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Pension Application of Henry Brown W9365

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State of Virginia

Campbell County Sct:

On this 8th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open court before Thomas Cock, Bryant W. Nowlin, Rob. W. Withers and Jesse Burton the court of Campbell now sitting, Henry Brown a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy two years (72), 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 7th June 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that he entered the service of the United States first under the command of Captain James Adams, Lieutenant Megre [sic: John McGee], and Ensign Henry Eidson in the year 1779 (the precise day nor month he cannot recollect:) was drafted in the County of Bedford Virginia, marched in the month of June to the Lead mines, Montgomery County Virginia [at Fort Chiswell now in Wythe County]; served a three month's tour and returned home in the month of September. He has no written discharge, but has reference to the certificate of Joseph Layne [sic: Joseph Lain, pension application W5123] who served with him at the same time and in the same Company hereto annexed.

2 In the month of August in the year 1780, he again entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer Soldier and acted as Orderly Sergeant for the purpose of marching to Illinois; but before marching was ordered to east and was under the command of Cap. Robert Adams, Lieut. Charles Lynch Jr. and Ensign Matthew Arther [Mathew Arthur]. He joined the Regiment commanded by Col. Charles Lynch at Molly's Creek church in the County of Bedford Virginia [Mollys Creek in present Campbell County]; marched from said rendezvous through the counties of Prince Edward, Charlotte, Amelia & Dinwiddie to the town of Petersburg Virginia, where we were stationed until the 15th of December under the command of Genl. [Robert] Lawson and were discharged after being in service three months. He has no written discharge but has reference to the certificate accompanying this declaration signed by William Rosser [pension application W29945] and Deborix Williamson [W6521] who were soldiers with him at the same time and in the same company.

3. In the month of January 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for Lawrence McGeorge and was attached to a company of militia commanded by Cap. Thomas McReynolds, Lieut Alexander Steele & Ensign John Clayton; marched from Bedford County, Virginia, through the counties of Charlotte, Prince Edward, Amelia, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Isle of Wight, Surry & Southampton to Edmon's Hill near the long Bridge [Great Bridge] where we were stationed about six weeks; and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. [Thomas] Meriwether and Major Decloman [sic: Charles Deklaman, pension application R13678], Continental officers; the whole under the command of Col. [Josiah] Parker. From thence we marched through the lower part of North Carolina, crossing the Dismal Swamps and returned to the Burnt Mills near Suffolk: from thence to Petersburg where we were discharged, after having served a tour of three months. He has no written discharge, but has reference to the certificate of Joseph Layne, who was a soldier with him at the same time and place.
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5. [sic] He again entered the service of the United States in the month of June in the year 1781, in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Cummins – the whole under the command of Colonel Charles Lynch; marched from the County of Bedford Virginia to New River in the County of Montgomery in the same state: from thence going in different directions in pursuit of tories; went as far as Holstein [sic: Holston River] returned and was discharged after a tour of one month, furnishing his own horse & accoutrements. There is no person that he knows of living by whom he can prove the service

rendered in this tour.

I was born in the County of Prince George in the year 1759 – my age is recorded in the Family Bible in the possession of my brother Edmund Brown in this County (Campbell).

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

In reference to the precise periods of the respective tours before named this declarant can say they were certainly not less than the times mentioned – and most of them he believes were of longer duration.

[signed] Henry Brown

1. Question by the Court Where & in what year were you born?

Ans'r: I was born in Prince George County, State of Virginia on the 20th day of October in the year 1759

2. Question by the same. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans'r. There is a record of my age in my father's family bible which is now in the possession of my brother Edmond Brown who lives in this County within one mile of where I do.

3. Question by the same. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Ans'r. When I was called into service I lived in Bedford County Virginia (which is now Campbell by division of counties); since the war I have lived in the same County within three miles of where I lived when I first went into the army and I still live in the same neighborhood which is now Campbell County Virginia.

4. Question by the same. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Ans'r. I was first drafted: Secondly I volunteered: 3^dly as a substitute for Samuel McGeorge: 4thly I was employed by a Continental officer to convey ammunition to the Siege of ninety six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] & lastly as a volunteer.

5. By the same. State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the Troops where you served: such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans'r: In the first service I was under the command of Cap James Adams who was sent to guard the Lead mines in Montgomery Virginia: I afterwards volunteered under the command of Col. Chas. Lynch, who Reg't. marched to the old Town Camp, near Petersburg & placed under the command of Genl. Lawson who belonged to the Continental service [sic]. My next service was near Norfolk in the Reg't. commanded by Col. Meriwether & Maj. Declomon, the whole brigade under the command of Col. Parker, all officers in the Regular Army [sic]: 4thly under the command of Maj. Langhorn to convey ammunition to the siege of 96: lastly under the command of Col Lynch in pursuit of Tories.

[6] Question by same. Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Ans'r. I never received a written discharge, nor did the troops generally require any, but have enclosed herewith certificates to prove the various service above stated.

[7] Question by same. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans'r I am known to most of my neighbors, but will name a few of the oldest gentlemen only as having the best opportunity of knowing or believing that I was a soldier of the Revolution &c to wit: Philip Payne Sen'r. Edward Herndon, Edmund Herndon besides the certificates accompanying this paper of the Rev'd. Abner Early, Joseph Gaddy &c.

*He again entered the service of the U.S. in the month of June 1781, as a wagoner to convey ammunition, cannon &c from Bedford County Va. to Ninety Six in South Carolina and was employed in said service by Major Elias Langhorne, a continental officer, & was engaged in said service two months.

[signed] Henry Brown

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County, to wit. }

Personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid, Joseph Layne, an aged man, a revolutionary soldier who made oath that he served a three months tour in the militia of Bedford County, in 1779 with the Rev'd. Henry Brown, at the lead mines in virginia – that he knows of the service aforesaid of s'd. Brown – that he served under Capt. James Adams; and Colo. Lynch – that he serve a tour of three months, in the militia of said County, with said Brown at Norfolk, in the year 1781 in Colo. Meriwether's regiment; that he knows of said service by said Brown.

[signed] Joseph Lain

NOTE: On 29 Dec 1855 Elizabeth L. Brown, 76, applied for a pension and bounty land stating that she married Henry Brown on 28 Aug 1827, and he died 26 Dec 1849. Her statement was supported by neighbors Richard G. Brown and Agnes W. Brown. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of Henry Brown and Elizabeth Jones by Rev. Thomas R. Brown in Buckingham County VA.