

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Brown R1333

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Shelby County }  
State Kentucky } Sct

July Term } On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July Eighteen Hundred & fifty three personally appeared before the Court for the County & State aforesaid Mrs Nancy Brown a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy nine years who being 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 the 3<sup>d</sup> day February 1853 That she is the surviving widow of John Brown who was a soldier of the Revolutionary Army – and that her deceased Husband John Brown was a pensioner and drew from the Government a pension at the Lexington agency the sum of \$96 – per annum – his place of residence was Woodford County Kentucky. She states that her deceased Husband was wounded in his Elbow which was shot to pieces in Battle. She cannot state his company Regiment or division but refers to the evidence upon which he obtained his pension now on file in the department at Washington city, DC. She states that she is his widow and was married to him in Woodford County Kentucky on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of March 1806 That her husband the aforesaid John Brown died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1822 that she was married to him at the time above stated & has remained a widow ever since the death of her Husband John Brown and was a widow at the passage of the act above stated and is still a widow and that she has never before made application for a pension – She claims pension as the widow of said John Brown with arrearage of pension from the death of her husband up to the present time of all that she is entitled to under Existing Law. States further that she had the following children by the said John Brown: George, Lucinda, Nancy, Mawice, Joshua, and Sydney Scott Brown (she states that her name Before marriage was Nancy Glenn  
Nancy herXmark Brown

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me Robert Doak P.J.S.C.C.

Shelby County }  
State of Kentucky } Sct Aprile 27<sup>th</sup> 1854

Personally appeared before me the under signed a Justice of the peace within and for the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky Mrs Nancy Brown and was sworn according to law and on her oath doth make the following statement. That some time in the year eighteen hundred and fifty three she caused her declaration to be filed in the Pension Office at Washington in order to obtain a Pension for the services of her Deceased Husband John Brown who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War. She states that her claim was rejected by the commissioner of Pensions for the want of proof of his services She states that she did not now when she filed her declaration that such proof was necessary as her Husband drew a pension for several years and up to the time of his death of ninety six dollars per annum for disability while in the Service. She states that she does not now know of any person that is now living that she could prove the length of time he was in the service. The Soldiers are all dead that she knew that was in the service with him. She therefore has concluded to make a statement of what she learned from the Statements of her Husband John Brown to herself and others during his lifetime. She states that she often heard him say that he Entered the service a short time after the Battle of Lexington [19 Apr 1775] and was in the Battle at the point of the hill near Boston now called Bunker hill [see endnote]. he said he afterwards had a long march in to Canada and was at the storming of Quebec [under Col Daniel Morgan, 1 Jan 1776] and spent the winter there. he often spoke of the failure and the strong fortification of that place and the suffering they underwent on that occasion he said he afterwards returned to the main body of the Army under Washington and was placed in a company of picked men and he said he was a sergeant in some company I

cannot now reollect the name of the capt nor am I certain as to the name of the Col. but I think his name was Morgon [sic: Daniel Morgan] he said they ware allways sent out to Spye and Bring on engagements and to annoy the Brittish on there march he said if ever any portion of the army were in danger the regment he belonged was allways sent to there relief he always siad he was a regular Soldier and fought with his rifle I often herd him speak of the hard fighting they had at the different points he spoke of fighting at an old Barn and at an old Orchard and of having crosed the river on the ice [possibly St. Lawrence River] and surpriseing the british and taken them prisoners I often herd him say he spent too cold winters in the army and would have remained untill the war closed if he had not been wounded. I often heard him speak of the narrow escapes he had but never got hurt until late in the fall of seventeen hundred seventy seven he was shot in his arm and so disabled that he head to remain in the hospittle for some time, and was discharged and sent home – he said he was married some time in January folowing to his first wife before his arm was well from the shot She live a few years and died. I was afterwards married to him as the proof accompaning my declaration of last year will show. These statements she says she learned from her Husband for she often herd him relate them and says she believes them true for he was a sober and still man and never engaged in Idle talk of his exploits in order to amuse any persons he was a man that lived and died as a christian or at least was believed to be sutch by his frends. She states she believes from all that she learned from her Husband that he served his contry at least two years and six months and thinks she ought to have pay for his services as other widows are getting it

Nancy herXmark Browne

STATE OF Kentucky } SS.

COUNTY OF Shelby }

On this twelfth day of Aprile A.D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mrs Nancy Brown aged Eighty three years, a resident of Shelby County in the State of Kentucky, who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that she is the widow of John Brown, deceased, who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary and that he was a resident of Amherst County Virginia and Entered the Service shortly after the Commensment of Hostilites and remained in the servis until he was wounded when he was discharged and returned home. She respectfull refers the department to the former Declaration filed by her agent for the discription of his person and Services. it containing all the testimony that she has been in posesion of that she now submits this declaration upon the former testimony for Pension now in the department at Washington

She further states that she was married to the said John Brown in Woodford County Kentucky on the twenty third day of March A.D., 1806 by one Isaac Cutcher a Minister of the Gospel and that her name before her said marriage was nancy Glenn Widow of Tyre Glenn who Died several years previus to last marriage that her said husband John Brown Died on the twentieth day of August A.D., 1822 and that she is now a widow at the date of executing this her declaration.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855.

Nancy herXmark Brown

NOTES:

No application by John Brown for a pension was found, but the file contains a pension certificate inscribed in part as follows:

“Kentucky. Ohio/ John Brown (Colo Morgan Va)/ (Reg War) Sergeant./ In the army of the United States Inscribed on the roll of Kentucky agency, by the act of Congress of the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1811 at \$2. 50/100 pr month to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1811.

Certificate of pension issued the 30<sup>th</sup> of December, 1816, on the cert. of The hon’ble Martin D. Hardin, Senator of the United States, for Kentucky, that John Brown, the invalid pension has never received a

Cert. of pension before – and sent to the hon'ble Mr. Hardin 30<sup>th</sup> Dec'r. 1816, City of Washington.”

It is highly unlikely that John Brown was at the Battle of Bunker Hill, 17 June 1775.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 21 March 1806 by John Brown and William Glenn for the marriage of Brown to Nancy Glenn. It was stated that she was a widow and neighbor of John Brown.

On 21 Feb 1854 Susannah Waugh, wife of George Waugh, about 93, of Galia County OH, stated that she was the sister of John Brown, born in Amherst County, and recollected seeing John Brown and three of his brothers enter the service on the same day, and that John Brown served for more than two years and was married shortly after he returned home.

On 18 July 1854 Anderson Brown, 63, of Marion County MO, stated that he with his brother, Jacob Brown, acted as executors in the estate of their father, John Brown. He stated that he was a son by John Brown's first wife, who died in 1805, and whose maiden name was Nancy Cloak. Anderson Brown also stated that John Brown had been shot through the left elbow during “the first day's battle near Saratoga a short time before the Surrender of the british General Burgoyne and his army.” The battles were at Freeman's Farm and Bemis Heights on 19 Sep and 7 Oct 1777, and Burgoyne surrendered on 17 Oct 1777. Col. Daniel Morgan's Battalion of Riflemen played a prominent role in those battles.