

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Brookshier S6726

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State of South Carolina }

Greenville District — } On this the fifteenth day October in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, now sitting, John Brookshier a resident of Greenville District and State of South Carolina, aged seventy four 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 act of Congress passed June 7 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated — He first entered the service in the year 1780 in the forepart of the summer. He was drafted for three months and served under Capt Johnson. He was marched into South Carolina under the command of General [John] Butler and served in Col Colliers [John Collier's] Regiment of North Carolina Militia. He joined the army of General [Horatio] Gates at a place called Thompsons Creek between Pedee River and Lynchs Creek [sic: Thompson Creek between Pee Dee River and Lynches River]. The day before Gates defeat at Camden [16 Aug 1780] he was in a detachment of five hundred men sent to relieve the advanced guard and fire upon the British. Whilst thus detached the army under Gates crossed little Lynchs creek higher up and met the Brittish. After the defeat of General Gates this applicant with others fled into North carolina. He returned to Randolph County No Carolina. The second tour he volunteered under Captain Brittan Fuller for three months in the Fall of the year 1780. Captain Fuller commanded a troop of Horse. He was stationed the greater part of the tour at Salisbury Nor Carolina. Was frequently out after the tories. At the expiration of this tour of three months he was discharged by Capt Fuller in January 1781 as the annexed discharge signed by Capt Fuller & Lieutenant Roberts will show. He then immediately volunteered under Captain Fuller again for six months and served principally in the counties of Randolph Chatam and Montgomery North Carolina. He was in frequent skirmishes with the tories. The fourth tour he volunteered under Captain Aran Hill [Aaron Hill] in the Summer of 1781 for six months. Captain Hill commanded in scouring the country after the tories. He was in one severe fight with a body of tories at the plantation of John Needam [possibly Needham] in Chatham county North Carolina. This deponent served as a private and claims a Pension for eighteen months service thus rendered as above stated. He recollects a good many Militia officers of Gates Army, but does not remember any of the regular officers except Col Sharpe. He lived in Randolph County North Carolina when he entered the service. He has no documentary evidence except a discharge herewith annexed. He knows of no person at present whose testimony he can procure to his services. He was born in Randolph County North Carolina in the year 1759 to the best of his belief. He has no record of his age. Since the Revolutionary he has lived in North Carolina - Tennessee and South Carolina - he now lives in Greenville district So. Carolina. He was once drafted and volunteered three times. He never rec'd but one discharge in writing. He is known in his present neighborhood to Thomas Meadow James Braun and others who will testify to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution

He 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.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid [signed] John Brookshier

This may Certify that John Brookshires has Served his Tour of duty in my Company of horse Certified by me this 2^d Jan'y 1781

Brittain Fuller Capt
James Roberts Lef't

NOTE: A document in the file indicates that John Brookshier died on 15 Jan 1847 leaving no wife but the following children: Mannering Brookshier; Tillotson Brookshier; John Brookshier; Mary

McFall, wife of Arthur McFall; Susannah Brookshier, wife of Beverly Brookshier; Elizabeth Wacaster, wife of Michael Wacaster; Sarah Gunter, wife of William Gunter; Joel Brookshier; James Brookshier; and Thomas Brookshier.