

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Brown S15347

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky } Sgt.

Wayne County }

on the 28th day of March 1834 personally appeared, James Brown, aged Seventy nine years past, Before Roger Oatts a justice of the peace for wayne County. The said James Brown, a citizen of said county and from Bodily infirmity not able to appear before the county court of Wayne, & who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benifit of the act of Congress, passed June 2nd 1832 for the benefit of Revolutionary pensioners.

The said James Brown, states that he was a volunteer as a private, in the state of Virginia, by the authority of said state [see endnote] in the militia, at that time called Montgomery county, now Withe [sic: Wythe] County for a tour of three months in the year 1774. He volunteered under Capt. Campbell Col __ Christy [William Christian] and Gen [Andrew] Lewis for three months against the Indians. We first met & rendezvoused at fort Chisel [sic: Fort Chiswell], about the first of August 1774 and marched thro the wilderness in a direction to the Point or mouth of the Canawa [sic: Point Pleasant at the mouth of Kanawha River]. When we got near the point, we made forced marches, night & day, but could not get to the battle ground, untill the next morning after the battle [10 Oct 1774]. We then helped to bury the dead, and attended the wounded & then stayed a considerable time on duty, waiting & expecting a treaty to be made, and our tour being out having served four months we were discharged but I think not in writing by our officers. and we marched home some time in fifth month having served four months.

Sometime I think in the year 1779 I volunteered again for a tour of three months as a private, under Liut. Samuel Newel in Montgomery County Virginia by the authority of said state. We first met at fort Chisel and marched in a Direction to Clinch at the Elk Garden & Castle Woods Station [Elk Garden and Castlewood in present Russell County. We guarded the forts and scouted after the Indians, to drive them from near the forts & settlements & was on many small expeditions scouting parties, and having served out my tour of three months I was discharged by my office near Castlewoods. But I think not in writing, I was in the service four months in this tour likewise before I was discharged, our service being needed before we were relieved.

Sometime I think in the year 1781 [sic: 1780] I again volunteered for three months in said Montgomery County, now Withe County, by authority of the state of Virginia, as a private, under Captain James Findley [sic: James Finley] Col John Stephens. We first met at Fort Chisel, and marched in a direction to the Shallow ford of the Adkin [sic: Yadkin River]. At which place we had a severe battle with the British and tories [14 Oct 1780]. After the battle, we marched & guarded the prisoners to the Moravian Towns [Salem, Bethania, and Bethabara NC]. And there guarded them a considerable time and having served out my tour of three months, and one month more I was discharged by my officers. But I think not in writing. Having served three tours, three months each in all amounting to 9 months as aforesaid. But I did actually serve three tours four months each as before specified amounting in all to 12 months actual service, before I was discharged & permitted to go home, it being necessary for me to stay one month longer each tour. For thus serving twelve months actually, I respectfully claim a compensation for nine months. I shall be satisfied with what from a fair construction by the Department they may think I ought to be allowed. I James Brown cannot write am very old and infirm was born in the year 1755 in March, in Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] County Virginia and lived there twenty odd years, then moved to Montgomery County Va. then removed to Withe County Va. living there 6 years, then removed to Knox County Tennessee & there lived 11 years, then to Granger County Tennessee lived there three years. I then

removed to Wayne County Kentucky where I now live & have lived upwards of 22 years. I am well acquainted with John Caldwell William Hudson my neighbors & many others who can testify to my veracity and their belief of my Revolutionary services

I the said James Brown, have now no documentary evidence, and know of no person, by whose testimony I can procure, to testify to my services. And 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

James hisXmark Brown

NOTE: In 1774 "the authority of the state" was the Royal Governor, John Murray, Lord Dunmore.