

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Browning R12796

VA Half Pay

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The United States, Dr.

To Isaac Browning, a Lieutenant in the Regiment in the Virginia Line (commanded by Col. Crockett [Joseph Crockett S46377]) in the Revolutionary War. For his half pay from 22^d December 1781 to 1st November 1808 [date of death] in pursuance of the 3rd Section of an Act of Congress "to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," approved 5th July, 1832, being 26 years 315 days at £48 Virginia currency, equal to \$160 per annum amounting to \$4298.08 Auditor's office/ April 26th, 1834/ (signed) Wm. Parker [Copy certified 17 Feb 1848.]

[Joel D. Browning of Hopkins County KY, administrator *de bonis non* of the estate of his father, Isaac Browning, successfully appealed the above settlement citing the following two documents as proof that his father was a Captain rather than a Lieutenant when he left the service.]

A Board of Officers, Ordered to set by Gen'l George Rogers Clark [VAS269] to examine into the Claims of the Officers of Colo Crockett's Regiment Respecting their Ranks.

Colo John Montgomery [R16522] President

Maj'r Thos Quirk [Thomas Quirk, W5958] } Members {Capt. Brashears [Richard Brashears R12756]
Capt R George [Robert George R14396] } {Capt J Girault [John Gerault]

After Examining the Claims of all the Officers of said Regiment, and their Certificates from Colo Crockett, and being informed that the Regiment never consisted of more than Six Captains, mustered and doing duty. The Board are of Oppinion that the said Regiment should be continued full to that number by promotion of the Officers now Commissiond and upon examination find that the Officers are Intitled to the following promotions Viz.

Ensign Moore [Peter Moore W25716]	To a Lieutenancy the 1st July 1780 by the promotion of Lt Kerney [John Kerney R15613 to Capt.
Ens McGavock [Hugh McGavock S16948]	To a Lieutenancy the 15th Aug't 1780 by the Resignation of Lieut McGill.
Lieut Glenn [Bernard Glenn R14477]	To a Captain the 13th Oct 1780 by the death of Captain Kenley [Benjamin Kinley, possibly BLWt2457-200].
Ensign Walls [Thomas Walls R18784]	To a Lieutenant the 13th Oct 1780 by the promotion of Lieutenant Glenn.
Ensign Bullock [Rice Bullock R12822]	To a Lieutenant the 11th Jan'y 1781 by Lieut Dan'l Anderson's [Daniel Anderson S37677] Dismission.
Lt [Isaac] Browning	To a Captain the 2nd Sept 1781 by the death of Capt Chapman [John Chapman R13115; see endnote].
Lieut Moore	To a Captain 2nd Sept 1781 by the death of Capt Tipton [Abraham Tipton R18512].
Ens Deering [Henry Daring R2898]	To a Lieutenant 2nd Sept 1781 by the promotion of Lieut. Browning.
Ens Green [Samuel Ball Green R14649]	To a Lieutenant the 2nd Sept 1781 by the promotion of Lieut Moore.

Jno. Montgomery Pres't./ G W[sic] Clark B.G.

In Council April 4th 1782/ Referred to the Commissioner of War Benj Harrison.
[Copy certified 20 Oct 1848 in Auditor's Office, Richmond.]

Browning Isaac	Capt	£ 214	4	9
Bullock Rice	Ens	118	1	6
Same afs'd	Q'r M'r	9	11	0
Dearing Henry	Ens	149	3	1
Glenn Bernard	Lieut	216	5	9
Green Samuel B	D[itt]o	157	15	4
Moore Peter	D'o	194	12	2
McGavock Hugh	D'o	291	0	11
Walls Thomas	D'o	155	9	2

I hereby Certify that the foregoing Officers belonged to Crocketts Regiment, that when they settled their pay accounts their rank in the Regiment was as above; and that they received Certificates for the amounts opposite each of their names, for balance of full pay.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 24th day of October 1848
 Jas. E. Heath Aud of Accts

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

State of Kentucky

Frankfort Nov'r 8th1804 personally appeared Before me the Subscriber one of the County Judges of s'd state Lieut Colonel Crocket Comandant of the Regiment raised by the State of Virginia in the year 1779 for the defence of the Western Frontier of the State and made Solemn Oath that he is well acquainted with Isaac Browning now resident in the County of Logan & State of Kentucky & that the same Isaac Browning was a Lieutenant in Capt Charry's [sic: William Cherry R13143] Company in said Regiment, in which Station the said Browning continued & served with Honour during the existence of said Regiment & the said Lieut Col Crocket further says that the said Browning haveing served two years previously in the 3^d Virginia Regiment he considers him equally intitled to the State & Cotinental bounty Land in proportion to his rank with himself which bounty he has received

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

State Regiment raised for the defence of the Western Frontier

List of Officers of said Regiment as they now stand Dec'r 22nd 1781

Names	Rank first in service	Year	Different Promotions &c	Present Rank	Present date of Commission	Present State
Isaac Browning	Lieut	1779		Lieutenant	8 November 1779	Supernumerary

I certify that the above is a true return of the Western Battalion to the best of my knowledge

(signed) Joseph Crockett Lt Co/ Western Batt'n

Extract from a Document on file in this Office contained in 1st lot of papers concerning the Illinois Regiment (signed) Jas E. Heath Aud./ Aud Off. June 6 1834

[The following is in the Virginia Half-Pay file of Henry Daring.]

Virginia Wythe County

This is to certify that I was well acquainted with Captain Isaac Browning of Colo. Crockett's Regiment to which I belonged as a lieutenant. Isaac Browning was a Lieutenant in the said Regiment and was afterwards promoted to a Captaincy in the place of Captain John Chapman who was killed in service, and he became a Supernumerary

Given under my hand this 17th day of June 1839.

Hugh McGavock

Kentucky }
 Hopkins County } Ss

Doctor John Roy & Thomas W. Campbell Esquire of the County & State aforesaid being duly Sworn deposed and saith That Henrietta Jamison (formerly Browning) mother of Joel D Browning Joshua R Browning & Elizabeth Hardison wife of John Hardison departed this life in the County & State aforesaid several years ago, Deponents think in the year 1836 and further Deponents saith not
[14 May 1844] John Roy Thos. W. Campbell

NOTES:

Captains Abraham Tipton and John Chapman were killed in a skirmish with Indians on 2 Sep 1781 at the Falls of Ohio at present Louisville KY. Lt. Hugh McGavock escaped.

Among [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) is a petition to the Governor for an increase in bounty land from the 1333 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres due a Lieutenant to 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres for a Captain made by Joel D. Browning, Joshua Browning, and Elizabeth Hardison (wife of John Hardison).

On 4 Jan 1849 Joel D. Browning appointed an attorney to apply for an increase in half pay, the sum of \$4298.08 having previously been allowed to the service of Isaac Browning as a lieutenant, whereas the correct amount should have been for service as a captain.