

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Brown S8099

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State of Virginia County of Surry

On this 27th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Surry sitting Jesse Brown resident of the said County of Surry & State of Virginia aged 76 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the united states sometime in the early part of the year 1776 with Capt. John Watkins & served in the 4th Regiment of the Virg'a State line under the following named officers: Capt John Watkins Lieut. William Hamblin [sic: William Hamlin] Lieut. Charles Judkins & Ensign William Boyce that soon after his enlistment he rendivoused at Surry Court house he then marched through Isle of Wight County to Suffolk a small vilage in Nansamond County [sic: Nansemond County, now the City of Suffolk] & from thence to Pourtsmouth [sic: Portsmouth] in Norfolk county Va. at which place he joined the regiment commanded by Colonel Adam Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen] some time in the months of May or June 1776 whare he remained untill some time in the fall of that year at which time he was taken sick & sent to the hospital whare he remained for some time, he was then permitted to come home to Surry on furlough whare he remained sick for several weeks with the Nervous fever [archaic name for typhus or typhoid fever] in which sickness he became lame in one of his legs occasioned by the drawing of the sinews. That after geting better he was ordred to join the company at Williamsburg which order he obeyed & met at that place some time in November 1776 but being unable to march with the company to the north in consequence of his lame leg he was left at that place in the hospital whare he remained untill January or February 1777. Other particulars as regards his service he does not now recollect but the last place of service was a Chesterfield Courthouse whare he was commanded by Capt. [John] Overton & was thare discharged by Colonel [William] Davies and returned home to Surry the time of his enlistment having Expired which was in the latter part of 1779 or the 1st of 1780. but his discharge having been lost or distroyed, he does not now recollect the time. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension of annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afforesaid [signed] Jesse Brown

The affidavit of Jesse King [pension application S5559] resident of Surry County & State of Virginia aged 77 years made & subscribed this 25 day of February 1833

This affiant saith that he was well acquainted with Jesse Brown of Surry County Virginia who hath made and subscribed the above declaration that the said Jesse Brown enlisted in the united states Service some time in the Early part of the 1776 under Capt. John Watkins, and served in the 4th Reg't. of the Virginia State line under Capt. John Watkins, Lieut. William Hamblin, Lieut. Charles Judkins & Ensign William Boyce the company rendavoused at Surry Court house as they ware Enlisted & Brought in by the different recruiting officers. This affiant was living with Lieut. Hamblin at the time he was recruiting and having one Brother and Several acquaintances in the Company, he was frequently at the Court house to see the them, whare he saw the afforesaid Jesse Brown living and doing the duty as a souldier that some time in the spring of 1776 the Company was ordred & marched to Pourtsmouth Virginia about the time or soon after the battle at the great Bridge below the Borough of Norfolk [9 Dec 1775] This affiant went to Pourtsmouth some time in the month of June 1776 and took his Brother William Kings place whare he remained untill the latter part of July following during which time the afforesaid Jesse Brown was a souldier in the same company & same recg't. as above, & commanded by Colonel Stephens Mj'r. Read & other field officers. at which time his Brother William King returned to his company & he Jesse King

returned home to Surry. This affiant King went to Pourtsmouth again in the Early part of the fall 1776 after Lieut Hamblin who was sick Jesse Brown was then in the service but sick also, and was permitted to come home on furlough, after that time this affiant knew but Little of Brown service as he King was called out on several towers of duty himself & the company to which Brown belonged went on to the North. This affiant has been acquainted with Jesse Brown eversince his return to the County and has ever recognized him as a soaldier of the revolution further this affiant saith not

[signed] Jesse King

[Hartwell Savedge (S7452) also made a supporting statement.]