

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Brown S8098

VA

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State of Virginia County of Bedford Sct.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Bedford now sitting Henry Brown Sr. a resident of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia aged 72 years the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August last who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

That in the year [blank] he was drafted as a Militia man to go against the British who had landed at portsmouth in the State of Virginia he belonged at that time to a company of Militia Commanded by Captain Robert Alexander of Bedford he thinks his number in the muster Roll was 7 he fixed up his knapsack and marched to near the place where the men were to Rendezvous when orders came for them to return home. all those that proved that they had marched got credit for a tour of duty and that he got credit for a tour of duty by a Court Marshall which sat in New London [now in Campbell County] and of which Colo. James Callaway was one, who was then the Colo. Commandant of the County of Bedford that in the year [blank] he was called out again to stand guard over a number of Tories who were taken up and confined in Jayl and in other houses in the Town of New London the Captain of the guard was one John Cotterall. How long he served he does not now remember but recollects he was there for a very considerable Time and has no doubt got Credit for a Tour of Duty, That afterwards he helped guard the British prisoners who were taken at the Cowpens [in South Carolina, 17 Jan 1781] as far as Lynchburg on their way to the Barracks in Albemarle, but thinks this was only an occasional service and not a regular Tour of duty— That in the year [blank] he (with a number of his neighbors who are now mostly dead, was drafted as a militia man to go against the British who who were then in North Carolina and had driven General [Nathanael] Greene across Dan River into Virginia [14 Feb 1781], before he joyned Greenes army he with a number of his neighbours Listed as volunteers in a company of which Jacob Moon was Capt., Benjamin Rice Lieutenant and Thomas Lumpkin Ensign. He was then attached to Colo. [Charles] Lynch's Regiment of Rifle men and was with Colo. [William] Washington's Corps of Light horse through different parts of N Carolina mostly between Greenes army and the enemy until the Battle of Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] at which battle he was wounded being shot through the thick part of the thigh he was carried from the Ba[page torn] ground to a house about 3 miles off and Captain Moon under whom he served was brought to the same House and died there of his wounds. He was afterwards carried to the [Troublesome] Iron works where Gen'l. Greenes army Lay and then to the hospital on Dan River where he remained until his Father and Brother brought him home in a horse litter. he is confident he was confined to the house by his wound for more than 12 months and suffered from it considerably for several years afterwards. This was the end of his Revolutionary services, Cornwallis having been Captured the ensuing Fall [19 Oct 1781] and peace soon after Restored to the Country. He cannot remember with any degree of certainty the length of any of the Tours of duty above mentioned, but it is the Current opinion in this Quarter that were mostly for three months according to this statement which he believes to be correct, he is entitled to nine months actual service and if in addition to this the period of his disability from his wounds be added it will make the aggregate duration of his services and disabilities in the service Twenty one months. He has no documentary evidence of his services & if he ever had any written discharges they are lost or mislaid. he cannot prove any thing about the first Tour he got Credit for, unless there is some evidence of it on the old muster rolls or in the records of the Court Marshall (if their be any now in existence) he believes every person who knew any thing about it is dead, or long since removed from this part of the Country he can prove his services at New London by John Teass[?] & Henry Adams [pension application W5595] whose affidavits are hereunto annexed. he can prove his services and his wounds by many, but more particular by Henry Adams & Genl. Joel Leftwich [S8830] whose affidavits are hereunto annexed. he was born in the

County of Bedford & State of Virginia on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1760, and has resided there ever since. there is a register of his age in an old Church Book now in possession of Major Samuel Mitchell of Bedford he never asked or received any compensation for his services and of Course his name is not on any pension roll in the United States

Henry Brown

Virginia Campbell County to wit

I John Teass, residing in the Town of New London, in the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I remember to have seen Henry Brown, a resident of Bedford County in service, as a militia man, guarding some Tories at New London who had been brought in as prisoners during the Revolutionary war. Capt. John Cotterall was in command at the time; How Long the said Henry Brown remained in service, I do not now recollect

John Teass