

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Job Broughton W8395

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[State of Kentucky, Knox County]

On this 26th day of August 1833 personally appeared before Joseph Prichard, John Fuson and A. Y. Anderson Justices of the Knox County Court State of Kentucky Job Broughton a resident of Goose Creek in the County of Knox and State of Kentucky aged 78 years on the 30th of October next, 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 7th 1832.

I was born on the 30th of October 1855 – on the 26th of June 1774 I was married to my wife who now sits by me. In the spring afterwards (1775) I volunteered under Colonel Martin Armstrong – Captain Jabes Jarvis [Jabez Jarvis?], Lieutenant James Freeman, Ensign not remembered, for a tour of six weeks. I lived at that time in Surrey County [sic, Surry County] North Carolina, Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] we marched from the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin where we rendezvoused – to the cross roads as it was called been – now Randolph Court house where we joined Colonel Martin with the troops he commanded – thence to Campbell Town on the Cape Fear River – a distance of 160 miles from where I lived – where we were stationed until we were discharged. I received no written discharge for this or any other service – it was always by the word of mouth – This expedition was designed against the Scotch who had risen in North Carolina to aid the British – News reached us on the Cape Fear River at Caswell – or perhaps Tazewell had defeated them which prevented us from going any further.

During this year (1775) I volunteered several times to go against the Tories but as they were all of short duration not exceeding 10 or 15 days I set up no claim for services on their account.

In the year 1777 I removed to the State of Georgia Wilkes County and settled there on the 24th of February.

In the fall of that year I was enrolled as a minute man and took up quarters in Stephen Herds fort. I was here stationed until 1781 at which time I was discharged – when I was first enrolled Richard Austin was my Captain – he got wounded accidentally by one of his own men – and died of the wound, after his death Richard Herd was my Captain. During this enrollment I was ordered out as a spy for 18 months – I believe I was released from this service before the 18 months had quite expired – but still not released from duty – when not acting as a spy my

constant employment was guarding the Fort except when I was ordered out to perform some particular service – one of them and the most important in consequence or time was in going to besiege Savannah. I was engaged in this service 31 days under General Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln], John Doolie [sic, John Dooly] Colonel – John Stewart Captain.

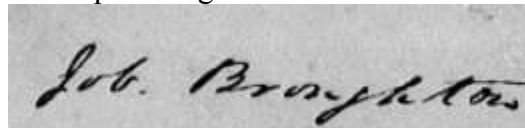
In the fall of 1781 I was discharged and removed back to North Carolina and on the road heard the firing at the battle of the Eutaw Springs. For my services as a minute man I was promised \$8 per month – full rations for myself & half rations for my wife – the rations we got but as for the money I never got it and if I had it would have taken \$500 to buy me a half pint of whiskey.

I never was in any general engagement except at Savannah. I was in many with the Indians when ordered out of Herds fort – at Savannah – I saw General McIntosh, Count d'Estaing, and another officer I think General Pulaski seated on a log, when a cannon ball stroke the log and split it.

1. I was born the 30th of October 1755 in Brunswick County Virginia
 2. I had a record of my age – it was in my father's family Bible and now in the possession of my sister Winny Davis
 3. I was living in Surry County North Carolina when I volunteered in the service – afterwards, I was enrolled as a minute man in Wilkes County Georgia in 1781 I moved to Bute County North Carolina. I have since then moved about a great deal – for the last 25 years I have lived in Kentucky and for the last 13 years upon the Creek where I now live in Knox County.
 4. In my several tours from Surry County I acted as a volunteer. After I went to Wilkes County Georgia I was enrolled and forced to perform military duty – there was the 1st, 2nd & 3rd classes who took it by terms to march out of the Fort against the British, Indians or Tories whilst the balance stayed to guard the Fort, to act as spies, to prevent a surprise and even guard the women when they went to milk or get water from the spring.
 - 5th. General Lincoln, Count d'Estaing, & Count Pulaski were with the troops where I served. I do not remember any of the Continental Regiments except that commanded by Colonel Parker – though I know there are was several at the siege of Savannah.
 6. I never received a discharge
 7. I am known to the Reverend William Hickey, Reverend Richardson Herndon, Lewis Garland, Ambrose Cobb & William Williams together with many more who if present would testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. I was also well acquainted with Laymon Catching who acted as my Lieutenant during a portion of my service in Wilkes County and who departed this life in this County a few weeks ago.
- I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Broughton

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Job. Broughton".

[William Hickey, a clergyman, and Ambrose Cobb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12: on August 12, 1838 in Knox County Kentucky, Mary Broughton, 82 on the 10th day of March next, a resident of Stinking Creek about 17 miles from Barbourville, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act as the widow of Job Broughton; she states that she married him in

1772; that he died March 27, 1837; and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Georgia militia.]