

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Brooks: S6717

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State of No. Carolina} On this 22nd day of Aprile 1834 personally appeared before The
Rutherford County} Judges of the County and State aforesaid in open Court Wm.
Brooks a resident of Sandy run Rutherford County and State of No. Carolina aged 89 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7,
1832 That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 and in the month of
Febuary with Capt Sims and served in the regiment of Col. [William] Smallwood. he was Living
in the Town & County of Frederick, State of Maryland when he entered the service. he was
enlisted for the term of twelve months and was thirty one years old when he enlisted as he was
told he first marched to Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] from there to New York then to Long Island
and was in the Battle there on the 27 of August Commanded by Lord Stirling and in this Battle
Gen. [John] Sullivan and Lord Stirling was taken prisoners. he then went back to New York and
had a skirmish between there and Harlum town [sic: Battle of Harlem Heights, 16 Sep 1776] he
was then marched to the White Planes where they had a Battle commanded by Gen. McDougal
[sic: Alexander McDougall] which took place he thinks on the 27 of Nov [sic: Battle of White
Plains NY, 28 Oct 1776]. in this Battle he got his rite leg broke and was sent from there to the
Hospitle he served ten months before he got his leg broke was two months in the Hospitle.
then discharged by the Doctor whose name he has forgot. he got home in the month of March
he then moved to Gilford [sic: Guilford] No. Carolina. He was then drafted in the year 1779 for
three months under the authority of No Carolina in December to the best of his memory under
Capt I Forget Lieutenant Lemmons and George Dun Comisary sergeant in the regiment of Col.
Litle [sic: Archibald Lytle] and was marched to Charleston So. Carolina where Gen. [Benjamin]
Lincoln commanded. On the first of April we made a ditch from the heads of different swamps
and dug deep holes in short distances of each other. We also thru up brest works to keep the
British from Landing. on the fifteenth or sixteenth [sic] we made a camp at a place called
Monks [sic: Moncks] Corner to keep up the communication between the Town and the Country
but the Militia was routed by the enemy about this time [14 Apr 1780] the British killed a great
number of the Horse men on Santee River. he believes Gen. Lincoln surrendered to Lord
Cornwallis between the tenth and fifteenth of May 1780 [sic: surrendered to Gen. Henry
Clinton, 12 May 1780] and when the three months had expired he voluteered under the same
officers for three months more. and in a few days after the surrender of Gen Lincoln he
received a parole hom[?] as my last three months was not quite out he was in the service six
months & ten days from the the time he drafted till he got home to Gilford and in the month
of June 1781 he was drafted for three months [see note below] under Capt Conner and Lieu.
Col. Pasley [sic: John Peasley, often called Paisley] and took a tower on deep river after the
Tories. he was in no general engagement but had several skirmishes and when this draft was
out he voluteered for three months more under Capt Moore, Lieu Barnes in Col. Pasley
regiment. he then went home to Gilford. he shortly after moved to Sandy run where he now
lives he was not employed in any civil pursuit during his tours - he knows of no person now
living by whom he can prove his services he has no dockumentary proof. he has lost his
discharge from the Hospitle and the parole from Charleston given by a person whose name he
does not recollect. He here by relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except
the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.
Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid in open court

T. F. Birchett Clk

William hisXmark Brooks

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace of the County of
Rutherford and State of No. Carolina William Brooks who being duly sworn deposeth and saith
that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to
the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less

than the periods mentioned below and in the grade of a common soldier first term Ten months in actual service two months in the Hospitale one month going home Second term drafted for three months third term Volunteered three months & ten day Fourth term drafted three months & Fifth term volunteered for three months Total two years one month and ten days
 Wiliam hisXmark Brooks

In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal of office this 29th day of April 1834
 T. F. Birchett Clk

Interogatory first by the Court - Answer. I was born at a place called yellow britches in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1745 as I was told by the man who raised me. Interrogatory Second I have never had any record of my age (Third) I was living in the County and Town of Frederick State of Maryland. I lived in Gilford County N.C. nine years I then moved to Sandy run Rutherford County No Carolina. Fourth I enlisted for twelve months drafted three months Volunteered three and was then drafted three months and Volunteer three months more. (Fifth) [Regular officers where he served] Gen. Washington Gen. Lee Col. Miles Col. Atlees regiments. The circumstances of my service are stated in my declaration to the best of my recollection. (Sixth) I received a discharge from the Hospitale given by a Doctor whose name I have forgot. I have lost my discharge & parole (Seventh) [Neighbors who can vouch for his character and repuation as a soldier] William Mckinney John Edwards Rich Harrell Esqr James Young Capt David Evans Capt Jack Webb Clerk of the Superior Court

A Statement showing the Services of William Brooks
 Duration of services

Period when the service was rendered	Years	Months	Days	Rank of the Claimant	Names & ranks of the field officers present under whom he served	Age at present and place of abode when he entered the service	Proof by which the declaration is supported
First 1776	1	1	0	Common Soldier	Col Smallwood <u>Lord</u> , Stirling Col. Litle and <u>Gen</u> Lincoln Col. Pinckney was there Col Pasley	89 Frederick Cty Maryland	His own oath and the common opinion of his neighbors
Second 1779	0	3	0				
Third 178-	0	3	10				
Fourth 1781	0	3	0				
Fifth 1781	0	3	0				
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	Total			

NOTES:

Parole was release on condition of not bearing arms again until formally exchanged. If captured again while on parole, the penalty was execution.

A Treasury Department document states that the unnamed child of William Brooks received the pension from the last payment until his death on 22 Jan 1844.