

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Brown S6753

VA

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State of Virginia

County of Princess Ann [sic: Princess Anne, now part of the City of Virginia Beach] On the sixth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices now setting John Brown a resident of the aforesaid county of Princess Ann and State of Virginia aged seventy three 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service when he was sixteen in the year 1775 when Lord Dunmore was in our waters in and about Norfolk under the command of Capt Henry Harrison of the Princess Ann Militia and perform several short tours of Duty which he verily believes put together was more than two months. That he was in no battle, or skirmish during said tours but was employed in and about Portsmouth. That some time in the fall or winter of 1776 he volunteered to serve under Capt Frederick Boush of the Princess Ann Militia, that the aforesaid tour lasted three months, and he was then sent home, That he then in 1776 he joined Capt Amos Weeks company in which he served six months. that during this tour of duty he was part of his time in Princess Ann and partly in N Carolina. that while in Princess Ann his duty was to watch the motions of the enemy, prevent his pundering the inhabitants and his carrying off Slaves. And while in N Carolina the company to which he was attached cooperated with the American army in that place. That he helped to take the famous Josiah Philips during this tour [see endnote]. That during the tour under Capt Boush related before he was most of his time engaged in trenching fort Nelson. That in year 1779 he enlisted under Lt John Hamilton and served to the end of the war, that is till after the siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] soon after which he was discharged. That he recollects Colo Dabneys [Charles Dabney R13624] commanding the Regt in which he served, and he recollects Major Dick [Alexander Dick R13751]. that he was during his service in the regular Army transferred to Capt Browns [Windsor Brown BLWt1816-300] Company That he was in no battle of moment until the siege of York. That soon after the siege of York he was discharged by Capt Brown, which discharge he has lost. That he served upwards of two years in the regular army. That he was born Feby 5<sup>th</sup> 1759 according to his family register. That he was born in Princess Ann where he has alwas lived except while attached to the army. That he always volunteered for the tours of duty until he enlisted; and that all his duty was performed as a private. That Francis Agnes[?] knows some of his services.

Jno hisXmark Brown

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two separate files. Some records are misfiled with those of Charles Smith S7559.]

I Charles Smith do hereby swear that I was a Soldier in Colo. Dabney's regiment for Six (6) Years and was in service to the end of the War of the revolution and I moreover swear that I have never received any land bounty from the State.

Charles hisXmark Smith

Sworn to before me this 2<sup>d</sup> day of August 1830.

Bennett B. Moseley J Peace for Princess Anne County

I Jno Brown do hereby swear that I was a Soldier in Colo Dabneys regiment for five years and was in service to the end of the War of the Revolution and I moreover swear that I have never received any land bounty from the State nor has any other person rec'd Bounty for me to my knowledge. Sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Aug't 1830.

John hisXmark Brown

Princess Ann Co. to wit

Personally appeared before me this day Charles Smith of s'd County and made oath that himself and John

Brown were privates in Capt. Browns Company in Dabneys Reg't of the Virginia State line during the War of the Revolution and enlisted for and during the war, and continued in service untill the end of the War. I certify that Charles Smith is worthy of credit, witness my hand and Seal this 26<sup>th</sup>[?]day of Oct'r 1830

Princess Ann Co. To Wit

Personally appeared before me this day John Brown of sd County and made Oath that himself and Charles Smith were privates in Capt Browns Company in Dabneys Reg't of the Virginia State Line during the War of the Revolution and continued in service untill the close of the war I certify that John Brown is worthy of credit

Witness my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct'r 1830

[signed illegibly]

NOTE: Josiah Philips was a Tory thought to have been a murderer and robbery. He was apprehended on 4 June 1778 and after being tried for robbery was hanged on 23 Nov 1778. He is now noted mainly in legal history because he was subject of a bill of attainder.

<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Jefferson/01-02-02-0064>