

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Manning (Mannering) Brookshire S6707

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State of North Carolina Randolph County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Session November Term 1832

On this 5th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Manning Brookshire aged seventy-five years, a resident of the County of Randolph & State of North Carolina, 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 June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated viz. –

He states that in the year 1776 as he supposes, he was drafted to fight the Indians, & went under Captain Edward Williams to Cass's Fort, somewhere in the North West part of North Carolina, or the edge of Virginia & was placed under the command of General Ramsay – but does not recollect the month in which he was drafted – in about a month he was discharged in consequence of some disagreement among the Offices at the Fort. He further States that in the year 1777 as he believes from a comparison of dates, month not recollected, he enlisted in the service of the United States, during the continuance of the war, & entered the service as Lieutenant under Captain John Knight, Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Balfour, & Colonel Collier. He states that he had a commission from the Governor of North Carolina, whose name he does not recollect, & that the commission itself was thrown away by his wife; for that having a huge wax seal attached to it, the vermin had eaten it, & entirely defaced it & his wife threw it out of doors many years ago.

He states that he was in many engagements with the Tories under Colonel Fanning [David Fanning], and his officers, & that the whole of his service which he estimates at five years, was amidst seems [?] of Tory warfare in the Counties of Randolph, Chatham, Montgomery & Rowan – that he was taken prisoner by them three times; twice at Colonel Shepherd's & once at Colonel Balfour's in Randolph County. He states, that he never served with any Continental troops, nor did he know any Continental Officers – & that from the time of his enlistment until after the conclusion of peace he served in the manner above stated, for long after Cornwallis's defeat, he thinks, the Tories were as dangerous, troublesome as they ever had been.

He states that his recollection is so much impaired, that he is unable to give dates, & that many of the circumstances of his service are like a disconnected dream; he cannot recollect the

order in which, or the time when, they occurred. He thinks however that he will be able to prove his service, & establish his reputation by Reverend Micajah Hill & Peter Van Kannon.

He was born, raised & always lived in this County.

He states that he does not know in what year he was born, but by a comparison of some certain events in his life he thinks he is now about seventy-five years of age. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid S/ Manning Brookshire, X his mark

Amendment

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Randolph, State of North Carolina, Manning Brookshire, who being duly sworn deposed & saith, that in answer to the 2nd interrogatory prescribed by the War Department "Have you any record of your age?" – He states that he has not: & that the names of two [of] his neighbors & acquaintances by whom he can prove service & character for truth are mentioned in his Declaration, a reference to which will show. He says that it is impossible for him to collect the incidents of his service into a coherent, & regular narrative, & that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, & in the following grades: for five years I served as a Lieutenant in the cavalry service. For one month I served as a private & for such service I claim a pension.

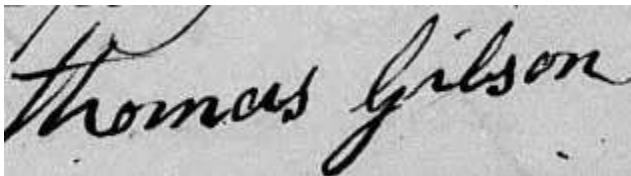
Sworn to & subscribed before me March 26, 1833 S/ Manning Brookshire, M his mark

Thomas Gibson,¹ residing in Randolph County North Carolina, certifies own oath, that to the best of his recollection, from about the year 1778 to the time he (Gibson) entered the service under him, in 1781 he saw Manning Brookshire who has made the above Declaration frequently in the service of the United States: that he was called Lieutenant, & obeyed as an officer by his men: that in the year 1781, he (Gibson) entered the service under Captain Knight & that said Brookshire was then, & continued to the end of the war to act as Lieutenant: that he (B.) was taken prisoner twice after this affiant joined his company, at Colonel Sheppard's in Randolph, (then part of Guilford County): that the whole of his Service as far as he has any knowledge of it, was as a light horse man: & that Brookshire served four years within his knowledge. – He states that Brookshire's Service was entirely against the Tories who were very numerous & destructive in their operations, & that the whole of his service within the knowledge of this affiant was in an organized company commanded by Captain John Knight.

Sworn to & subscribed before me March 26, 1833

S/ Thomas Branson, JP

S/ Thomas Gibson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Gibson". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

Peter VanKannon, and Daniel Williams Senior residing in Randolph County, North Carolina, being duly sworn certify as follows to wit:

Peter VanKannon says that to the best of his recollection in the month of September 1781 he joined the Service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain John Knight, who

¹ [Thomas Gibson S8560](#)

commanded a company of light horse, regularly organized, and that Manning Brookshire who has made the above declaration, was at that time acting as Lieutenant in said company & continued to act as such & was called Lieutenant during the whole of his (VanKannon's) service which was six months. He further states that previous to the period spoken of he saw Brookshire in the service: but cannot recollect the particulars of his service: and that said Brookshire is reputed & believed by the neighborhood in which he resides to be a man of truth & to have served as a Lieutenant in the revolutionary war.

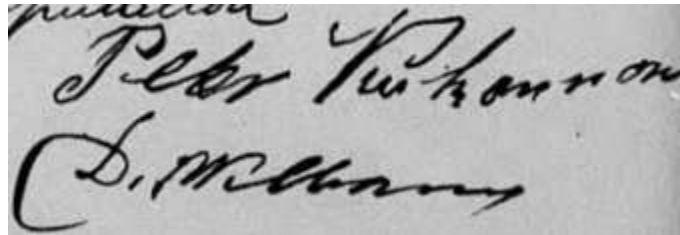
Daniel Williams states that about the year 1781 being then about 9 years old, & from that time to the conclusion of the war he recollects frequently to have seen Manning Brookshire serving as in a light horse troop, & that he was called Lieutenant & one John Knight Captain of the company. He further states that said Brookshire has always had the character of the man of honesty & truth, & the reputation of having served in the Revolutionary war. He states to the best of his recollection said Brookshire was an active & efficient soldier & has that reputation.

Sworn to & subscribed before me – March 26, 1833

S/ Thomas Branson, JP

S/ Peter Vankannon

S/ D. Williams

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is "Peter Vankannon" and the bottom signature is "D. Williams".

[fn p. 21: Micajah Hill, a clergyman, and Peter Vankannon gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition "VanKannon states, that he the said Brookshire was engaged in the service of the United States & served he thinks, according to his own knowledge & recollection more than 2 years – & that he was called Lieutenant & acted as such – that he served under Brookshire 6 months & saw him at other times in the service."]

[fn p. 65]

State of North Carolina Randolph County: this day Thomas Gibson aged seventy-eight years of age personally appeared before me Enoch Barnes one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and after being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith as follows (to wit) that he has been acquainted with Manering Brookshire all his lifetime and served under him in the war of the Revolution and that he is confident that Brookshire was a Regularly commissioned officer that this deponent understood it from Brookshire and from all of the officers under whom he served that Manering Brookshire was commissioned by the Governor of the State, and this deponent further saith that he does not recollect to have seen the commission but that he is as confident that Brookshire was commissioned by the Governor as he is of any circumstance that transpired during the Revolutionary War and this deponent further saith that he has on several occasions heard Mrs. Prudence Brookshire the wife of Manering Brookshire say that she kept her husband's commission for a great number of years after the war until the moth and other insects had destroyed it entirely except the Great Beeswax seal and further this deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 21st day of April 1840

S/ Thomas Gibson

[fn p. 10: On February 16, 1852, Nancy Reynolds, said to be the only surviving child of Manning Brookshire, was awarded the pension said to be due her father from March 4, 1835 to December 3, 1843, the date of his death. Nancy then resided in Wake County, NC, having previously resided in Montgomery County, NC.]

[facts in file: Veteran's wife was named Prudence; maiden name and date of marriage not given; veteran died December 23, 1843 survived by 8 or 9 children, but only Nancy, the oldest daughter who was 50 years old in 1840, and son James, who in 1854 was living in Old Town Creek, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, are named; Nancy was the wife of John Reynolds and in 1854 was living in Montgomery County, NC giving Troy as her post office address.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$200 per annum commencing March 4th, 1835 for service as a Lieutenant of cavalry.]