

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Robert Brown S3057

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State of Tennessee, Warren County

This 10th day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Frank Smart one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County, Robert Brown, aged 75 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 of 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served under the following named officers as herein stated.

1st Tour in the year 1779 as a private & volunteer under the command of Captain Coldwell [sic, Caldwell?] at the age of 21 years then residing in Burke County State of North Carolina and served as an Indian Spy at what was called the upper Fort upon the Catawba River in the State of North Carolina a term of three months during which term no engagement of any notoriety took place in the Company to which I belonged nor do I now recollect of any between the United States & the British Army at the expiration of this tour the particular dates of which I do not now recollect having kept no record of passing events. As a private soldier I volunteered under the command of Captain Samuel Davidson and continued a term of 12 months under him & succeeding officers at the same place Viz at the Fort upon the Catawba River. 1st under Captain Davidson I served a tour of six months. Captain Davidson then left the Command and Captain McFarlain [sic, McFarlan? or McFarland?] took the Command under him served a tour of three months. Captain McFarland left the Command and Captain Smith took the Command under him I served three months. At the expiration of which time, no engagement of notoriety having taken place under either of the above mentioned commanders in the year 1780 in the month of February to the best of my recollection I left the service of Captain Smith the day & month not recollected.

3rd Tour in the year 1780 in the month of March as my memory serves me as a private soldier I volunteered under the Command of Captain Price Colonel Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] commanded the Regiment (it will be recollected that Clarke was what was called a refugee from the State of Georgia who came into North Carolina to recruit his men). As before mentioned I Joined the Company of Captain Price, left Burke County North Carolina in the month of April as I now remember 1780 & marched through Rutherford County N. C. & came to Green River, here we had an engagement with the Tories commanded by Dunlapp [sic, Dunlap] in which Dunlap was defeated. The particulars of this engagement I do not remember. Left this place and marched into South Carolina & came near to a place called Wofford's iron works here we were again attacked by Dunlap in which Clarke again defeated him. The day and month of this not remembered, we remained in the neighborhood of the place some days & then went in pursuit of Dunlap came up with him upon a water course called Saluda River as I'm now remember in South Carolina here we had an engagement in which Dunlap was taken prisoner with most of his men. Here we took up our line of countermarch and came to a place called Fort Thicketty, took this place without resistance the commanding officers of the place I don't remember. Here I left the Army and returned home. To the best of my recollection in October 1780, when I arrived there I learned that our men (had all gone to Kings Mountain) I remained a day or two and we wheeled about and started to follow them but did not come up with them but met them upon their countermarch some days after the battle of our men had encamped at the place where I met them & here there were several men hung whose names I misremember [sic] all except one Colonel Mills [Ambrose Mills] and perhaps one McFalls [John McFalls]. I marched back with our men from this place to Burke County North Carolina to the place of my residence, in the latter part of the year 1780 to the best of my knowledge.

Shortly after this in the first of 1781 as I now remember I again volunteered under the Command of Captain Smith and served as an Indian spy a tour of six months, at the same place which I

lived before I joined Clark Viz. at the upper Fort upon the Catawba River in Burke County N. C. during the term I took a tour under Captain Smith to the Cherokee Nation two Colonels McDowells Commanded the Regiment on this occasion at the end of this service I returned home never having received a formal discharge to my knowledge.

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Robert Brown, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ Frank Smart, an acting Justice of the peace Smith County, aforesaid this 10th January 1832[sic, 1833]

I hereby certify that I became acquainted with Robert Brown about the time he came to Burke County North Carolina and before he entered the service under either of the officers mentioned in this declaration and that he did perform the services which he alleges the last tour of which I myself served with him given under my hand and seal this 10th day of January 1833.

S/ John Davidson

Sworn to and subscribed or me the day and date above written.

S/ Frank Smart, JP

I hereby Certify that I have been acquainted with Robert Brown who has sworn to the above declaration for 20 years and that I believe him to be 75 years of age and he is believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that I concur in that opinion given under my hand and seal January 10, 1833.

S/ Amos Halbert

[identical affidavit given by W. C. Smartt]

Questions

Question: When and in what year were you born?

In North Carolina Rowan County in the year 1758

Question Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

No – my Father had one but it was burned during the revolution.

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

In Burke County North Carolina, in Hawkins County, Knox County, Smith County, all in Tennessee.

In Warren County Tennessee

Question How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

As a volunteer

Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

No -- not a written one to my knowledge.