

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Jeremiah Brown W27542

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State of Tennessee, Jackson Circuit Court September Term 1834

On this 15th day of September 1834, personally appeared in open court, the same being a court of record, before the Honorable Abraham Caruthers circuit judge in and for the third judicial circuit in said State, now presiding and holding said court, Jeremiah Brown, a resident citizen of the County of Jackson in said State aged Seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to the laws of the land, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the war of the revolution, and served herein as he states.

He volunteered in the County of Wilkes in North Carolina for a tour of three months and joined a company commanded by Captain Clark (thinks his Christian name Elijah) [Elijah Clarke] and marched in his company to Ninety Six and there joined the army under command of General Gates [Horatio Gates] and was shortly thereafter in the battle of what is called Gates' defeat [also known as the Battle of Camden], and refers to this fact for a date to this tour of service. After the defeat [he] marched to a place called Saluda and there remained for about ten days, and there was discharged by Captain Clark. He thinks the Lieutenant in his company was called Whitesides, and that the company to which he belonged formed part of a regiment commanded by Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and Major Doolin or Dooly and joined the regiment in Wilkes County aforesaid. On their march to Ninety Six crossed the Catawba, Saluda, and Rocky Rivers. He states he served out his full tour and was in no other engagements.

Next he was drafted for a tour of six months in the service [?] county of Berk [sic, Burke] of North Carolina (his father having removed thither) and joined a company commanded by Captain Patrick Kerr, Lieutenant Samuel Griffin, Ensign not recollected; [&] marched to a point on Saluda River and there the company of Captain Kerr joined a company commanded by Captain Clark. The two companies then marched through the mountains passing through a little Indian town called Cain [sic, Cane] Creek, to Wilkes County in the State of Georgia. At Cane Creek town [we] were fired on by the Indians. They instantly fled, some were killed, he saw three Indians killed. In Wilkes County [we] joined a regiment commanded by Col Dooly or Doolin, the major's name not recollected. The regiment then marched on directly to Augusta in Georgia and joined the army. He recollects the weather was then warm. Captain Kerr's company to which he belonged was sent out as rangers, and he marched through the adjacent country, sometimes as much lay as two weeks out from the army; recollects several places which they were at while out, to wit: Ebenezer, Midway, Beach Island, Williams' Swamp. While performing this service the company to which he belonged killed several Tories. He

was in no battles or engagements,. The company to which he belonged which [indecipherable word] consisted of about one hundred sixty privates. He states he served out his full tour of six months and was discharged by Captain Kerr. When they went to Augusta, the British had possession of the town, but before he left that place, they marched out and surrendered it. He recollects that a British commander by the name of Grayson [sic, James Grierson] was killed while he was there.

This ended his service as a soldier of the revolution which amounted to nine months. He states that he does not know of any which by whom he can prove his service or any part of it nor has he any documentary evidence of said service in any part thereof. Owing to old age and infirmity his recollection has so far failed as to put it out of his power to recall in minute details. His discharges were left in his father's house and he has [no] knowledge of what was done with them. He hereby relinquishes all and every claim 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 in open court this 15th day of September 1834.

S/ Jeremiah Brown, X his mark

S/ James T. Quarles, Clerk
by S/ O. B. Hubbord, Deputy

Answers to Interrogators prescribed by the war department: I was born in North Carolina on the Adkin [sic, Yadkin] River near the Shallow Ford. I have forgotten the name of the County. As appears from the record of my age in our old family bible, I was born on the sixth day of May, 1759. I cannot read myself. I have the bible in my own possession. I was called into service in Wilkes County North Carolina; moved from there to Burke County, same state. After the revolution [I] moved to Georgia, Wilkes County. From there [I moved] to East Tennessee; from there to Jackson County where I now live. From Jackson County, [I moved] to Bledsoe; from Bledsoe to Roan and then back to Jackson County again. First time I lived in Jackson about fourteen years; moved back fifteenth of last March. I just went out as a volunteer, next tour drafted. I cannot state more of the officers and circumstances of my service than I have already stated. I received two discharges; and lost them as above stated. I believe my neighbors will testify as to my character for veracity and my reputation as a soldier of the revolution and their concurrence therein. I will name John Burris, Thomas Gaw, Nimrod Julieson, Daniel Johnson &c.

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[Jonas Griffith, a clergyman, and Arthur Dill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: On December 2, 1870, in Jackson County Tennessee, Jane Brown, 96, filed for a widows pension as the widow of Jeremiah Brown stating that her maiden name was Jane Franklin; that she married her husband on the __ day of __ in the year 1800 and Powles Valley East Tennessee; that her husband died at his home in Jackson County Tennessee November 10, 1859 of old age and "Deapsical" disease [probably 'dropsical' meaning 'dropsy'].]

[facts in file: veteran married Elizabeth Floyd, date of marriage not given but it occurred previous to 1800; whether or not there were any children by his 1st wife, the materials in the file do not disclose; there were 5 children by his 2nd marriage, 3 of whom were dead by 1874; Edmond died after the Civil War at age 60; Barbry and William died young; John aged 56 years and James aged 54 years, the youngest, were living in Jackson County, Tennessee in 1874.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months

service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]