

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Brown S45835

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Territory of Florida County of Jefferson } SS: In Superior Court November Term 1833

On this day the 27th of November A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court now sitting John Brown a resident of the County & Territory aforesaid aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 -- That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated --

That about the year 1778 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Captain John Conyerses [sic, John Conyers] in the State of South Carolina -- that he continued for about fifteen months in the Company of that officer. That John Freeman was first Lieutenant -- That he does not recollect the names of the second Lieutenant or Ensign of said company. That upon quitting the command of Captain Conyers at the end of fifteen months he joined the Company of Captain Thomas Ray with whom he remained about [indecipherable word]¹ months longer. That he does not recollect the names of others of the lieutenants or ensigns of Ray's company. That at the time of volunteering, he resided in the State of South Carolina in Barnwell district, near Coosawhatchie -- That from the place which he enrolled himself he marched to Mathews Bluff then to [indecipherable word, looks like "Pongatalligo"]² -- from which point he was marched to the vicinity of Ninety Six and thence to Cuff [?] Town³ from which place he was marched to Three Runs -- where he went in the direction and soon arrived at Mathews Bluff. That being only a volunteer and in the character of scout or spy he was not concerned with any regular engagements -- That he was not at any time under the command of any officer of higher grade than a Captain, and received no written discharge.

1 *to the*
2 *Pongatalligo*
3 *Cuff Town*

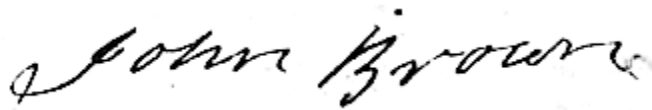
And the said declarant further states that he was in active service for about the space of two years & three months -- sometimes however permitted to return home, but soon ordered into service again -- Yet [?] that he is entirely satisfied that he was on duty not less than fifteen months --

And he further states, he resides in Jefferson County and Territory of Florida above named and has resided there for near four years, and that before he removed to this Territory he resided in Georgia, Hancock County --

That he was born in the year 1763 in the State of Georgia in what was then as he believes known as the Province but now as the County of Screven -- That he does not know of any person residing in this Country, who knew him to have been engaged in the services in the United States -- That by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot state with more precision or definiteness, than as is herein above set forth, the facts and circumstances of his service -- But he refers [to] William Mathews Jr & Abram Bellamy Esquire as persons who are acquainted with him in his present place of residence, and who can testify to his character for veracity, and to the fact of his being regarded & considered in his neighborhood as a soldier of the Revolution --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State. William H. Mathews being absent at the moment Jesse Goodman is the minister referred to for character
Sworn to in open Court

S/ John Brown

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Brown". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

27 November 1833

S/ Wm Budd, DC

[Jesse Goodman, a clergyman, and Abram Bellamy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]