

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Britton S46496

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[28 June 1821] I John Britton aged Sixty eight, born in Hertfordshire England, but a resident within the United States, for more than fifty years last past and now of Augusta in the State of Maine, do upon oath testify and declare that I enlisted in the month of May 1777 in the war of the revolution against Great Britian into Capt Brooks' company and regiment part of the time commanded by Col. Harrison of the Virginia line. I was transfered to and served in Col Gibsons detachment & in different Regiments in the Virginia line untill the close of the war, and was honorably discharged at West Point New York June 1782. My discharge was signed by the commander in chief. I kept my discharge about one year, and then lost the same at Sea. I wintered at Valley Forge [1777-78], and was in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stony point [16 Jul 1779] & at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]. I have not lived in Virginia since the revolutionary war and know of no one either officer or soldier who served with me, or whether they are living or not

John hisXmark Britton

[On the same day Britton conveyed his right to bounty land to Robert C. Vose for \$100.]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the 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, 1828, I John Britton of Litchfield in the County of Lincoln in the State of Maine do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a private soldier in Captain Brooks Company, in the fourth Regiment, of the Virginia Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand, this twenty fifth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty two.

John hisXmark Britton

Augusta Maine June 23^d 1832

Sir [Hon. Louis McLane, Sec. of the Treasury], I rec'd. your letter of the 4 Instant by the hand of of R. C. Vose, and in reply have to state that I enlisted with thirteen others of my Countrymen, English, in the month of May 1778, at or near Baltimore by Lt. Brook of the 4th Reg't. of the Virginia line, which I understood to be commanded by Col. Campbell, afterwards by Col. Armstrong. I was in the battle of Monmouth and Brandywine, and at the storming of Stoney Point under Gen. [Anthony] Wayne. I wintered at Valley Forge after [sic] the Battle of Monmouth. I was transfered into Col. Gibsons [John Gibson's] Regiment of the same Virginia line, in which Regiment I was finally discharge at or near West Point in June 1783, my discharge was signed by Gen. Washington, and is now lost. In 1821 I authorized W. O. Neal, Esq. of Washington City to receive my bounty land, he did receive it, and paid me what was considered satisfactory. I never rec'd. any other bounty that the cirtificate for the reward of eighty dollars. I am now upwards of 80 years of age, lame and unable to go about without the assistance of crutches, and also being unable to read or write I never heard of the law of May 1828, until about two months since – I request that any communications to me relative to my claim may be sent to the care of Robert C. Vose,

Augusta Maine –

I am very respectfully your Obt. Svt.

John hisXmark Britton