

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua McWilliams<sup>1</sup> R75

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[Note: There are no substantive documents in this file.]

Charlotte Hall Maryland September 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

Honorable Secretary of the Interior

Dear Sir

I am informed that an existing law allows the heirs of officers in the Army & Navy in the Revolution to recover half pay during the life of such officers. I write in behalf of a lady who is the only child of Joshua McWilliams who served for three years as a midshipman in the Virginia State Navy for which he was granted a warrant for 2666 2/3 acres of land dated July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1783, he lived after that about 13 years. She has never applied for any compensation for his services, and is anxious to know if she is entitled to it, and if so what steps it is necessary for her to take.

I am Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obe. Servt.

N. F D. Browne

Charlotte Hall MD October 25<sup>th</sup> 1852

To the Honorable A. H. Stuart

Secretary of the Interior

Dear Sir

Mrs. McWilliams a lady entirely without pecuniary resources now residing in my family has in her possession a Virginia Military land Warrant for 2666 2/3 acres for the services of her father Joshua McWilliams as midshipman in the Virginia State Navy for two years. She is anxious to know if it is necessary to forward it to you before the proposed action of the Virginia Legislature on the subject. And also if it has yet been decided whether the heirs of midshipman who served two years are entitled to half pay until their death, by communicating the desired information you will greatly oblige

your most obedient Servant

S/ N. F. D. Browne

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<sup>1</sup> Va. Half Pay VA Sea Service

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