

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of William Brown BLWt230-400
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[The federal file is numbered Wt230-400, but the prefix is changed here to be consistent with other federal bounty-land applications. The federal file contains no original document. The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia

The petition of [blank] who is the only heir of the devisee of Major William Brown respectfully states that he served through the whole of the Revolutionary War – was an Irishman by birth and served in Colo Harrisons [Charles Harrison's] Regiment of artillery in the Virginia Continental line from 1777 to the close of the war. He died soon after the war in South Carolina & never rec'd the land bounty to which he was entitled and your Petitioner prays the same may now be allowed.

Thomas Green
Atto. for the Petitioner

State of Kentucky }
Anderson County Sct } Personally appeared before me Thos Q Roberts one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the county aforesaid William B Wallace [pension application S42612] of said county who being duly sworn saith that he was a Lieutenant in the first united States Regiment of Artillery of the Virginia line on continental Establishment in the war of the Revolution and served in said Regiment to the end of that war when he said Wallace was well acquainted with William Brown an Irishman who was a Captain in said Regiment. That he said Wallace being transfered from the infantry to the artillery in the year 1778 commenced his first acquaintance with Capt Brown at that time but being a Prisoner of war at the Peace of 1783 cannot speak possitively but always understood and firmly believes that Capt Brown did serve to the end of the war and further saith not



Signed and sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace afores'd this 22nd October 1829.

State of Kentucky }
Bourbon County } Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Col Robert Wilmott [BLWt2415-200] who being duly sworn saith that he was a Lieutenant of Artillery of Harrisons Regiment of Artillery of the Virginia line on continental establishment in the war of the revolution and served as such to the close of the said war and he says that William Brown was at the close of the said war a Major of the said Regiment having risen by promotion for a Captain towards the close of the war and served as such untill its termination and further he saith not

Sworn to before me a this 27th day of November 1829 Wm A. Menzies J.P.B.C.

Feb'y 26 1834/ Rejected J. T. [Gov. Littleton Waller Tazewell]

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Bourbon County Ken'y.

I was acquainted with Major William Brown who belonged to Harrisons Regt of Artil'y in the Va. Con'l. line – he joind the Reg't at the Valey Forge [sic: Valley Forge] in the winter of 1777-8 as a Captain & was advanced to the rank of Maj'r in the reg't – he marched to the Southard & was in the Campaigns at the South and continued in service in the reg't. to the best of my knowledge to the end of the war in 1783.

Given under my hand this 26th day of Sep't 1822
Rob't Wilmott 1st Lieut
in Harrison's Reg't of art'y Va. Con'l line
Test/ John F Wilmott



To His excellency the Governor of Va.

The petition of the sole heiress of Major Wm Brown respectfully states that her ancestor at a very early period of the American Revolution entered the service in the Maryland line – that in the year 1777 at Valley Forge the officers belonging to that line were transferred to the Virginia line on continental establishment. The evidence which she adduces to prove her Ancestors service proves that he belonged to Harrison's regiment of Artillery having been transferred to it by resolution of Congress herewith filed, to which she calls the attention of your excellency. Various officers of the Maryland line transferred to this regiment have drawn their Land bounty from Virginia, which she thinks settles the principle that officers of the Maryland line, transferred to Virginia as per part of the quota to be raised under the resolve of Congress of 3 Vol 1780 should be considered as “belonging to the line to which are or may be assigned” – He Ancestor was, by the resolution referred to, assigned to the Virginia line on Continental establishment & remained therein ‘til the close of the war – as appears by the certificates of Judge Brooke and Col. Willmott herewith filed.

She respectfully states that several other officers of the same line with her ancestor & who performed similar services have drawn their land. Among the number are Capt. Jas McFadon [James McFadon BLWt1079-200], C. P. Bennett [Caleb P. Bennett S35779], Peter Jaquett [S46500], & Richard Dorsey [BLWt584-300] & Lieuts Young Wilkinson [Young Wilkerson S35136] & Clement Skarrett [Clement Skerrett BLWt2047-200].

She hopes that your excellency will allow her a warrant for the Land Bounty which she thinks herself entitled to as the principle has been now settled that the officers of that line who were transferred to Harrison's Artillery reg't. afs'd are entitled to Land from Virginia. Thos Green/ for the Petitioner

Rej'd. 4 May 1838

This claim is allowed for a service from 1777 to the end of the War as a Major in the Continental line
[signed] D. Campbell [Gov. David Campbell]

allowed Jany 1 1840/ cert. issued.