

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Brooke<sup>1</sup> S46423

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Prince William County Virginia, to wit:

Edmund Brooke personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in the aforesaid County, and made oath that he was appointed a Capt. Lieut. in the first Continental Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. Harrison [Charles Harrison] during the Revolutionary War between the American Colonies and Great Britain. That he joined the said Regiment, and remained in active service for several months before the invasion of the State of Virginia by Lord Cornwallis, being employed in transporting military stores, and various other services. That after Cornwallis's invasion, he shared in all the toils and hardships incident to a Camp life, remaining constantly with the Company of Artillery to which he was attached until a few weeks before the Siege of York, when he was compelled by a severe spell of sickness, contracted by exposure, fatigue and hard fare, to leave the Army until his health was restored. He left camp with the leave, and by the advice of his Commanding officer, Capt. Coleman [Whitehead Coleman], since dead, though not without the deepest regret that the State of his health rendered it necessary at such a period; and without any intention whatever of resigning his Commission; but with the most fixed determination to join the said Regiment as soon as his health would permit, which the conclusion of the War, by the capitulation at Yorktown [October 19, 1781], rendered unnecessary. That for his said Services, the only compensation on that he recollects to have received was a warrant for 2633 & 2/3 acres of land to which his Rank in the Army entitled him, to which he afterwards obtained a Patent for; but having neglected to demand the Commutation, within the time limited by law, he was excluded, and has yet never obtained it. This, as well as the additional Military Land Bounty since given by Congress to the Officers of the Revolution, he considers himself justly entitled to as he considered himself (though not in actual service at the conclusion of the war, for the reason assigned) an officer, and liable at any time to be called into Service.

In corroboration of this Statement, if any further evidence be necessary, this affiant further declares, that it will be found of Record in Richmond that he received the above mentioned quantity of Land for his Services in said Regiment, which would not have been given to him had he not been considered justly entitled to it as an officer at the end of the War.

Given under my hand this 20th day of January 1818.

S/ Jno M. Tyler

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt1097-200

1828 -- I Edmund Brooke of George Town, in the County of Washington, in District of Columbia, do hereby declare, that I was in Officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the War, at which period I was a first Lieut. in the Regiment commanded by Charles Harrison of the Virginia Line on the Continental establishment. I joined the said Regiment in the latter end of January or first of February 1781, when I was employed in the transportation of military stores up and down James River from Richmond Virginia and in performing other military duties until the invasion of Virginia by the British Troops, under Cornwallis --

I do declare that I was entitled to a Commutation Certificate for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled, under the Resolve of the 21st of October 1780: and the reason that I did not obtain the same, will be shown in the following detailed statement of facts: -- That not long before the invasion of Virginia by Cornwallis, the companies composing the Regiment aforesaid were consolidated into two full companies -- marched to South Carolina, and merged in the Army commanded by General Nathaniel Greene [Nathanael Greene]. That Captains Coleman, Dix, Miller, Bohannon, myself -- and all the other Officers of Harrison's Regiment, except those who marched to the South with the two companies aforesaid, remained in Virginia, and took command of certain quotas of Militia, drafted to fill up the Ranks in the said Regiment. That this formed part of the force which resisted the invasion by Cornwallis, and which aided in his capture at Yorktown. That during the whole Campaign, I shared in all the toils and hardships incident to a Life, living often on unsound meat, and cattle unfit to sustain life by their poverty -- unsifted meal -- sleeping often on the wet ground, with no other than the damp leaves for my bed and pillow, until within about a week before the Siege of York, when I was attacked by a severe illness, contracted by exposure, fatigue and hard fare, and being rendered thereby unable any longer to perform duty, I was advised by my Capt. Coleman, to return home, which I did, though not without the deepest regret, that I was compelled to retire at so interesting a period, and with the most fixed determination to return to Camp so soon as the State of my health would permit the -- My confinement was of long duration and attended with much expense. When I was well enough to leave home, which was not until long after the surrender of Cornwallis, the Militia composing the companies aforesaid had returned home, and being in the manner aforesaid without actual command, or service to render, I remained at home, still holding myself bound and ready to obey any call whatever from my Country. This was the case with all the officers at that period who were absent for a much longer time than myself, without the same reason, & who, living near the seat of government, were more vigilant than myself in seeing that their names were upon the return Rolls, whereby they received full compensation and their Commutation Certificates. It will be perceived by a Certificate from the War Department, marked A. among the accompanying documents, that among those Officers of the Virginia Line on Continental establishment, who received Certificates for one and two years advanced pay, agreeably to an Act of Assembly passed at November Sessions, 1781, that my name is stands upon the said List, as Lieut. of Artillery, who was entitled to £126.14, which appears from the said List, was received by Col. Luval, on the 5th of March 1784, but who (although a friend of mine) never accounted with me for one cent of the same, nor was I apprised of it is being paid to him till after his death. The only compensation that I ever received, was the Bounty Land promised to the Officers who should continue in Service to the end of the War, a Certificate of which marked 2 in the file B. will show -- As also an additional Military Land Bounty, allowed by Congress at their Session of

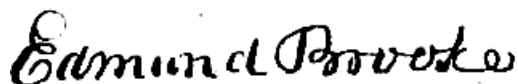
1806, to such Officers as served to the end of the War, which will be shown by a Document marked 5 in file B.

I further declare that my Commission is lost or destroyed, and that I have never received a pension from the United States.

Conceiving that I am entitled to a commutation Certificate, though I have not been so fortunate as to obtain one as yet; and as the law of the 15th of May 1828, provides for those who were "entitled" and does not exclude those who being entitled, did not obtain the same, I trust that the peculiar hardship of my case may be no bar to my present claim, the cause of my name not appearing on the last muster roll being satisfactorily accounted for in file B. documents No. 3, 4 & 5.

Witness my hand 3rd day of June in the year 1828.

S/ Edmund Brooke<sup>2</sup>



I do Certify that Lieut. Edmond [sic] Brooke is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Lieut. of the Continental line who has served to the end of the war.

Counsel Chamber February 19th 1784

S/ Thos. Meriwether

S/ Benj. Harrison

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I do hereby certify that Edmund Brooke received an appointment in the late revolutionary war with Great Britain as first Lieutenant in the first Continental Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison, into which service he immediately entered upon receiving the appointment and continued in constant service many months before Cornwallis's invasion of the State of Virginia. During this invasion the said Edmund Brooke served unremittingly until a week or two before the siege of York, when having contracted a severe illness in consequence of his being exposed, he returned home and remained too ill to return until after the Capitulation. The Captain and Captain Lieutenant to whose company the said E. Brooke belonged, and by whom the above facts could have been fully established were both residents of my neighborhood and are both dead. Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1802.

S/ H. B. Brooke

Essex County viz

Thomas Dix<sup>3</sup> personally appeared before me, Humphrey B. Brooke, one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace for the said County and made oath that he had a Captain's Command in the Regiment commanded by Col. Charles Harrison in the last war and was in service at the time mentioned in the certificate hereunto annexed, at which time Edm'd Brooke bore a lieutenantancy in the said Regiment in a company commanded by Capt. Whitehead Coleman, since dead, and that the facts contained in the certificate of Hum. B. Brooke with respect to the said E. Brooke's Service and in this position at the time spoken of in the said Certificate is true. Given under my hand this 15th day of December 1802.

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<sup>2</sup> Edmund Brooke appears to have written his application in his own handwriting as there are several letters in this file purporting to be from him and the handwriting in said letters is identical to that in his applications. It also appears that Edmund Brooke was himself a clerk in the Pension Office at the time he made his application.

<sup>3</sup> FPA W7016

S/ H. B. Brooke

Essex County to wit

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William Waring of the said County personally appeared before me Humphrey B. Broke one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in the said County and made oath that in the campaign 1781 during Cornwallis's invasion of the State of Virginia he commanded a company of militia from the County of Essex, and was frequently in company with Edmund Brooke who at that time and for many months before was first Lieut. in a Regiment of artillery commanded by Col. Charles Harrison and in a company of said Regiment commanded by Capt. Whitehead Coleman in the said County since dead. That the said Edmund Brooke remained with the said company to within a short time of the siege of York when he left camp with the said affiant being at the time much indisposed in consequence of his suffering a good deal of hardship and being much exposed to which he (the affiant) was a witness. That the said Edmund Brooke had a severe illness upon his return home which was of some continuance. The said affiant states that he was very intimate with the said Edmund Brooke and never understood from him that he intended to resign when he quitted the camp; and that Capt. Coleman and Capt. Lieut. Miller to whose company he the said Brooke belonged as well as Capt. Ambrose Bohannon [also spelled Ambrose Bohannon] of the same County and Regiment are all since dead. Given under my hand this 16th of December 1802.

S/ H. B. Brooke

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Prince William County Virginia to wit:

Edmund Brooke personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the Peace in the aforesaid County and made oath that he was appointed a Lieutenant in the first Continental Regiment of artillery commanded by Colonel Harrison during the revolutionary War between the American colonies and Great Britain. That he joined the said Regiment, and remained in actual service for several months before the invasion of the State of Virginia by Lord Cornwallis, being employed in transporting military stores and various other services. That after Cornwallis's invasion, he shared in all the toils and hardships incident to a camp life, remaining constantly with the Company of Artillery to which he was attached until a few weeks before the siege of York, when he was compelled by a severe spell of sickness, contracted by exposure, fatigue and hard fare, to leave the Army until his health was restored. He left camp with the leave, and by the advice of his commanding officer, Captain Coleman (since dead) though not without the deepest regret that the state of his health rendered it necessary at such a period; and without any intention whatever of resigning his commission; but with most fixed determination to join the said Regiment so soon as his health would permit, which the conclusion of the War, by the capitulation at York town, rendered unnecessary. That for his said services, the only compensation that he recollects to have received was a warrant for two thousand six hundred thirty-three acres and  $\frac{2}{3}$ s of land to which his rank in the Army entitled him, and which he afterwards obtained a Patent 4; but having neglected to demand the commutation within the time limited by law, he was excluded, and has yet never obtained it = This, as well as the additional military land bounty since given by Congress to the Officers of the Revolution, he considers himself justly entitled to as he considers himself (though not in actual service at the conclusion of the War, for the reason assigned) an officer, and liable at any time to be called into service. In

corroboration of this statement, if any further evidence be necessary, this affiant further declares, that it will be found of record at Richmond that he received the above mentioned quantity of land for his services in the said Regiment, which would not have been given to him had he not been considered justly entitled to it as an officer at the end of the War.

Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1818 – signed

S/ Jno. M. Tyler

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July 15<sup>th</sup> 1828

I do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Lieutenant Edmund Brooke in the early part of his life, as well as with Lieutenant John and Francis Brooke, who I understood were appointed with Edmund Brooke in Harrison's Regiment of Artillery in the Revolutionary War. I have always understood Lieutenant E Brooke as having served to the end of the War – Some of the Officers, who also belonged to that Regiment, viz.: Dix & Miller, lived in the same County with Lieutenant Edmund Brooke (the County of Essex Virginia) Miller I knew intimately living at no great distance from him, – & If Lieutenant E Brooke had resigned his commission, or left the Army with intent not to return, I think I should have known it, I never heard it suggested that Lieutenant E Brooke meant to leave the Army before the conclusion of the War.

S/ Thomas R Miller

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The affidavit of James G Taliaferro Senior aged sixty-one years last April. This affiant being first duly sworn, saith that he was well acquainted with Edmund Brooke before & during the War of the revolution, that he well recollects his in ring the Army on or about the year 1781 as Lieutenant; he always understood that Mr. E. Brooke had entered on the Continental establishment – Affiant recollects his having served under the Marquis Lafayette & believes that he continued a Lieutenant to the end of the war, & would have been at the siege of York, but was prevented by sickness – Affiant does not remember the Regiment in which Edmund Brooke served, but has been informed it was in Colonel Harrison's but this is not of his own knowledge –

S/ Jas. G Taliaferro Senior

June 27<sup>th</sup> 1828.

[Attested in King George County Virginia June 28, 1828]

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Being requested by Mr. E. Brooke to state what I know of his services as a Lieutenant in Harrison's Virginia Regiment of Continental Artillery, I certify that I served with him in a company of that Regiment attached to the Army commanded by General Lafayette in Virginia in the year 1781 until sometime after the battle of Green Spring near James Town when I was ordered with one company of artillery consisting of all the men enlisted for the war to join General Greene's Army in the South and left Lieutenant Brooke in the Army of General Lafayette with a company of Artillery composed of men of shorter enlistment, and of some drafted militia – After that. I know nothing of Lieutenant Brooke's services, as I continued in the southern Army until the end of the war though I know that he was considered in office in the Regiment to that period, among many others of the Regiment who were on furlough at home, there being no troops belonging to the Regiment to command except the remaining company in

the South to which I belonged and was fully officered.

S/ Francis Brooke<sup>4</sup>



[Attested in Fredericksburg June 24, 1828]

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The following List will show the names of all the Officers of the Virginia Line on Continental establishment, belonging to the first Regiment of artillery, commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison in which List, such as the said officers as were detailed to the southern Army, are particularly noted, as merged in the Maryland line; and such as are not thus noted remained in the State of Virginia viz.:

B.

Brooke Francis [Francis Brooke] Lieut.: merged in the Mar'd Line [Maryland Line]  
Brooke John [John Brooke] do do do do  
Booker Lewie [Lewis Booker]<sup>5</sup> Capt. do do do  
Bohannon Ambrose [Ambrose Bohannon]<sup>6</sup> Capt. (Commutation certificate issued)  
Burwell Nathaniel [Nathanael Burwell]<sup>7</sup> Capt.  
Brooke Edmund [Edmund Brooke] Lieut.

C.

Coleman Whitehead [Whitehead Coleman]<sup>8</sup> Capt.  
Coleman Samuel [Samuel Coleman]<sup>9</sup> Lieut. merged in the Maryland Line  
Christie Thomas [Thomas Chrystie]<sup>10</sup> Surgeon do do do do  
Claiborne Richard [Richard Claiborne]<sup>11</sup>  
Carrington Edward [Edward Carrington]<sup>12</sup> Lieut.: Colo.  
Carter John [John Carter] Capt:  
Carter Thomas [Thomas Carter] Surgeon's Mate

D.

Denny Samuel [Samuel Denny] Capt.  
Dowell Wm [William Dowell] Lieut.  
Dix Thomas [Thomas Dix]<sup>13</sup> Cap.: (Commutation certificate issued)  
Dandridge Robert [Robert Dandridge] Lieut.  
Drew, [John Drew]<sup>14</sup> Lieut. merged in Maryland Line

E

Eddins Samuel [Samuel Eddens]<sup>15</sup> Capt.

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<sup>4</sup> [Francis Brooke S8093](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Lewis Booker BLWt8-200](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Ambross Bohannon BLWt280-200](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Nathaniel Burwell W18681](#)

<sup>8</sup> [Whitehead Coleman BLWt467-300](#)

<sup>9</sup> [Samual Coleman BLWt469-200](#)

<sup>10</sup> FPA BLWt466-400 transcribed and posted in this database this date

<sup>11</sup> [Richard Claiborne BLWt470-200](#)

<sup>12</sup> [Edward Carrington W6635](#)

<sup>13</sup> FPA W7016 transcribed and posted in this database this date

<sup>14</sup> FPA BLWt981-100

F  
 Frazier Wm [William Frazier] Capt. Lieut.  
 Flin Thomas [Thomas Flin] Lieut. merged in the Maryland Line

G  
 Gaines Wm Flemming [William Fleming Gaines]<sup>16</sup> Capt. Lieut.

H  
 Harrison Charles [Charles Harrison], Colo. Merged in Maryland Line  
 Heath Henry [Henry Heath] Capt.  
 Holmer Christian [Christian Holmer] Majr.

L  
 Langhorn Elias [Elias Langhorn] Merged in Maryland Line

M  
 Mosely Benjamin [Benjamin Moseley]<sup>17</sup> Lieut.  
 Meredith William [William Meredith]<sup>18</sup> Capt.  
 Miller Wm [William Miller] Capt.

P  
 Peirce Wm [sic][William Pierce]<sup>19</sup> Capt.  
 Poythress Wm [William Poythress]<sup>20</sup> Lieut.  
 Pryor John [John Pryor]<sup>21</sup> Capt. Lieut.  
 Pendleton James [James Pendleton] Capt.

R.  
 Ragsdale Drury [Drury Ragsdale]<sup>22</sup> Capt. merged in the Maryland Line

S  
 Singleton Anthony [Anthony Singleton] Capt. merged in Maryland Line  
 Southall Stephen [Stephen Southall]<sup>23</sup> Capt. Lieut. do do do

W  
 Waters Richard [Richard Waters], Capt. Lieut.  
 Wallace William [William Wallace]<sup>24</sup> Lieut.  
 Whiteaker Wm [William Whitaker]<sup>25</sup> Lieut. merged in Maryland Line

There being no Muster Roll of the Virginia Line, these extracts are made from different Registers in the War Department, showing the Officers names who received one and 2 years advanced specie pay, agreeably to an act of the Virginia Assembly passed November Session 1781. And from a Register kept by the Asst. Comm. of Army Accounts for the state of Maryland.

S/ E. Brooke  
 Clerk in the

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<sup>15</sup> [Samuel Eddins \(Eddens\) BLWt683-300](#)

<sup>16</sup> [William Fleming Gaines BLWt880-300](#)

<sup>17</sup> FPS W5387

<sup>18</sup> [William Meredith S46393](#)

<sup>19</sup> [William Pierce VAS193](#)

<sup>20</sup> [William Poythress VAS262](#)

<sup>21</sup> [John Pryor W12064](#)

<sup>22</sup> FPA BLWt1854-300 transcribed and posted in this database this date

<sup>23</sup> [Stephen Southall BLWt2082-200](#)

<sup>24</sup> [William B. Wallace S42612](#)

<sup>25</sup> [William Whitaker W3905](#)

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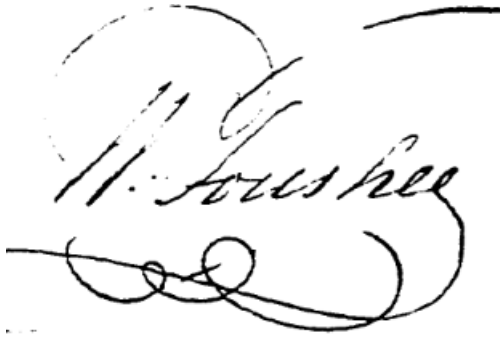
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

City of Richmond Sct.

Edmund Brooke Lt. in Colo. C. Harrison's Regiment of Artillery this Day made oath before me that he has never resigned or left the said Regiment with any Such Intention and ever Considered himself as an officer liable to be called into Service.

Given under my Hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1784

S/ W. Foushee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. Foushee". The signature is written in dark ink and features a large, decorative flourish at the end of the word "Foushee".A second handwritten signature in cursive script, identical to the one above, reading "W. Foushee". It also features a large, decorative flourish at the end of the word "Foushee".