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Pension Application of Robert Brown R12652

VA Artillery/ Half Pay

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[The only substantial document in the federal pension file is the following:]

Pension Office/ July 1, 1848

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Robert Brown, deceased, and I find that said Brown was a Lieutenant of the Virginia State Artillery during the revolution, and served till February 7, 1781, when he became supernumerary. The claim is there fore provided for by the act of July 5, 1832, and it should in my opinion be allowed at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum from the seventh of February seventeen hundred and eighty one until the first of January eighteen hundred and fourteen, in which year he died. The account is payable to Felix Richards, attorney of Thomas J. Evans, administrator of said Brown, dec'd.

Approved/ Secretary of War.

Commissioner of Pensions

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I hereby certify that Mr Robert Brown acted as conductor at York in September and October 1779 when I had the command there, & that I believe he had acted in that capacity for a considerable time, before my command there commenced. And I also certify that Mr Brown was commissioned as first Lieut't. in the State artillery Ap'l. 12<sup>th</sup> 1780 and as second Lieutenant (it would appear from the manner in which he is numbered in the list of officers of that regiment, given in by Colo Marshall [Thomas Marshall VAS494] to the board of Field officers that sat in Feb'y 1782) some time in the month of January 1780. And farther that he became supernumerary when the regiment was reduced, & still continues as supern'y.

Ap'l. 13<sup>th</sup> 1784

George Muter Col [VAS803]

[From [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com.](#)]

I hereby certify that it appears by a roll of the Officers of Col. Thomas Marshall's [VAS494] Regiment of Artillery bearing date the 7th Feb'y 1781. That Lieut. Robert Brown was not in command, and by another Roll of said regiment he is reported as a supernumery.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 9th day of March 1848.

Jas E. Heath Aud

For a valuable consideration I do assign Wm. Reynolds the full ballance of my pay & bounty of Land due me for my services as a Lieutenant in the State Regiment of Artillery, not half pay – Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> Ap'l. 1784.

Robt Brown

Teste/ Adam Craig

The application of Thomas J Evans Administrator of Robert Brown for Half Pay due under act 5<sup>th</sup> July 1832. The said applicant alledges that said Brown was a first Lieutenant in the Virginia Regiment of State Artillery and became supernumerary when the regiment was reduced 7<sup>th</sup> February 1781 and remained as such to the end of the War and was entitled to the Half pay.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1784, more than three years after he became Supernumerary, he sold some of his balance of pay and bounty Land, but refused to sell his half pay as will appear by papers herewith filed marked "A" the subsequent controversy between the Supernumerary Officers and the Commonwealth left the claims of little or no value, till long after the death of Lieut Brown in 1814. William Corbell creditable witness, knew him well, and testifies to his death in that year. Fanny May knew the family well but can only testify from her fathers statements as to his Revolutionary Services see accompanying papers marked

B & C. The paper D is the evidence of the qualification of the applicant as Administrator  
Washington City 29<sup>th</sup> May 1848 Peter Richards ato'y for Thomas J Evans Adminis'r of Robert Brown

I William Corbell do hereby certify that I was born in the year 1764 near the Great Bridge in St Bride's Parish and near where Fordyer fought his great Battle with the British in time of the revolutionary war [sic: Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775, where British Capt. Charles Fordyce was killed]. That I knew a good many officers and men and particularly those who were at that Battle. I was acquainted with Lieutenant Robert Brown who left this part of the state in the state Artelery Company and never returned until some time after the Battle of York Town [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]; that the said Robert Brown died some time in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fourteen, and left two sons named Moses and William, that both have since died, that William left no children, that Moses left a widow and some children, the names of which children I do not recollect and that his widow has since intermarried with a Simmeon Smith. Given under my and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1848 Wm Corbell

I hereby Certify that I have frequently heard my father say that he was in the Revolutionary war with Robert Brown of this County and that said Robert Brown was an officer in the said war and that he fought bravely and was in service untill the war was ended entirely. That said Robert Brown is dead leaving two sons named William and Moses that William is since dead leaving no issue, that Moses is also dead leaving a widow and six children named Elizabeth, Mary, John, James, Mosses & Kadar Brown, that Elizabeth has since intermarried with a Mr. Charles M. Carter, that Mary has intermarried with a Mr. Reeling Whitehurst, that his widow has intermarried with a Mr. Simmeon Smith, that Kesiah Smith, Elizabeth Carter, Mary Whitehurst, John, James, Moses and Kador Brown are the only Heirs at law now living of said Robert Brown; Given under my hand and seal this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1848.

Fanny herXmark May