

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Brown W8381

Phebe Brown

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State of Kentucky, Estill County

On this 20 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Samuel Kelly, Hiram McGuire & Samuel Tipton, Justices of the County Court in & for the County of Estill aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Brown, aged about 90 years, a resident of the County of Estill aforesaid 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 June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & and served as herein stated -- That about the commencement of the Revolution, he thinks in 1776, he was balloted in the militia of North Carolina from Surry County under Captain Jones [probably John Litten Jones] and served nine months—he knows he served that long & that it was distinctly understood he was balloted for that length of time; Alexander Lytle [probably a mistaken attempt to identify Archibald Lytle] was his Colonel [&] _____ Armstrong was his Major. We were marched at first to old Halifax in Virginia & rendezvoused there sometime -- orders then came & we were marched back into North Carolina to Moon's Creek & were stationed there till our time was out. In 1780, he thinks it was, he volunteered in the militia from the Western part of Virginia on Clinch River in the now County of Wythe & served a tour of duty under Col William Campbell who lived on Holston [River] at the time; was in Captain Reese Bowen's company; that on this tour he was in the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] -- or Ferguson's defeat [Patrick Ferguson] -- that his Captain was killed in this engagement—was out on this tour between one & two months. In the year following, he served another tour under Col Campbell; went from some place on Clinch River -- one David Ward was his Captain -- was marched into North Carolina & joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] in Guilford County -- was in the Battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] -- after Greene retreated, we were discharged; was out on this tour between one & two months -- he thinks about two. [He] was born in Orange County in Virginia recollects that he was a stout plough Boy at Braddock's defeat [July 18, 1755] -- has resided in Kentucky about 13 years -- moved from Virginia -- he has no documentary evidence to prove his services & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to establish them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/Thomas Brown, x his mark

[Lewis Moore, High Sheriff of Estill County & David Harris & Isaac Mize gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Estill County: SS

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Estill County Court aforesaid now sitting, Thomas Brown a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, supplementary to his Declaration made in this court on the 20th of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

He states that by reason of his great age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service as a soldier of the Revolution, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than twelve months as a private in the militia in the Army of the Revolution & for such service he claims a pension. He thinks he always volunteered except on the first Tour – That he has not nor never had any record of his age, That he was bound out by his Father until the age of 21 years and that he has kept his age ever since from that circumstance, He further states that from loss of memory consequent upon his age and infirmity he cannot now state the names of any of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served, Regiments, nor any material circumstance of his service, other than such as are stated in his original declaration – That for one Tour of his service in the Revolutionary War he received a discharge from Col. Lytle, which is long since lost – That Lewis Moon High Sheriff, Daniel Harris and Isaac Mize of Estill County have long known him and can and have testified concerning his character and the belief of his services.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Brown, X his mark

[p 9: On October 9, 1838 in Estill County Kentucky, Phebe Brown, aged 70 odd years of age, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Brown, a revolutionary war pensioner; that his services were rendered after her marriage and after the birth of their first child; she remembers that her husband was in active service at the time of the birth of their second child; that she knows of no record of her marriage but based on information she can obtain she is now about 76 years old and was married in the year 1777 or 1778 in the town of Halifax North Carolina; that after her marriage she and her husband lived in North Carolina about 20 miles from the town of Halifax for a few years; they then moved from place to place until about the year 1817 when they moved from Virginia to Garrard County Kentucky and then removed to Estill County Kentucky where they lived till the death of her husband Which Took Pl., December 14, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On July 4, 1855 in Estill County Kentucky, James Brown a resident of said County gave testimony that he is the son of Phebe Brown an applicant for a pension under the 1836 act; that he has no family or private record of the marriage of his parents; that he has a family record of the 4 of the oldest 7 of the children of his parents, to wit, Polly Brown was born January 4th 1780, Thomas Brown Junior was born July 24th, 1783, James Brown (the affiant) was born on the 13th day of January 1786 and Nancy Brown was born February 2nd, 1788; that affiant has often heard his father say that one of his children, Polly, was born before the close

of his services or near about the close and that he went home on furlough to see his wife; that affiant has not heard from his brothers and sisters for several years and cannot say whether any of them are still living. That his family record shows that his father died December 14th, 1836; that his mother died March 1, 1840. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[pp 16-17: family record:

Thomas Brown
Died on the 14th Dec
1836

M^{rs} Phoebe Brown
Died on the 1st Day
of March 1840

Polly Brown was born
in the year of our Lord
the 4th day of January 1783
Thomas Brown Junior was
born in the year of our
Lord the 2nd day of July
1783

James Brown was born
in the year of our Lord
January 15th 1786

Nancy Brown was born
in the year of our Lord
February 2. 1788

[Facts in file: In addition to the above listed children, the file contains reference to the veteran and his wife having children named Patsy, Elizabeth, Midy, Lydia and John. There dates of birth are not stated. The documents reflect that James Brown the son of the veteran and his widow was married June 11, 1806 in Garrard County Kentucky to Philadelphia Sherrow. Her guardian, Reuben Sherrow consented to her marriage to James Brown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]