

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Brown R1329

Mary Ann Brown

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State of Tennessee Washington County: SS

On the 15th day of January 1846, personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Mary Ann Brown a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled an "Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Thomas Brown who was a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution, and that she does not now recollect the services performed by her husband the said Thomas Brown, but has often heard him say in his lifetime that he served three tours before the close of the Revolutionary War in the State of South Carolina, and she further states that she does not remember the names of the Officers under whom he served, but very respectfully refers the Department to the annexed Certificate of the Comptroller of South Carolina for proof of his services. She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Brown in Washington County Virginia by James Keele a Baptist preacher in the __ day of July 1786, for the reason she alleges her eldest son was born 1st June 1789, which was about two years after her marriage, and which appears from the record of her son's Family Register, and that she has no family record herself. And she further states that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Brown died on the __day of May 1829, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, to wit, at the time above stated, and still remains his widow.

Sworn to and subscribed before me an acting Captain justice of the Peace for said County the day and year first above written.

S/ Thomas M. McAdams, JP

S/ Mary Ann Brown, X her mark

[p 3: Elizabeth Brown made oath in Washington County Tennessee that she has been well acquainted with Thomas and Mary Ann Brown; that Mary Ann Brown was formerly Mary Ann Clark; that she, the affiant, was an attendant at the marriage and believes that occurred sometime in the year 1786 because she was married a few months thereafter and that her (affiant's) oldest child was born on October 15, 1787 and that she lived near neighbor to Thomas and Mary Ann Brown.]

[p 10: Certificate dated January 30, 1845 from the South Carolina Comptroller General showing payments made to a Mr. Thomas Brown for eight days service in the militia as a horseman in 1782; another entries showing payments to Thomas Brown for duty done in Colonel Waters [Philemon Waters] Regiment (length of service not specified); another entry for services rendered after the fall of Charleston again in Colonel Waters Regiment (length of service not specified).]