

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Brooks S6705

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State of North Carolina Gates County: SS

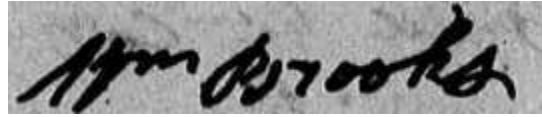
On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally [appeared] William Brookes in open court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Gates County now sitting a resident of said County aged seventy-eight years and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath to obtain the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That sometime about 1778 he was drafted as a private in Captain William Figures's Company, ~~Colonel Pointer's~~ John Pugh Williams Colonel of the Regiment = that under his command he served for about four months, went through North Carolina to South Carolina on the Savine river [Savannah River?] near Augusta in Georgia, where he staid about a month, from thence he marched to Bacons bridge in South Carolina Colonel John Pugh Williams commanded the Regiment. The British were encamped just across the River Savine. General Nash commanded the troops. He then marched back to Windsor where he was discharged. This discharge was signed by Colonel Blount. Afterwards to wit in the month of August 1780 the applicant had a younger brother about 16 years old of delicate constitution who was drafted to go in Captain Sumner's Company the applicant feeling for the situation of his beloved brother he volunteered under Captain Sumner in Gates County, Regiment commanded by Colonel Pointer. On the 17th of August 1780 the company left home in Gates and marched to Hillsboro, here the Regiment was commanded by Major Thomas Pugh, Colonel Pointer being sick. The troops were all assembled in Hillsboro head quarters of General Gates after Gates defeat in South Carolina. The North Carolina Troops were commanded by General William Gregory of that State. From Hillsboro, we marched to the Yadkin River where we encamped – from thence to Salisbury – thence near to Waxhaws South Carolina. Here General Davidson commanded – thence back to Mecklenburg County North Carolina near Charlotte where we were discharged. Our discharges were signed by Major Pugh & countersigned by General William L Davidson. The applicant was 1st Sergeant to Captain Sumner the whole of this time of duty. He has no documentary evidence to support his claim but thinks the evidence of Colonel J. Sumner who was then his Captain to be material for him & he herewith submits it. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed date aforesaid

S/ J. Sumner, Clk

S/ Wm Brooks

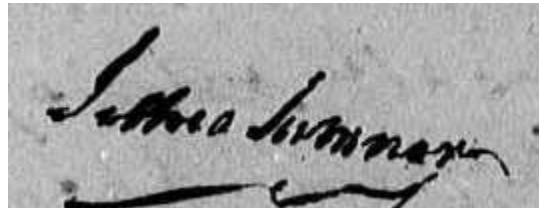
by S/ H. Gilliam, DC



This day appeared in open Court Jethro Sumner Clerk of said Court and having been sworn in due form of law deposed & saith, that he is well acquainted with William Brookes the applicant as aforesaid, that he volunteered in his company of Gates troops North Carolina militia in the month of August 1780 in consequence he believes of an anxiety for the welfare of his country & the comfort of a younger brother who had been drafted to serve. He volunteered for the space of three months – was the 1st Sergeant of the Company – the Regiment was commanded by Major Thomas Pugh in the sickness of Colonel Poiner. He marched with my company to Hillsboro then the seat of the Legislature of which body I was a member and in which while quartered there I sat as a member North Carolina troops were commanded by General William Gregory. This place was the Head Quarters of General Gates after his defeat at Camden South Carolina. From thence the applicant William Brookes marched with me to a spot near the Yadkin River, thence near Waxhaws in South Carolina where General Davidson commanded from thence we marched to Mecklenburg where my company was discharged – and the applicant also. The discharge was signed by Major Pugh, & countersigned by William Lee Davidson as General.

Sworn to [and] open court date aforesaid
S/ H. Gilliam, D.C.

S/ Jethro Sumner¹



the court then proceeded to propounded the necessary interrogatories in answer to 1st Question he answered

1st. Born in Middlesex County Virginia 14th August 1754

2nd. I have a record of my age at home, & am ready to produce it

3rd. I was living in this County then called Hertford the first term ever since the war I have lived here in Gates where I now live

4th. I was the first term drafted into the service for three months and the second term I was a volunteer

5th. Colonel Hardy Murfree, Captain William Walton, General Gates, General Davidson; General Butler, General Gregory

6. I had discharges honorably from both services, but where they now are I cannot say

7. Doctor John B Baker, Henry Gilliam Esquire Clerk of the Superior Court, James R Riddick Esquire Sheriff of Gates County, Colonel J. Sumner clerk of County Court.

[Reuben Harrell, a clergyman, and John B Baker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ I could not find any record that Captain Jethro Sumner filed for a pension from the federal government claiming service in the revolution. Consequently, this may be the only record of his service in the federal pension application files.

Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]