

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Brown R1277

Ann M. Brown

VA

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Virginia Hampshire County Sct

At a Court held for Hampshire County the 19th day of October 1818 John Brown resident in the County of Hampshire aged fifty six years came into Court & declared upon oath in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" That he enlisted at Leeds Town [Leedstown] in the County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia in the Company of Artillery Commanded by Captain John Mazzarett [sic: John Mazarett R13059] in the service of the United States about the Spring of the year 1779 That he marched from thence with the said Company to the Town of Hampton in Virginia where he continued for some time in the fort at that place from thence he marched to the City of Williamsburg in Virginia & served in the 5th Virginia Regt commanded by Colo. Thomas Marshall [VAS494] from thence he marched to Petersburg in Virginia under the command of Capt. Christopher Roan [sic: Christopher Roane X635] from thence he marched to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina and was in the battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780] under the command of Genl Wayne [see note below] at Genl [Horatio] Gates defeat & returned from thence under the Command of Captn Christopher Roan to the town of Gloucester [sic: Gloucester] during the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] & was present at the capitulation of lord Cornwallis in 1781 after which he received his discharge, which he afterwards filed in the land office in the City of Richmond where he obtained for his services a warrant for one hundred acres of land that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of this County [sic] for support and that he has no other evidence of said services now in his power

Hampshire County Sct.

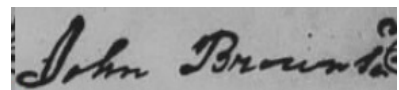
This day came before me Personally William Sandy [S40386] resident of the aforesaid County and made oath that he knew perfectly of his own knowledge that John Brown did serve in the Revolutionary war Given from under my hand this 28th day of October 1818 Isaac Kuykendall

Know all men by these presents that whereas a declaration made by me for a pension under the law of the united states passed 18 March 1818 "Entitled and act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war" was returned to me from the office of the Secretary of war with a memorandum endored on it that it appears by the rolls that I am already a pennsioner; Now I John Brown of Hampshire County Virginia & late of the County of Westmoreland Virginia do hereby declare that I never before have made a declaration for a pennsion under said law nor have I ever applied for or received any pennsion whatever from the united States. & that the endorsment on said declaration is the first intimation I ever had of my name being inscribed on the pension list roll of the united States.

I the said JOhn Brown do hereby relinquish & renounce all right that I may have to the pension refered to in said Memorandum and release to the said United States all right I may have to call upon them or their office for such pension & I do hereby also declare that it is my wish to draw a pension agreeable to the annexed declaration and no other

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25 day of June 1819

John Brown Sen'r



On the 16th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record John Brown 4th aged 59 years resident in Hampshire County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in the year 1779 for the term of three years in Westmoreland County Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Mazarett attached to the [blank] Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall on continental establishment, that he was in the Battle of Cambden when Gates was defeated and at the siege of York at the capitulation of Lord Cornwallis that he continued to serve in said Regiment for nearly two years, and was discharged at York Town in Virginia which will more fully appear by his original declaration filed in the war office dated the 15th day of March 1819 upon which he has obtained a certificate of pension numbered 12.189 and he did solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts owing to him nor has he any other income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by him subscribed viz. 2 horses worth together \$50.00. 9 small shoats \$7.00 about 50 Bushels of wheat worth \$25.00 about 50 Bushels of Rye worth \$20.84. Some household furniture worth altogether about \$20.00. That he owes to Thomas Taylor for rent \$57.00 to William Davy \$13.00 The following is a list of the members of his family Ann Brown his wife aged 57 years Margaret his daughter aged 18 years Richard his son aged 11 years John his son aged 17 years in October next Ann his Daughter aged 17 years in October next. That he is a Labourer and in consequence of advanced aged and some bodily infirmities is unable to support himself

A Schedule of the property of John Brown and am't of the debts he owes

2 horses worth together	\$50.00	9 small shoats worth	\$7.00	\$57.00
about fifty Busheshels of wheat worth fifty cents pr. Buh's				25.00
about fifty Bushels of rye worth 2/6 pr Bush.				20.84
some household furniture worth not more that	\$20.00			<u>20.00</u>
				\$122.84

Amount of Debts

To Thomas Taylor for rent	\$57.00	\$52.84
To William Davy	<u>13.00</u>	
	70.00	

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Brown Sen." The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Virginia } SS
Hampshire County }

On this 24 day of January 1834 John Brown 4th personally appeared before Thomas Carskadden a Justice of the peace for said county and one of the Justice of the County court of Hampshire a court of record of unlimited jurisdiction in all cases of law and equity the said John Brown being a resident of the said county aged seventy two years and the said John Brown being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress June 7th 1832 that he served in the revolutionary war as follows
That he enlisted at Leedstown in the County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia in the Company of artillery commanded by Capt John Mazaret about the Spring of the year 1779 that he march from thence with said company to the town of Hampton in Virginia were he continued for some time in the fort at that place from thence he marched to the City of Williamsburg in Virginia and served in the 5th Virginia regiment commanded by Colo. Thomas Marshall from thence he marched to Petersburg in Virginia under the command of Captain Christopher Roan from thence he marched to Hillsborough in the state of

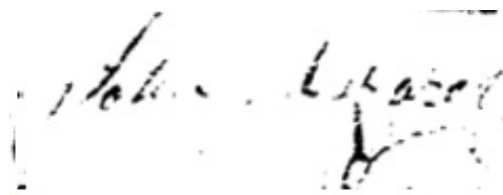
North Carolina and was in the battle of Camden under the command of Gen'l ~~Wayne~~ Green at Gen'l Gates defeat and returned from thence under the command of Capt Christopher Roane to the town of Gloucester during the seige of York and was present at the capitulation of Lord Cornwallis in 1781 after which he received his discharge from Colo. P. Kemp [Peter Kemp VAS2172] which discharge is filed in Richmond Virginia and that during all this period he was Sergeant and performed the duties of a Sergeant He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency except that of the State of Virginia on which his name is placed as a pensioner under the act of March 1818



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

I do hereby Certify that John Brown enlisted in My company the Tenth Day of February in the year One thousand seven hundred & seventy Nine For three years only from the said Day of his enlistment Given Under My hand This 27th Day of March 1780.

John Mazaret Capt. S.A.



I do hereby Certify that John Brown served faithfully Three Years as a Matross in the State Regiment of Arti'y under Colo Marshall

Given under my hand this 13 July 1797

P. Kemp
Late Capt. Art'y



NOTES:

No General Wayne is known to have been at the Battle of Camden. Brown may have referred to Gen. Anthony Wayne, who was in the Virginia campaign. In his 1832 declaration, the name Wayne is replaced by the equally erroneous name Green, referring to Nathanael Greene, who replaced Gates in the following December.

On 3 Dec 1833 James Hansbrough and George Lillar certified that they had frequently heard John Brown 4th say that he was a Sergeant in the army of the Revolution.

On 4 March 1837 and again on 15 March 1837 John Brown 4th applied to have his pension payable at Wheeling VA, having moved to Ohio County VA because he had "several children desirous to remove, under the expectation that they could thereby benefit themselves," and he "desired to accompany them on their removal as he has done." On 31 Aug 1837 John Brown 4th again applied to have his pension payable at Wheeling, having moved to Pickaway County OH because "his children had emigrated to the State of Ohio." His application was witnessed by John Brown, Jr.

On 5 June 1843 in Pickaway County OH Anne Murphy Brown, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married John Brown in Westmoreland County in Nov 1792, and he died in Pickaway County on 10 Feb 1843. With her application is the record of the births of their children that is not clear. A typed summary in the file gives readings for some of the dates that differ from those below.

A note in her file reads, "The printed list of 1852 gives cause of suspension as follows; 'Service admitted - marriage in suspense.'"

John Brown Sen'r was born the 25th day of August 1763

Ann M Brown his wife was born Septem'r 10 1765

Richard Brown son of John Brown & Ann [illegible] was born the 16 day of may 1809

John & Nancy Brown twins was born March 10 in the year 1804

Peggy Hustin[?] was [illegible] 1st of March 1803

Fanney McCollough was born Jan'y 10th 1795

[name incomplete at bottom of paper]

Corbin Brown was born 13th of Septem'r 1794

James F. Brown was [edge of page] March 10th 1800

Eliza M Hansbrough[?] was born September [the rest illegible]

