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Virginia documents pertaining to George Brown VAS2692
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Virginia

At a Court continued and held for Berkely [sic: Berkeley] County on Monday the 11th day of October 1847 among other things was had the following proceeding to wit,
Ordered that it be certified that it was this day satisfactorily proven in Court that George Brown departed this life about the year 1820 or 1822 and that he left as his heirs at law 1st George Brown a son now residing in Berkely County State of Virginia. 2^d James Brown who departed this life in January 1844 leaving a will recorded in this Court in which he devises to his widow Margaret Brown now living in this County all of his real estate and that all the other children of the first named George Brown are dead leaving no issue. [copy certified on 15 Jan 1848]

State of Virginia. Clarke County (Scit)

This day James Brown Rice [R8746] aged Eighty four years personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was well acquainted with George Brown formerly of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia. That the said George Brown and himself were raised together and lived in the same house together untill the war of the Revolution broke out. He knows that the said George Brown immediately thereafter enlisted as a soldier for a period of Twelve months in the Virginia State Service and served a good while in the said State Service. At the expiration of his service of Twelve months he returned home and subsequently enlisted in the Marine service. The said George Brown continued in the said marine service a good while but he cannot say at this time precisely how long he was in said marine service. It is his full belief and impression that he was in the army in both the land and Marine Service together not less than five years he returned home some time in the winter of 1779 & 80 after which time he served some time in the militia. This affiant believes that during the period of his marine or naval service he was promoted to the rank and obtained the commission of a Midshipman. After his return home in the winter of 1779 & 80 he left his Father home and kept house himself and I lived with him. during my stay with him, I heard him often speak of the incidents and occurrences that took place during the time he was in the Naval or Marine service of his Country. The said George Brown married and at his death left the following named children To Wit James Brown, Maria Brown, Elizabeth Brown and George Brown. Given under my hand this 8th day of February 1848.

Wm Berry

Clark C'y Va/ Mountain View February 8th 1848

The undersigned has known Mr James Brown Rice whose affidavit is given on the opposite page, for more than forty years & has allways believed him to be an upright man who was respected by those who had dealings with him. For some years past Mr Rice has been employed as Keeper of the toll gate on the turnpike road from the Shanandoah [sic: Shenandoah] river to Alexandria, which is evidence of the confidence which is placed in his integrity & ability to discharge the duties required of him

William Meade/ Bishop of the P. E. C. of Va

23^d June 1848. Advised to be rejected.
1848 June 23 Rejected

To his Excellency John B. Floyd Governor of Virginia. The petition of James S. Brown acting for himself & the other heirs of George Brown dec'd respectfully representing states.

That in the year 1848 a petition was presented to the Governor of this State, setting forth that George Brown was a midshipman in the State Navy of Virginia during the war of the Revolution & asked, on behalf of his heirs the allowance of land promised for such service. this petition was heard upon the affidavit of J. B. Rice alone the parties being ignorant of any other evidence & supposing that affidavit sufficient upon the hearing of the application. The Council advised the rejection of the claim, in which opinion the Governor concurred.

Since that time the parties interested in said claim have had it more thoroughly investigated & now present it in the full confidence that it will be allowed.

Your petitioner now sets forth that by reference to the Navy Journal now to be seen in the office of the 1st Auditor which has been most minutely & carefully examined, it will there appear that the said George Brown was a Midshipman in the Virginia State Navy & served three years in that capacity

Your petitioner further sets forth that it will appear by the report of J. H. Smith a Commissioner authorised to investigate these claims that the said George Brown is entitled to Land Bounty for three years service as a midshipman

Your petitioner therefor prays that your Excellency will reconsider said claim upon the new evidence now presented & render such decision as may be just & [undeciphered word].

July 14 1851

Jas S Brown for himself & the other heirs of George Brown per Counsel

1851. July 23^d Advised to allow for 3 years service as a private the evidence being too slight to allow as a midshipman.

Allowed as Midshipman for a service of three years/ July 23. J B Floyd