

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mason Broom S41457

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The Memorial of Mason Broom of Greene County State of North Carolina to the Honorable the Secretary of Or

Your Memorialist humbly sheweth that during the Revolutionary war he was a soldier and fought for the Independence of his country. He enlisted in Captain Reading Blount's [sic, Redding Blount] Company which belonged to the 5th Regiment of North Carolina (Infantry) commanded by Colonel Buncombe. He is unable to say at what time he enlisted but believes it was during the first years of the war. He was at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and served his country two years and six months (the time for which he enlisted) and then obtained his discharge which was destroyed through the ignorance of his family and when it is buyer was not known. He is now poor and needy and humbly prays that he may receive a pension according to the law passed at the last session of Congress for the relief of surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution. And as in duty bound will ever pray &c

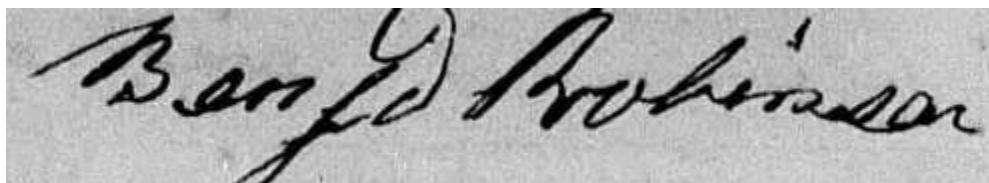
S/ Mason Broom, X his mark

Mason Broom being duly sworn deposes and says that the matter and things contained in the above memorial are true.

S/ Mason Broom, X his mark

Benjamin Robertson¹ being duly sworn deposes and says that he was a soldier in the same company with Mason Broom and that he said Mason Broom served in the term of 2 years and 6 months in the Continental troops.

S/ Benfd [?] Robinson

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Benfd Robinson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 20th April 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it

¹ [Benjamin Robinson S41996](#)

appears from the musterrolls of the North Carolina Line in the Revolutionary war that Mason Broom a private in Captain Blount's Company of the 5th Regiment in the said Line, enlisted on the 2nd day of April 1776 for two and a half years and was discharged in October 1778.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

District of North Carolina

On this 14th day of August A.D. 1821, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County of Greene, by proceeding according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, by keeping a record of its proceedings and having power to fine & imprison, Mason Broom aged 63 years resident in Greene County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: that he is in the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe, in the Company commanded by Captain Reddin Blount and in the North Carolina line; that the date of the original declaration which in April 1819 – That he has received a pension & that the number of his Certificate is No. 14588

And 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 is one bed & bedstead, 2 blankets, one pot & skillet, 1 pail, one ax, 1 weeding hoe & 1 plow the whole estimated at \$15.

S/ Mason Broom, X his mark

The declarant states that he is by occupation a laborer, that in consequence of his age & infirmity he is ill able to pursue it, that he has an aged wife 61 years old & an infant grandchild residing with him, who are a burden rather than an assistance to him & finally that he is [in] such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the aid of his Country.

Sworn to & declared on the 14th day of August A.D. 1821 before

S/ J. Spiegth Williams, JP

S/ Jas. Harper, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 6, 1818, for 2 years & 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]