

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Brown S17848

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State of South Carolina Chester District} SS: On this 9th Day of April 1836 personally appeared in open Court before Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary now sitting John Brown a resident of State and District aforesaid aged eighty-one or eighty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. 1st Tour volunteered in Captain John Nixon's Company he thinks in the Winter of 1775 marched from what is now called Chester District through what is now called Columbia South Carolina & from thence to Saluda River thence to Raybours Creek [sic, Rabun's Creek]¹ where they took some Tories prisoners the Snow fell which gave the campaign the name of the Snowy Camps Colonel Richardson [Richard Richardson] was his Colonel Served not less than six weeks. 2nd Tour volunteered in Captain John Nixon's Company marched in the summer of 1775 or 1776 from Chester District to Charleston Colonel John Winn was his Colonel, Lay at Charleston when dismissed served this tour two months. 3rd Tour volunteered in Captain John Nixon's company marched from Chester District to Charleston South Carolina 1776 in the summer and was at Charleston at the time of the Battle of Sullivan's Island² when Sir Peter Parker attacked the Fort there Lay there till dismissed served this tour at least two months. 4th Tour volunteered in Captain John Nixon's Company marched from District aforesaid thinks in the spring of 1777 or 1778 to the quarter house near Charleston lay there a few days and marched from there to Purinsburgh [sic, Purrysburg] and joined Colonel Kershaw before reached Purrysburg & marched to Hazel's point and then to Purrysburg laid there a few days when dismissed having served this tour not less than two months. 5 Tour volunteered in John Nixon's Company after being home only fifteen days & marched in Sumner from said District to Augusta State of Georgia John Winn was our Colonel Joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & marched with Lincoln to Stono³ General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] was at Augusta his last Tour in 1779 Dismissed by Captain Nixon having served at least three months. 6 Tour volunteered in 1780 under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] in the edge of North Carolina Marched & attacked Rocky Mount⁴ Colonel Winn & Colonel Neal [Andrew Neel] were there Neal was killed there

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

thence to Hanging Rock⁵ & attacked the British & Tories -- then was with Sumter when defeated at Fishing Creek⁶ and dispersed: This Tour served at least one month men dispersed and returned home Taken prisoner by the Tories, carried as a prisoner to Camden Kept a prisoner there some weeks from thence to Charleston and put on board a prison ship Kept there some time then taken as prisoner to Charleston Barracks after remaining nine months made his escape. 7 Tour volunteered in Summer of 1781 under Lieutenant John Huston Captain John Turner's Company Marched to a place called the four holes Joined Major Adair [John Adair] Marched to Laranses [?] ferry [Lawrence's Ferry?] on Santee to guard ammunition wagons thence to Orangeburg & joined General Henderson [William Henderson] thence to South fork of Edisto peace being made was dismissed and returned home having served at least two months having served in all not less than 13 months and one half and was a prisoner nine months.

Ans. to 1st Int. I was Born in Ireland in the year 1755

Ans. to 2 Int I have no record but understand I am 81 years of age or 82

Ans. to 3rd Int. I was living in Chester District South Carolina called into service & has lived there ever since where I now live

Ans. to 4th Int. I was always volunteered

Ans. to 5th Int. I will name General Lincoln, General Henderson, General Sumter, General Williamson -- Colonel Kershaw -- Colonel Winn, Colonel Lacey & has mentioned the circumstances in the former part of my declaration

Ans. to 6 I never received a discharge but was dismissed

Ans. to 7 I will name John Rosborough Clerk of the Court Chester District John McKee Esquire, John Kennedy, Colonel George Gile [?], Colonel James McDaniel

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state except the roll of the State pension of State of South Carolina.

Sworn to & signed in open court day & year aforesaid

S/ Peter Wylie, JOOCD

S/ John Brown, X his mark

South Carolina Chester District: David McDonald⁷ a Soldier of the revolution came into open Court who upon being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with John Brown the above Applicant during the War of the revolution and was in service with said Brown went with General Sumter and further saith he believes that the whole of the above declaration is Just and true

Sworn to & signed in open court this 9th Day of April 1836

S/ Peter Wylie

S/ David McDonald, D his mark

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

⁷ I have included the digital image of his man's affidavit because I could not find any federal pension application filed by a man of this name and this may be the only record of his service.

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 Sworn to & signed in open court this 9th day of April 1836 Peter Wylie J C D
 David McDonald
 his mark

South Carolina Chester District: Francis Wylie⁸ a Soldier of the revolution appeared in open court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of ordinary of said District who being duly sworn made oath & saith that he was well acquainted with John Brown the within applicant during the revolution & saith that he Brown was a good friend to his Country the United States and further that he was with him Brown in the snowy campaign & one Tour to Charleston & further saith that he fully believes all the facts set forth in the said John Brown declaration within.
 Sworn to & signed this 9th Day of April 1836 in open court
 S/ Peter Wylie

S/ Francis Wylie, S his mark

[p 13: Allen Coleman, Hugh Henry and Hugh Darough gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$74.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 22 months & 12 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁹ relating to John Brown AA27
 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 816-2

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To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of John Brown of Chester District, Humbly Sheweth, that your Petitioner was a true friend of his Country & a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was called out at the time of the Snowy Camps for the first time under Captain John Nickson [John Nixon] & Colonel Richison [Richard Richardson, the next time went to Charleston under Captain John Nixon again and a second time again to Charleston under Captain Adams, He was present at the battle of Sullivan's Island, the next Campaign was in 78 to Purrisburg, and then came home & stayed fifteen days, & then drafted for to go to Augusty [Augusta] to join the Army under General Williamson & was out 3 months, the next was after Charleston fell, Joined General Sumter at an

⁸ [Francis Wylie S21592](#)

⁹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

early period under Captain John McClure, & then the first engagement was at Rocky Mount, the next at the battle of the hinging rock [Hanging Rock] & the next at Careys old fields, & took 75 scholes [sic, soldiers?] Grenadiers, & 32 Wagons loaded with provisions & was at Sumter's defeat & shortly after that was taken prisoner with 2 or 3 others & 9 months close prisoner, after being released Joined the Army under General Henderson & went to the four holes, & made a stand there, from thence to Lawrence's ferry on Santee [River], and got orders to join General Henderson at Orangeburg, from there to the South fork of the Stono to provide Provisions for General Greene's Army, at the close of the war, Your petitioner is about 77 years of age, growing frail, he is left by all his family but two daughters, & is now not very able to labor for the support of his family. Your petitioner puts himself on the benevolence of his Country, & the wisdom of their Honorable body the members of the State Legislature, hoping their wisdom will take into consideration the prayer of their Petitioner & their petitioner will ever pray.

S/ John Brown, X his mark

The petitioner is 77 years old as stated above and is left by all his children but 2 daughters, has a small plantation with 3 head of horses & 8 head of black cattle young and old, 12 head of small hogs with some plantation tools for working the same the plantation is tolerable much worn and is not able to make new improvements as he is become very frail and is not in a good state of health for some time back

S/ John Brown, X his mark

South Carolina Chester district } Personally came David McDonald before me and being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with John Brown the petitioner & knew him to be a friend to the cause of Liberty that the above Statements in the petition is true to the best of his knowledge and that he was a near neighbor to him all the time of the war.

S/ David McDonald, X his mark

sworn to before me the 22nd day of November 1832

S/ James Harbison, JQ

South Carolina Chester District } Personally came James Harbison Esquire before me and being duly sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with the petitioner John Brown from before the Revolutionary war and knew that he took a active part in the war and that he was a prisoner with the British for 9 months and afterward joined the Army as soon as he was at Liberty I likewise no his statement of property is as near the truth as possible.

S/ James Harbison,¹⁰ Esquire



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South Carolina Chester District } Personally appeared William McGarity¹¹ and being duly sworn saith on oath that he was well acquainted with the petitioner John Brown in the revolutionary war and knew him to be a true friend to his country, was with him in as many as 3 of the campaigns

¹⁰ [James Harbison W17039](#)

¹¹ [William McGarity R6713](#)

named in his Statement – knew that he was taken by the enemy and suffered much.

Sworn to and subscribed November 23rd, 1831 before me

S/ D. G. Stenson, QU

S/ William McGarety, X his mark

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State of South Carolina

Chester District}

Personally appeared

John Brown of Rockey Creek [Rocky Creek?] before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said District, and being sworn on his Oath saith, that shortly after what is generally called Sumter's defeat in August 1780, he the deponent was taken prisoner by a party of Tories, & was carried to Camden & then sent on to Charleston, & when confined in prison was in the same mess with William Hambleton¹² who is now about petitioning the Legislature for a pension in consequence of a wound & other injuries received during the Revolutionary War. That the deponent after about 9 months imprisonment by the interference of some friends got liberated, but left said Hamilton fair. And has no doubt but that all the facts stated in his petition is Just & true

Sworn to and subscribed

this 1st day of November 1823

before me

S/ James Harbison, JP

S/ John Brown, X his mark

¹² [William Hamilton \[Hambleton\] SC785](#)