Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Brown S40753
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Chester County: SS

On the 31st day of January 1825 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas held and kept at West Chester in and for the County of Chester in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being a Court of record proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings.

James Brown a resident in said County aged 73 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 1st of May 1820.

That he the said James Brown enlisted during the war in the year 1776 (as well as he can now recollect) in the State of North Carolina in the 1st Company 6th Regiment in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the war when he was discharged from the Service in Reading in the State of Pennsylvania: that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present. That his name is on the rolls of the State of North Carolina And that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension are that living at this time in Pennsylvania he was not aware till lately that he could make application as he served in the North Carolina line and as he was not aware that he could make proof of his service till he got a letter from the Honorable Isaac Wayne member of Congress enclosing the accompanying certificate from the war Department.

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, That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property to wit 2 cows in addition to the property now returned both of which had since died.

One Table, 3 Chairs, one pot & skillet

1 tea kettle, one Sett of Cooper tools, one bed & Bedding, a few plates, dishes Cups & saucers knives and forks, Andirons, Shovel & tongs, and a few other articles of household furniture of little value.

S/ James Brown, X his mark

Present S/ J. D. Barnard Sworn & subscribed in open Court February 2, 1825 S/ Wm Williamson, Prothy.

The deponent saith that he is by occupation a Cooper and is 73 years of age has a wife living with him aged 82 years infirm and bedfast has one daughter who is not able to contribute to his support. That this deponent is now indebted to divers persons to them out of \$200 which he is totally unable to pay and further that he is infirm and wholly unable to support himself by his labor. Petitioner's family consist of himself and his wife Mary.

Sworn & subscribed in open court February 2, 1825 S/ James Brown, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that James Brown a private in Captain White's Company of the 6th Regiment, was mustered on the 8th of May 1776, for 3 years and discharged on the 10th of May 1779.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh this 18th of December 1824 S/Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 2nd, 1825, for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]