concerning the officers & circumstances of the Army during the time he states he served, that he is satisfied that he was of the Army from early in the year 1776 until April 1778 or thereabout.

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ Ho. Tatum, [illegible]

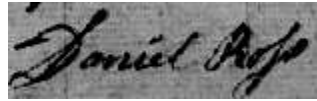
A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Howell Tatum". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Captain Daniel Ross a citizen of Davidson County made oath that he is well acquainted with the said David E Brown, that he is a very poor man and needs aid from Government, that he would confide in his statements on oath or otherwise. That he about four years ago bought from him his land warrant for 228 acres granted to him by North Carolina which was the quantity of acres allowed by the State of North Carolina to the soldiers in the revolutionary war for two

¹ [Howell Tatum R2027](#)

years & a half service.

S/ David Ross

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Daniel Pope". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Schedule

Declaration in order to be continued on the pension List under the act of May 18 1820 County of Lawrence State of Tennessee County Court April Term 1826 on this 3rd day of March 1826 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for said County having power of fine and imprisonment David E Brown resident in said County of Lawrence aged about 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said David E Brown enlisted for the term of 2 years about the 1st of May in the year 1776 in the State of North Carolina in Martin County in the company commanded by Henry Dannold [sic, Henry Darnall or Darnald] in the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Buncombe in the line of the State of North Carolina in the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve and that he continued to serve in the said Company and Regiment until the 5th Regiment was broke and he then was put in the Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Coleman and the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel John Patton in the Line of said State in the Continental establishment where he continued to serve until discharged about the 1st May 1778 at Camps on the Schuylkill River in the State of Pennsylvania but have long since lost his said discharge and has no evidence of his said service in his power except his own oath that he was in the Battle of Brandywine where he had his under jaw bone broke by a ball that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name has been placed on the pension List that the Number of his pension certificate is Blank having no Number on it but was given at the war office of the United States on the 7th day of June 1819 and commenced at the rate of \$8 per month on the 21st day of September 1818 and that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property because it has been out of his power by affiant to do so that besides the Schedule exhibited in Nashville he made application in the County Court of Lawrence on Monday the 6th of October 1823 being October Term of said Court and filed his Schedule in due form according to the then existing laws that he took out a copy duly certified and sent it by mail to the war Department but he is informed that it never came to hand that he has used all the means in his power since he was discontinued to be [indecipherable word] on the roll a copy of his application is in Lawrence County is here with transmitted which was done as soon as he could get any person to do his writing for him

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 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

One Cow and 2 Heifers
1 Plough and five chains

2 pales one Table
1 Chair and pot and hooks
1 Drawing Knife Auger and hand Saw
1 Bible 16 [illegible] and Blanket 1 ax
1 hoe ½ Dozen spoons 5 plates 1 Dish 2 chairs
1 Saddle tree & Bridle and 1 wheel
1 Iron Kettle 1 Ruler
part of Cart Tyne nenging [?] about 15 [illegible]

S/ David E Brown, X his mark

That since the 18th Day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property Tree fell on one of my horses and killed him I sold another horse for \$32 and one cow and young bull for \$9.75 in money and Two ? and one half of Corn the Corn I used and I was out the whole of the money I got for the horse and cattle for provisions to support myself and family that he was at that time very poor and still is that my family consists of myself as aforesaid by occupation a farmer but unable to labor by reason of age and the palsy which some times renders me unable to go out and in and my wife aged 62 years tolerable stout of her age but not wholly able to support herself.

S/ David E Brown, X his mark

[in the attached copy of his 1823 schedule, he restates some of the above statements but adds that he was in the Battle of Germantown and that he used to live in Davidson County, Tennessee but now lives in Lawrence County, Tennessee.]

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 12th May 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary war, that David Brown a private in Captain Darnal's Company of the 5th Regiment was in service in said Line as a war Soldier in 1777 and was discharged in April 1778.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 26: in April 1826 in Lawrence County Tennessee, Reuben Brown (relationship if any to the veteran not stated) gave a supporting affidavit as to the disposition of some of the veteran's property as set forth in the veteran's schedule.]

[fn p. 28-29: yet another schedule filed by the veteran, this one dated Oct. 24, 1825 and substantially identical to the above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 21, 1818, for 2 1/2 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]