

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Brown ¹ W2062

Mary (Polly) Brown f52NC

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State of Tennessee, Washington County: September Term 1832

On this 11th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Samuel Powell, Judge of the Court of Law & Equity for the County of Washington with in the State of Tennessee now sitting, Jacob Brown, a resident citizen of the aforesaid County aged 80 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated. That in the year 1777 he resided in Roan [Rowan] County North Carolina and volunteered in said County under Captain Frederick Fisher and was marched to the Pleasant Gardens on the Catawba River where his company joined General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and was placed under the command of Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] & Major Brandon and was marched from thence to the Cherokee Nation against said Indians. On their march, they were fired on by the Indians at the mouth of Swannanoa [River] where it enters into French Broad [River] where the Indians were repulsed; were marched to what was then called the Half Moon Mountain with the South Carolina troops joined the brigade to which this declarant belong under the command of the said General Rutherford and where there was a battle between the whites and Indians; from thence to the Over Hills Towns where there was a skirmish in which there was some Indians killed & some taken prisoners; from there returned by Captain Fisher home; was discharged after having served a full three months tour. He states that in the year 1779, he was a resident of Rowan County North Carolina. In the fall of said year as well as now recollected this declarant was drafted to serve a nine months tour in the Army of the United States and enrolled in said County under Quartermaster Yarberry [Edward Yarborough]. He, this applicant, being a wagon maker by trade was put to making and repairing wagons at Salisbury under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] that being said Greene's headquarters and remained at Salisbury until Lord Cornwallis' Army marched through that place and drove General Greene's Army across the Yadkin [River]. This applicant being separated from the Army at Salisbury and [did] not join the same began until he met with them at or near the mouth of Rocky River in North Carolina; was then marched down the near Camden South Carolina to a creek called Sutton's Creek where there was a battle between General Greene's Army and Lord Rawdon's Army in which General Greene had to retreat on the opposite side of the Creek and formed a line of battle but the British did not make a

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second attack.² This applicant states that he was in said battle. He states that when he joined the Army at the mouth of Rocky River he was placed under the command of Colonel Reed [James Reid] who was a Regular officer. He states that after said battle he was put to guard some British prisoners and Tories up to Salisbury which duty he performed and when he arrived at Salisbury with the said prisoners he was put again to repairing wagons by the order of commissary Yarborough, his applicant thinks he had the title of Quartermaster or commissary, where the applicant remained until peace was made and was discharged by the said Yarborough after having served eight months and two weeks, peace being made about one or two weeks previous to the expiration of his said nine months tour of service. He states that sometime after the said war, he sent his discharge to the legislature of North Carolina by a Mr. Fishburn of Salisbury to draw his pay which discharge was never returned to this applicant. His discharge for the first three months tour has been casually lost. He states that he served eleven months and one half month in the war of the revolution as above stated. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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. That there is no resident minister of the Gospel in his neighborhood who can testify to the facts set forth in the directions by the War Department.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 11th day of September 1832.

S/Jacob Brown, X his mark

Test: S/ James V. Anderson, Clerk

[George Brown and Henry Salts [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.


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[p 11: On March 29, 1853 in Washington County Tennessee, Mary Brown, aged about 58, and a resident near Jonesboro in Washington County, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob Brown, a pensioner at the rate of \$38.33 per annum; that her husband drew his pension until May 10, 1841 when he died leaving her his widow; that she married him in Washington County on January 23rd, 1816; that they were married by one William Bayless, JP and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: The widow's name prior to her marriage was Mary Salts [Satts or Lotts]³; she died May 10, 1856; the file contains no reference to any children.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 ½ months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

² Applicant is describing the battle of Hobkirk's Hill which occurred on April 25, 1781.

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