

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Brown S6728

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State of North Carolina Gates County: On this the 19th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open court before the court of pleas & quarter sessions Willis Brown resident of the State & County aforesaid in his 86th year, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he entered the service in Gates County under Ensign Stephen Eure [?] for six months & marched to Charleston South Carolina & was there doing a part of the siege of that town, that after his regular time of service had expired he returned home to Gates. That he then volunteered in Gates County under Captain Christopher Reddick & marched to the great bridge in the State of Virginia where after serving three months he was regularly discharged by his Captain Christopher Reddick, that he then entered the service as a substitute under Captain Simon Stallings & marched from Gates to Wilmington NC where he was at the time news came that Lord Cornwallis had surrendered to General Washington at Little York, that he was then marched back to Gates County & there dismissed by his Captain Stallings. That this service lasted three months. That he was hired by Stallings, he thinks the man for homes Stallings hired him was named Moore. That this ended his services.

Witness

S/ Willis Brown, X his mark

S/ Wm E. Pugh

H. Gilliam, DC

When and in what place were you born?

Answer. I was born [indecipherable word] & now live in the County of Gates & State of North Carolina

Where were you living when called into the service Where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer – at the time I was called into the service I lived in the County of Gates North Carolina I have lived in the same place since the revolution & still reside in the same County

Have you any record of your age?

Answer. Yes I am ready to provide it at any time

How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute &

if a substitute for whom?

Answer. The first & second times I volunteered & the third time I entered the service as a substitute & I think the man's for whom I am went was named Moore

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services

Colonel Howell Major Hoguns Genl. Ash General Montgomery & Captain (or Nash) General Gregory & Captain Keane Ballard who was taken a prisoner at Charleston

S/ Willis Brown, X his mark

Uriah Eure¹ Being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he has heard the statement above made by Willis Brown & believes it to be true that he of his own knowledge knows that the said Brown was in the service of the Revolution for a part of the time he & the said Brown were together in the service.

S/ Wm E Pugh, H. Gilliam, D. C.

S/ Uriah Eure, X his mark

[Reuben Harrell, a clergyman, and Barnes Goodman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Gates County: This day the 23rd June 1834 personally appeared before me Willis Brown whose infirmities are such that he cannot appear in open court & first being duly sworn makes the following his amended declaration to his declaration made on the 19th of May 1834 before the Court of Pleas &c held for the County of Gates. That his service under Ensign Stephen Eure was only three months instead of six months as stated in his original declaration & that this mistake must have occurred from the mistake or misunderstanding of the scribe who penned it, & not from any desire on his part to make his service more than it actually was. That in this service and also in the three months under Captain Christopher Reddick he was an orderly Sergeant. That this was omitted in his original declaration because he did not know that it was necessary. That Uriah Eure is the only person now living within his knowledge by whom he can prove any part of his service & that his deposition is in his original declaration.

That his first term of service was in the year that Charleston was taken. That his second tour he does not recollect & his third was preceding at the time Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Little York but as to dates he cannot recollect. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Watson, JP

S/ Willis Brown, X his mark

State of North Carolina Gates County: Uriah Eure being duly sworn deposeth & saith that when he met with Willis Brown in South Carolina [indecipherable word] the revolutionary war he remembers of hearing him called Sergeant Brown. That he saw him again & was with him at the Great Bridge in Virginia & he then was first Sergeant.

S/ Wm E. Pugh

S/ Uriah Eure, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina Militia.]

¹ [Uriah Ure \(Eure\) W19563](#)