

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Elias Brooks S6768

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Virginia; Chesterfield county to wit:

On this tenth day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Chesterfield (being a court of record) now sitting Elias Brooks Senr. a resident of said county of Chesterfield and State of Virginia aged about 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 very early in the Revolutionary War, he entered the service of the United States in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Richard Baugh in Chesterfield county (the precise time, and the names of the subaltern officers he does not recollect). that he was marched to the lower part of Virginia where he was kept upon duty untill discharged at Hampton, after serving about three months, that Colo. Nelson generally had command of the Regiment to which he was attached.

That sometime in the month of April (as well as he recollects) in the year 1780, he again entered the service of the United States, in a company commanded by Capt. Archibald Walthall, with John Hill as Lieutenant, in Chesterfield county. that he was assigned to the Regiment commanded by Colo. Faulker [sic: Ralph Faulkner], believe to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment, that Major [William] Boyce was the Major belonging to the said Regiment. that he was marched from Virginia through North Carolina to very near Camden in South Carolina. that he was stationed as one of the guards to protect the waggons at the battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] — after the battle the army retreated to Hillsborough [NC], and was marched from thence to a place called New Garden [W of present Greensboro] and from thence to Guilford courthouse North Carolina, where he was discharged, on or about the first day of October 1780, after serving about four or five months.

That sometime in the month of January 1781, he again entered the service of the United States, in Chesterfield county, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Robert Goode, that he was marched to Petersburg, thence down to Smithfield, and various other places in the lower part of Virginia, and after serving about six or eight weeks as well as he recollects he was discharged just below Petersburg. that he does not at present recollect the company officers at the commencement of this tour, but well recollects that Capt. Obadiah Smith and Lieut. Joseph Weisiger had command of him during part of the time. That after his discharge and return home, he was again frequently called out for a few days, or weeks at a time, while this part of Virginia was invaded, but the officers under whom he served, and the periods of time of service he is utterly unable to speak with certainty.

That he has no particular recollection of any of the officers of the Regular Army except that Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates had the command at the battle of Camden, and that he believes Colo. Faulkner and Major Boyce also belonged to the Regular army (and the 3rd Virginia regiment) — that he never was in any engagement. that he never received any written discharge that he recollects. that his services in the tour to the South under Capt. A. Walthall is known to John Smith [pension application W3466] who served in the same company, and is now a resident of this county. That he has been informed by his parents that he was born in the county of Essex in this State, but when, he does not recollect with certainty. he supposes from some circumstances that he is now about seventy three years of age, that he knows nothing of any record of his age, that he has resided in this county ever since he was about thirteen years of age. 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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Elias hisXmark Brooks Senr

Virginia; Chesterfield county to wit;

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Elias Brooks Senr. a resident of said county, 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 Nine months as a Private in the Militia of the army of the United States in the Revolutionary war, and for such service he claims a Pension. That he was, as well as he now recollects always called out in the Militia. that he is known to John Smith and John Cowdrey two old and respectable soldiers of the Revolution, who have testified to his character for veracity and their belief in his service as a soldier of the revolution, and to many others in his neighbourhood — there is no clergyman residing in his neighbourhood, or within many miles of him who can certify in his behalf.

Elias hisXmark Brooks Senr.