

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Brown S2400

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State of Kentucky } Sgt.

Lawrence County }

On this 8th day of April 1833 personally appear[ed] before the Justices of the Lawrence county court, William Brown resident of the county of Lawrence and state of Kentucky aged eighty six years, who being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the Unites States in the year 1778 with Lieutenant Frasure for three years. I served in the 7th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers, towit; General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], has forgotten the Colonels name but thinks it was Neal or McNeal. The Major he has also forgotten. He enlisted in Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County, Va. and was as well as he now recollects, placed under the command of Capt. Thomas Boyers [possibly Thomas Bowyer]. He was then transfered to the light infantry and was sent to the sinking springs under the command of Gen'l. Febecker [sic: Christian Febiger], and remained there about ten days. He was then sent to Old Jamestown where the British had made a stand. He and the troops joined General [Anthony] Wayne at Jamestown and fought the British there [Battle of Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island, 6 Jul 1781], and were defeated, losing several hundred men. Before that, we drove the British into Williamsburg. We were then[?] in active service for a long time. We then [?] were sent to Hillsborough in North Carolina and were placed under the command of Col. [William] Campbell. General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] had fought the British at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. We then went back into Virginia and went to York and remained there untill Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis] surrendered to Gen'l. Washington on the 19th day of October 1781 he was in some short time afterward discharged but who assigned the discharge he has now forgotten. He has lost his discharge. This applicant states is verry old, and having no documentary evidence of his services performed so long ago, has, no doubt, omitted many transactions and many movements made by him during so long a continuance in the service of his country. He has he thinks, no doubt, omitted & forgotten the names of many officers under whom I with whom he served.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] William Brown