

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Brookes S6721

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State of North Carolina Guilford County

On this 23rd day of October in the year while Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge now sitting, Jonathan Brookes, a resident of Guilford County and State of North Carolina aged seventy years 7th of June last, 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 7th of June 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers in the month of October 1778, that he was drafted for a term of five months and placed under the command of Captain George Moore and my company rendezvoused at Hillsboro on the 3rd of November following where we were placed under the command of Colonel James Saunders late of Caswell County, from thence we were marched to Salisbury and joined General Rutherford's Brigade: from thence we were marched to the ten mile House near Charleston in South Carolina where we remained for a short time, while there news arrived of the British having taken Savannah in the State of Georgia, shortly after this intelligence we were marched to Purrysburg in South Carolina where we joined the troops under the command of General Lincoln. From this place this affiant was sent under the command of General Ashe [John Ashe] & Colonel Archibald Lytle with a detachment to Augusta Georgia, where crossing the River the[y] pursued the British down the River on the Georgia side till the[y] came to bear Creek [sic, Brier Creek] the bridge over which had been burnt by the British in their retreat where they remained for 2 or 3 weeks, and where we were surprised by the British and totally defeated. After the battle at Briar Creek the detachment crossed the River again & joined the brigade of General Rutherford. After joining General Rutherford's brigade this affiant was marched down the River to a place called the Two Sisters [ferry] where he remained till within a few days of his discharge. He was discharged on the 10th April 1779 at a place called Turkey Hill in South Carolina. This affiant does not recollect that he received a written discharge and if so it has been lost or misplaced.

This affiant further says that sometime in the month of October 1780 he was drafted for a three months tour under Captain James Wilson, after being drafted he was marched to Hillsboro from which he marched under the command of General Butler & Colonel Moore to Salisbury where he joined the Brigade of General Rutherford. From Salisbury he was marched to New Providence in the County of Mecklenburg where he joined the General Davidson General Morgan & Colonel Washington. At this place he was discharged after serving for three months but does not recollect that he received a written discharge & if so it has been lost.

In the last of August or first of September 1781 this affiant again entered the service of the US as a volunteer under the command of Captain John Oldham for the term of three months,

to go in pursuit of a band of Tories who had taken the Governor of North Carolina Prisoner at Hillsboro. He was marched from Hillsboro under the command of General Butler & Colonel Moore, and pursued the Tories on to within a few miles of Wilmington where the British and Tories from town came out against them and they were compelled to retreat. This affiant remained in the service until the news of the capture of Cornwallis reached them after which time he was discharged at Clayton's on the North fork of the Cape Fear River, after serving as this affiant believes his 3 months, at this place this affiant received a written discharge which has been lost.

This affiant was born on the 7th of June 1762 in Gloucester County Virginia. He has a record of his age which was copied from his Father's family Bible which is now in the possession of Robert Holderness a nephew of this affiant who resides in the County of Caswell. The father of this affiant left the County of Gloucester in Virginia (as he has been informed) when this affiant was a boy & moved into Brunswick County Virginia where he remained 4 or 5 years from which place he moved into North Carolina to place now Caswell County where this affiant has ever since resided till within 4 or 5 years when he moved into Guilford where he has resided ever since and where he now resides.

This affiant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Question by the Court

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity, and good behavior your services as a soldier in the revolution:

Answer

I am known to Francis L. Simpson Esquire to Henry Humphreys & Thomas Settle and to a large portion of the people of Caswell County: & I refer to the statement of William H. Rice<sup>1</sup> hereto appended as proof of my services as a soldier.

S/ Jonathan Brookes

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year above stated.

S/ Thos. Caldwell, CSC

William H. Rice maketh oath that the above applicant Johnson Brooks & himself were fellow soldiers in the War of the revolution that they served together for the same length of time under the same captains and that they were neighbors & well acquainted from the time they were boys that he has a perfect recollection of the circumstances detailed by the said Brooks in his foregoing declaration that affiant was not in the battle at Briar Creek mentioned by the applicant but at that time on the opposite side of the River Savannah with General Rutherford that he heard the firing & well remembers that said Brooks was detached for that particular service as he has stated -- That since the war he has continued his acquaintance with said Brooks who resided in Caswell County until some few years since when he removed to Guilford County where he now lives.

S/ Wm H. Rice

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year above written.

S/ Thos. Caldwell, CSC

[Henry Humphreys, Francis L. Simpson & Thomas Settle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> FPA W2437