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Pension Application of Jeremiah Brown S6764

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State of Virginia. Amherst County: towit.

On this 20th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Commonwealth Justices of the Court of the said County of Amherst, now sitting, Jeremiah Brown a resident of said County and State aforesaid; aged Seventy five 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 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated: to wit.

That in the year 1775, being then a resident of the County of Fauquier [sic: Fauquier] in the State aforesaid, he entered as a Minute Man in said service, and performed a tour of duty of two months and upwards, as a private in the Company of Capt. William Blackwell of the same County, being one of ten companies ordered from that County, Culpeper, and Orange; that he was marched by said Capt. Blackwell to the City of Williamsburg where he joined the Regiment commanded by Colo. Lawrence Taliaferro (he thinks) [probably George Taliaferro] of the County of Orange, Lt. Colo. Edward Stevens of the County of Culpeper, and Maj'r. Thomas Marshall of the said County of Fauquier – that he entered into the performance of this tour, as well as he now recollects, and believes, some time in the month of October in the year aforesaid, and was in the Battle fought at Hampton in said State, in the said month of October, or the succeeding month, November [24 Oct 1775] – that he served out his full term, untill regularly discharged – that does not recollect that he obtained written discharge, he thinks not, if he did, he does not know what has become of it. that there is no person living, within his knowledge, or if so, they have removed to parts unknown to him, by whom he can prove this service, except Jesse Brown of the said County of Fauquier, whose testimony is hereunto annexed.

That in the year 1776, and as he thinks, in the month of August of that year, and shortly after a part of the British Fleet, had committed some depredations on the Banks of the River Potomac, and had burnt the dwelling house of a certain Colo. Brent near said River – a portion of the Militia of the State was called out to afford protection in that quarter – upon which occasion he volunteered in the service in a company raised by Capt. Wm Phillips of the County of Stafford, and was marched to the Plantation of the said Colo. Brent [William Brent], on the said River Potomac, and joined two other Companies, one commanded by Capt. John Cook, and the other by Capt. John James, all of said County of Stafford – the whole commanded by the said Capt. James, there being no field officers with the detachment – that the said detachment was stationed near the late dwelling of the said Colo. Brent, and was detained in service about three weeks, as he now thinks and believes – that he served out his full term, untill regularly discharged – but does not recollect that he obtained a written discharge, he thinks not, if he did, he does not know what became of it – that there is no person living, within his knowledge, or if so, they have removed to parts unknown to him, by whom he can prove this service, except the said Jesse Brown (his Brother) whose testimony is hereunto annexed –

That some time in the year 1777, the time of the year he does not now recollect, but shortly before or after the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], he still being resident of the said County of Fauquier, he entered the said service as a regularly drafted Militia man, and performed a tour of duty of nearly four months duration from the time he entered the service untill he was discharged – that he entered the service as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Samuel Blackwell of the said County of Fauquier, and immediately joined the Regiment commanded by Colo. William Edmunds [William Edmonds], Lt. Colo. Armistead Churchwell, and Major Martin Pickett [sic: Martin Pickett], all of said County of Fauquier, and was marched through the town of Leesburg in Virginia, Frederick town in Maryland, Little York in

Pennsylvania, thence across the Susquehanna River to Lancaster in Pennsylvania, where the Regiment was armed, and then joined the grand army under Gen'l. Washington near the Delaware river, at a place called Pennepeck[?], in the last mentioned state a few days after the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – the Regiment to which he belonged was there attached to Woodfords [Gen. William Woodford's] Brigade, composed as he thinks, of the 3rd, 7th, 11th, and 15th Regiments – he does not recollect to which he belonged, but recollects that the Regiment to which he was attached at head quarters, was commanded by Colo. Thomas Marshal [sic: Thomas Marshall] of Virginia, Lt. Colo. William Heath [sic: William Heth], and Majr Charles West, also of Virginia – that he was called out into this service near, or about the time that Howe occupied the “head of Elk” [William Howe, present Elkton MD, 25 Aug 1777] – that he served out his full tour untill regularly discharged at a place called White Clay Creek, near German town, in Pennsylvania but does not recollect that he obtained a written discharge – if he did, he does not know what became of it – that there is no person living, within his knowledge, or if so, they have removed to parts unknown to him, by whom he can prove this service – except the said Jesse Brown, whose testimony is hereunto annexed.

That during the last mentioned tour, he remained with the grand army until discharged at White Clay Creek in the State of Pennsylvania no important movements having been made, or battles fought – he remembers however, as being attached to the same army, the names of Lord Sterling [sic: William Alexander, Lord Stirling], and of Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen] and Colo. [James] Innes of Virginia

That in the year 1781, in the month of Sept. of that year – [illegible word] residing in the County of Faquier – he was again drafted into the public service, on a tour of duty for two or three months, he does not recollect which – that he entered the service again as a private soldier, in a Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Thomas Helm, of Faquier County, ordered for Yorktown in Virginia – that he was marched by said Capt. Helm, to deep Spring or Springfield Camp, near Williamsburg, where he was taken sick and remained for some time about one month before he was able to return home – that finding himself unable from s'd. protracted indisposition to perform his tour of duty, before leaving the service, he hired and paid a substitute by the name of Joseph Brown, to complete the tour for him – that his said substitute was engaged in the Siege of York and was present at the Surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], and march'd as part of the guard with some of the captured prisoners, to the neighbourhood of Winchester in Virginia, where he was regularly discharged, after the lapse of upwards of sixty days – that being confined on account of sickness shortly after he arrived at the aforesaid Camp, he recollects the name of but one of his Field officers, towit, a Major [John Thomas] Chunn – That himself and his said substitute, served out the full tour for which he had been drafted, until regularly discharged as aforesaid – that he does not recollect of any written discharge being obtained; and if any, he does not recollect what became of it. That there is no person living, within his knowledge, or if so, have removed to parts unknown to him – by whom he can prove this service, except the said Jesse Brown, whose testimony is hereunto annexed.

That during the several periods aforesaid, he is positive of having served in the Army of the Revolution, regularly and faithfully, upwards of six months. That there is no Register or Record of his age that he knows of; but from his parents account, he was born in the said County of Faquier, in the month of October 1757 – that he resided in the said County of Faquier, until the year 1795 or 1796, when he removed to the County of Culpeper in Virginia; in which County he resided until the year 1815, when he removed to the County of Amherst in Virginia, where he has resided ever since, and at present resides –

That he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person, except as before stated, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his said service – and finally, that he never received a Commission or any kind –

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 whatsoever

Jeremiah hisXmark Brown

Virginia – Amherst County: towit.

This day [18 Mar 1833], personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, in, and for the County aforesaid Jeremiah Brown, who being duly sworn; deposeth and saith. that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades –

In 1775 – for two months and no weeks – as a private

1776 – for three weeks – as a Private.

1777 – for three months and two weeks – as a Private.

1781 – for one month as a Private.

In all Seven Months and three Weeks, and for such service I claim a pension.

Jeremiah hisXmark Brown

NOTE: Jesse Brown stated that he was 67 years old in his statement dated 22 Sep 1832.