

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bezzant Brock S6722

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: SS

On the 26 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Robert Strange a Judge of the Superior Court of Law of the County of Duplin now sitting, Bezzant Brock of said County, who will be seventy-five years of age on the 14th day of January next, who being 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 7th, 1832. Viz.. That he volunteered in the County of Duplin in a company of militia commanded by John Whitehead: He then marched to Wilmington NC where he was discharged after having served in said company 3 months. He then volunteered – in the militia a second time in the County of Duplin in a company commanded by Captain James Butler, and marched again to Wilmington from thence he marched to Colonel James [word faded and mostly illegible, but I think it refers to Colonel James Kenan]'s Duplin where he was discharged – after having served 3 months in this last service. He then volunteered in the Clambering in a company in Duplin commanded by Captain William Kenan, but how long he served in this company he does not know. He then was discharged after having served in all not less than 9 months at the whole of the aforesaid times – I hereby write relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ [illegible signature], CJC

S/ Bezzant Brock, R his mark

[William Roberts, Senior and Edward Outlaw gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1833

On this the 27th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Stephen Graham, James Lawson and Richard Miller Esquires Worshipful Justices of the Peace now sitting & holding the Court aforesaid Bezzant Brock the aforesaid applicant to amend his preceding declaration who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath further declare & say that his service under Captain John Whitehead commenced in January or February 1781; that he entered his second tour of service under Captain James Butler in the fall of the year 1781 and that he entered service under Captain William Kenan in December 1781, that his service under Captain Kenan and was a 3 months tour, having served in all 9 months as a private;

that there is no clergyman residing in the vicinity of said applicant that he has no documentary evidence whatever that he thinks he can prove his service under Captain John Whitehead by Samuel Goff of said County of Duplin; but cannot prove his other services.

Answers of said Bezzant Brock to the questions not before satisfactorily answered

1. I was born in Dobbs now Greene County NC 14th January 1758

2. I have no record of my age

5. No regular officers with the troops where I served. I recollect to have seen Continental troops from the North under General DeCoats or Barcoats, the militia regiments I remember were Colonel James Kenan's and Colonel Brown's and General Lillington's Brigade, Wiley was in service under Captain John Whitehead there was a skirmish at the Big Bridge in New Hanover County on the East side of the North East River in view of where I was stationed being on the West where Colonel Brown was wounded, and I was in a skirmish with the enemy at Lockwood's Folly in Brunswick County while in a detachment under Major Battle during the tour I served under Captain Whitehead.

7. William Alfin, Samuel Goff, Johnson Keatly, George Kournegay, Jonathan Taylor and many others I could mention, Edward Outlaw, William Roberts, Daniel Keatly, &c &c

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test. S/ Jas. Pearsall, Clk

S/ Bezzant Brock, R his mark

Personally appeared in open Court before the court aforesaid on the day aforesaid Samuel Goff<sup>1</sup> a resident of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-four years the 13th October next who being duly sworn doth on his oath depose & say that he is well acquainted with Bezzant Brock the aforesaid applicant, that he knew him during the Revolutionary war and served with said applicant 3 months in the militia service under Captain John Whitehead that during this tour of duty there was a skirmish near the Big Bridge in New Hanover County between the British and Americans in which the latter were defeated and Colonel Brown wounded in the arm; that this deponent was stationed on the opposite of the River from where the skirmish was, that he marched from Duplin County to the Big Ridge thence down to Wilmington and in the vicinity thereof and on the sound, thence back to the Big Bridge, thence after the skirmish there to Kingston [sic, Kinston] and was discharged in May 1781 having entered this service in February 1781.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ P. Murhpy

S/ Samuel Goff, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Samuel Goff S8580](#)