

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Brownlee VAS2726  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I William B Wallace [S42612] late a Lieutenant in the Regiment Commanded by Col William Grayson commonly called the 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia on Continental establishment, do Certify that William Brownlee was serving in the said Regiment 1<sup>st</sup> October 1777 as Ensign, I served in the said Reg't myself three years all which time Mr Brownlee served in it he had raised to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant when I left it. I was appointed an Officer in this Reg't on the winter of 1776-7 when the Reg't was first raised and am confident that Mr Brownlee was appointed at the same time which I believe was on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1777 after I [undeciphered word] my Regiment I have always understood that Mr Brownlee was raised to the rank of Captain & continued to the Peace of 1783 in the Army.

Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820  
W B Wallace Late a Lieut 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't Artill'y United  
States Army Revol'y war



I William Steel of the County of Woodford & State of [one or more lines missing from online image] in the Revolutionary War, do certify that I was well acquainted with the aforesaid Captain William Brownlee, who is mentioned in the said Certificate of capt. Wallace, he in the first of January 1777 enlisted as a Sergeant in the 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental Regiment, which was commanded by Col. Grayson, – he was a while after appointed an Ensign in the said Regiment, and was afterwards promoted to a Captain & continued in service to the close of the war in 1783, and was never Cashiered superceeded or disgraced.

Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1820.  
Wm Steele  
Ass't quarter Master



[Referred to as “Colonel William Steel” in certification dated 7 April 1821.]

Land Office 4th March 1822.

On a reexamination of the books of this Office it appears, that, on the 30th May 1783 a certificate was granted, and warrant issued, to Wm. Brownlee, for 4000 acres of Land, in consideration of his services as a “Captain Lieutenant of the Continental line for three years.” On a former examination the name of Wm. Brownlee did not appear in the Index to the records, which resulted from the name having been written in the record so as to be almost illegible; – it was written in the Index Brontree.

Wm. G. Pendleton Reg'r.

Capt. Wm. Brownlee's Claim for additional Bounty  
It is proved by Lt. Wm. B. Wallace And Quarter Master Steele that Wm. Browlee entered 1<sup>st</sup> Jany 1777 & continued in service till the peace (28<sup>th</sup> Nov'r 1783) he has rec'd 4,000 acres and now claims for 11 months.