

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Brown W25274

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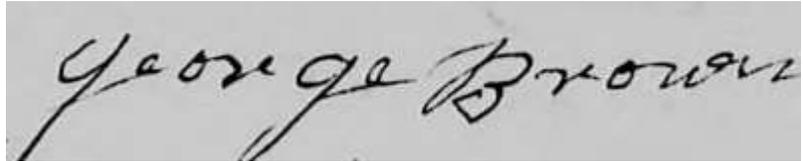
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State of Tennessee, Washington County: September Term, 1832

On this 12th day of September, 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel, Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for Washington County, now sitting, George Brown of citizen of the County & State aforesaid, aged 77 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated, that in the fall of the year 1776, as well as now recollected, he was a citizen of Roan [sic, Rowan] County, State of North Carolina, was drafted in said County to serve a three-months tour with mounted infantry, was enrolled in said County under Capt. Montgomery, Lieutenant James Crague ^(Craig), was marched to Cross Creek, North Carolina, against the Tories who had embodied at that place, though previous to the arrival of Capt. Montgomery's men the Tories had dispersed. That he remained at that place, scouting through the neighborhood after the Tories for some length of time, when he was marched back to Salsberry [sic, Salisbury] & (verbally) discharged after having served two months as before stated. He states that sometime in the summer of 1779, as well as now recollected, he was drafted in Rowan County, State of North Carolina, the term not recollected, & entered the service of the United States as a Mechanick [sic, mechanic]; was placed under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], though immediately under that of Quartermaster Yarberry [sic, Yarborough?], & was stationed in Salisbury, North Carolina, & put to making cartridge boxes, which employment he followed for some months, when he was taken with the small pox & was confined until after the British army marched through that place & the American army retreated toward Camden, where he was discharged either written or verbally by the said Yarberry—^{not} now recollected—he does further states that between the time he performed his said first tour of duty & the last, as above stated, he hired substitutes to perform two tours of duty for him. He states that the last term of service under the said Yarberry at Salisbury was five months & half month; that in all in the War of the Revolution he served seven months & half, as above stated. He states that there is no minister of the Gospel in his neighborhood who can testify as to the facts required by the directions of the War Department. He states that he has no documentary testimony of his service, neither does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court.

S/ George Brown

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Brown".

Test. S/ Jas. V. Anderson, Clk.

We, Henry Solts & Nicholas Tucker, residents of Washington County, State of Tennessee, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with George Brown, who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy-seven years of age, that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed this 12th day of September, 1832, in open court.

S/ Henry Solts

S/ Nicholas Tucker

Test. S/ Jas. V. Anderson, Clk

[fn p. 63, in Union County, Illinois, on January 30, 1839, George Brown applied to have his pension payments transferred from Washington County, Tenn to Union County, Illinois to which he moved about the 10th day of November 'last.']

[fn p. 18: on August 20, 1844 in Alexander County, Illinois, the veteran applied for a further transfer of his pension benefits stating that he had now taken up residence in Alexander County Illinois in order to reside with one of his sons, David Brown who now lives in Alexander County Illinois; he states that he also has children and grandchildren in Union County Illinois

[Certificate of Simeon Dilday, a minister of the Gospel, given in Union County, Illinois in which he states he solemnized the rites of marriage of George Brown married Mrs. Margaret Sowers on May 4, 1843.]

[fn p. 7, On December 3, 1855, in Union County, Illinois, Margaret Brown, widow, a resident of Pulaski County, Illinois, filed for a pension as the widow of George Brown; that she married her husband May 4, 1843; that her husband died December 10, 1846 in Alexander County, Illinois]

[facts in file: the name and date of marriage of the veteran's first wife is not stated; the only child of the veteran named in the file is his son, David, who was living in Alexander County, Illinois in 1844.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 1/2 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]