

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Brown W5878 Nancy fn46SC[sic, NC]
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State of North Carolina Richmond County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1832

Personally appeared before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions William Brown a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged sixty-nine or seventy 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 seventh 1832. That some three or four months before the taking of Savannah in Georgia by the British, he then residing in Bladen County was drafted in the Rangers or Thompson's light horse & joined Colonel Thompson's corps under Captain Uriah Goodwin the Lieutenant's name not recollected distinctly and served under them probably more than nine months, the fore part of said time in Wilmington North Carolina and the latter part in South Carolina and was stationed guarding the magazine at Savannah under Lieutenant ___ Newsom that after the expiration of the time of service he this deponent came home to North Carolina under Captain Elias Pate & ___ Council and that he will has no other means of substantiating the foregoing declaration except by his own oath.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ William Brown, X his mark

Test

S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

[Daniel McKay, a clergyman, and Duncan McLaurin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 41]

The Amended Declaration of William Brown and applicant for a Pension from the County of Richmond & State of North Carolina

State of North Carolina Richmond County

Personally appeared before me John R. Buie Justice of the Peace for the County & state aforesaid William Brown (an applicant for a Pension whose original Declaration is annexed) who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his

recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades -- for nine months, I served as a Private in Captain Uriah Goodwin's company of Light Horse Troops attached to Colonel Thompson's Corps or Battalion & for one year & three months I served as a private in the companies of Captain Elias Pate & Captain Council of Light Horse Troops and for such service I claim a Pension -- This Declarant further saith that he cannot say in what year or years he served (from loss of memory) in Captain Uriah Goodwin's Company but he has already stated that he entered the service about three or four months prior to the Siege of Savannah Georgia & that soon after his discharge He returned to North Carolina & volunteered his services in Captain Elias Pate & served under him as stated and under Captain Council who succeeded Captain Tate & that he does not know in what year he was born but thinks he is seventy years old & that he had a record of his age in a Bible & that he swapped his Bible with a Minister of the Gospel long since & forgot to take a memorandum of his age before he parted with his Bible & that if ever he received a written discharge or discharges from service he has lost or mislaid them -- That he was first discharged by Captain Goodwin & again by Captain Council but whether written or verbal he cannot positively state & that he is known to the following Persons Isaac Williamson Senior, Neal MacNair, Esq., George Wright, Silas Ivens, Esq., Saml. Goodwin, Esq., Danl. MacLauchlin Esq., Nathanl. Gibson, John Gibson, John MacAlister, Col. Stephen Wall, Pater H. Cole, Wm Crawford, Sheriff, Erasmus Love Esq., Tryaver MacFarland, Esq., Col. John C. McLaurin, Col. Danl. Malloy, Col. Tho. Pate & Genl. Alfred Dockery.
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of April 1833
Test S/ John R. Buie, JP S/ William Brown, X his mark

An explanation of the amended Declaration of William Brown of Richmond County North Carolina and applicant for a Pension --
State of North Carolina Richmond County

Personally appeared before me John R. Buie a Justice of the Peace for said County William Brown a applicant for a pension whose original & amended declaration is annexed who being sworn in due form of law deposeseth & saith as follows -- That by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the Precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection He served not less than nine months as a Private in Captain Uriah Goodwin's Company of Light Horse Troops attached to Colonel Thompson's Corps or Battalion said service being performed partly in North Carolina, South Carolina & Georgia. That after his discharge from service he returned to North Carolina & volunteered to Captain Elias Pate & afterwards to Captain Council both of whom commanded Light Horse Troops -- at that time the Tories were Troublesome in & about the State line between North Carolina & South Carolina there were also a horde of robbers & plunderers that infested the settlements on both sides of the Pedee River whose sole object was plunder & belonged to no party & it was to suppress such that Captain Pate & Council raised mounted volunteer companies to scour the adjacent settlements in North & South Carolina. They at times when called into service were on military duty two weeks at times three or four weeks or six weeks as occasion might require then be disbanded until some fresh disturbance would break out and then they were again called into service. They were always to hold themselves in readiness to go at a moments' warning. Such service as described is the kind of service this deponent performed under Captains Pate & Council. They were part of the time in North Carolina & part of the time in South Carolina on both sides of the Pedee & he thinks but cannot state positively that he was altogether in the service under Captains Pate & Council from first to last at least 15 months --

Morris Murphy's Company of Light Horse Troops joined our company in South Carolina & was with us for some time -- when one of those robbers was caught He was taken up & hanged if he was known to be guilty of such charges.

Further this deponent saith not.

Sworn & subscribed before made this 15th day of July 1833

S/ John R. Buie, JP

S/ William Brown, X his mark

State of North Carolina Richmond County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1833

This day personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record William Brown aged between seventy and seventy-one who exhibits the following as amendatory or rather explanatory of his former declaration in order to entitle himself to the benefit of the act of the seventh of June 1832, making provision for revolutionary soldiers

In the first place he states that he does not know nor cannot tell in what year he was born, but from every circumstance he has good reason to believe that he was born in Bladen County North Carolina in 1761 or 1762, and that he thinks from conversation which he has had with his old companions in arms & others that he is now about seventy or seventy-one, he may however be older for he has no record of his age owing to the circumstance which he stated in his original declaration. That he never received a discharge from the service. If he did he has lost the same. That he is known to the following persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution (viz.) Walter Leak Senior, Isaac Williamson, William Crawford, high Sheriff, William H. Leak & others

William Brown further states upon his oath, that from a letter which he received from the war department, he is advised that some discrepancies or seeming contradictions appeared between his original Declaration and his amended declaration. To which his attention has been called by the war department and on which he wishes to be indulged in making explanation. He states that when he first applied his declaration was drawn up by a gentleman of high standing but who being but little acquainted with such business, did not sit forth in the declaration, or were fixed any time or number of months as the additional service under Captain Pate and Captain Council, but simply stated that he served several Tours, he further states that he was under the impression that he had stated in his original declaration that he served in first nine months & then 15 months additional but he discovered not, he yet states that he cannot swear positively as to having served precisely 15 months under Captain Pate, Counsel & Coffee, but from every circumstance, which he has repeatedly revolved in his mind since he does say that according to the best of his recollection he did serve as much as 15 months before spoken of in addition to the nine months making in all 24 months & for which service he claims a pension. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 16th of July 1833

Test S/ Elias Sinclair, DC

S/ Wm Brown, X his mark

Personally appeared in open court Moses Knight¹ and Isaac Williamson² both soldiers of the revolution who being first duly sworn according to law depose and saith, that they were acquainted with William Brown in the revolutionary War, that they know of their own knowledge that he was a soldier of the revolution nor they have seen him at different times in service, they think in 1780 & 1781 of which however they are not certain, that he is a man of undoubted veracity & they have all confidence that he served as he has stated in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the 19 July 1833

¹ [Moses Knight R6028](#)

² [Isaac Williamson S7911](#)

Test S/ Elias Sinclair, DC

S/ Moses Knight

[W. F. Leak, Walter Leak, Senr & Wm Crawford testify as to the character and reputation of the applicant.]

[fn p. 14: on April 15, 1848, in Richmond County North Carolina, Nancy Brown, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of William Brown, a pensioner at the rate of \$37.50 around for his services in the revolution; that he died October 18, 1847; that she married him in the year 1790 and that she is still his widow.]

[fn p. 21: finding by the clerk of court of Richmond County that Nancy Brown, widow of William Brown died in Richmond County North Carolina on January 26, 1849; that she left surviving the following named children: Wilson Brown, Mary Brown, Martha Brown, Nancy Brown, Huldah Brown intermarried with Starling Rachels, Henry Brown residing in Autauga County Alabama, and John Brown last heard to be residing in Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]