

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Brooks W18665

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Virginia County of Mathews

on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1836 personally Appeared before us Justices of the Court of Mathews County now siting Barshaba Brooks a Resident in the County of Mathews and State of Virginia aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: that she is the widow of George Brooks who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. he entered the service of the United States in 1776 under Capt Josiah Foster as well as I now recollect who was Capt of a militia Company and so continued untill the end of the war I do not recollect the numbers of his tower of duty I cannot say that I recollect of any engagement that he had I have herd him speak of firing on the British whilst on duty at new point he lived in Gloucester County Kingston parish when he entered the service of the United States where he lived all his life she further declares that she was married to George Brooks in 1779 by parson Reed and that her husband the aforesaid George Brooks died in 1791 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed  
Barshaba herXmark Brooks

[13 Mar 1837] We Isaac Smith [pension application S11427] and William Morgan [S7246] do upon Oath testify & declare that we were born and raised in Kingston Parish now Mathews County that we knew and were well acquainted with George Brooks from his boyhood until his death which was in or about the year 1791 that he was born and raised in the County aforesaid during his life. that he entered the service of the United States as a private under command of Capt. Josiah Foster in the year 1776 (the time Lord Dunmore came to Gwyn's Island [sic: Gwynn Island, May 1776]) and served as follows Viz In 1776 he served a tour of duty at New Point consisting of one month. In 1777 he served two tours of duty at the same place the first one & half month the second two months. All of the above tours he served under Capt. J. Foster. In 1778 he was called out under commanded of Capt Richard Billups and served two tours of duty at New Point the first two months the second one & half month. In 1779 he was called out under the same officer and served two tours of duty at the same place the first one & half months the second two months. In 1780 he was called out under command of Capt. Peter Barnes and served two tours of duty at New Point the first one month the second two months. In 1781 he was again called into service under command of Capt. Barnes, when all the Militia of Gloucester County was and marched to Gloucester Ct. House: thence to Hubbards old field, thence to Ware Church: thence to Sewels [Seawell's] old field, where he remained some time thence to Gloucester Town where a battle was fought in all of which he served about three months, that he was engaged in several skirmishes while on duty at New Point & that at all of the places specified we served with him.

Further we do and each of us doth testify and declare that George Brooks was married to Barsheba Diggs (agreeably to neighbourhood reports for we were not at the marriage) in the year 1779 that he lived with, and raised children by the said Barsheba who are now living in this County and heirs of his estate & that the said Barsheba is now his widow.

The statements made with regard to the times of service are to the best of our recollections

[signed] Isaac Smith      [signed] William Morgan

[A similar statement of services was made by William Morgan and Richard Hurst (S9593) on 21 Sep 1836, and by George Callis (W14444) on 7 May 1837.]

NOTE: Bailey Diggs certified the marriage of his sister to George Brooks. Mary Hudgins, their oldest child, stated that she was born 19 Aug 1781. One Aventer Owens stated that George and Barsheba Brooks were married early in 1779 and had their first child late in the same year.