

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Tarlton Brown S21665

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State of South Carolina, Barnwell District

On this Twenty Second day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before his Honor Judge Joshua J. Evans one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting, Tarlton Brown, a resident of the District of Barnwell aged Seventy five 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

When the Revolutionary War commenced, I was a resident of Barnwell District South Carolina and have continued to live in said district ever since. The lapse of time is now so great and having no record of the time to which I can refer to refresh my memory, I may be mistaken; but I think some time either in the winter or in the first of the spring of the year 1776, I was in the first siege or attack of the British upon Savannah Georgia under Captain James More [sic, James Moore], the name of the head commander of the American forces at Savannah at that time I do not now recollect. Some time after this, I took another tour to Savannah under the command of General Sheldon Bull [sic, Stephen Bull]. We were gone on these tours about five or six weeks each time. In one of the above-mentioned tours, we had a small skirmish with the British. They fired at us in the Fort at the lower end of Savannah from the shipping which fire was returned by us from the Fort. Some time in the month of May of the above-mentioned year, I enlisted in the regular service of the war in a company of Artillery commanded by Captain William Harden, Lieutenants Charles Harden and David Hodges and Ensign John Weekley for fourteen months. We were stationed during the whole of the term for which I enlisted at Fort Littleton in Beaufort Island South Carolina. Our company consisted of about eighty men. Whilst stationed at Fort Littleton, we had no engagement with the enemy. I served out the whole of the term for which I enlisted and received my regular discharge which I think was in July 1777.

After I returned from the regular service, I volunteered and joined Colonel James Thompson on Savannah River at a place called Jarado [?], now in Beaufort District and whilst there I took two tours in the State of Georgia, one with a small company commanded by Captain John Mumphord [sic, John Mumford] – we attacked a guard of Tories in a log house commanded by Mott – they killed one of our men, wounded the Captain and compelled us to retreat. In a short time afterwards, Colonel James Thompson and Major Burgine [sic, James Lewis Bourquin] took fifty horseman, myself included in the number, and went and took the said guard of Tories which was in Screven County. Sometime in the first of the year of 1778, Captain Shadrach Inman, John Green and myself raised a company of horse, called Rangers consisting of about 35 men; Our place of rendezvous was on the Savannah River Bush Island now in


Edgefield District. I was commissioned in the said company as lieutenant by Governor John Rutledge. In the time we were stationed at the above named place, we took two tours under the command of Generals Andrew Pickens and Twiggs [John Twiggs of Georgia] to Midway settlement in the state of Georgia, now called Sunbury [Sunbury]. Whilst on one of our tours, we had a skirmish with the British and Tories on Ogeechee causeway – also we killed and took some Tories. After the above mentioned tours, I took two or three tours with Colonel James McCoy in the state of Georgia and whilst on those tours we had several skirmishes with the Tories. We continued scouting until the British took Charleston [May 12, 1780], which I think was in May 1780. I then, with several others, went to Virginia. Sometime in the fall following, I returned and joined General Marion [Francis Marion] on Black River, South Carolina. Whilst with him I was in several skirmishes with the British and Tories – one was with Colonel Walls, as he was marching from Camden to Georgetown. We killed and wounded several of his horse company. After this I took a tour from Marion's Camps with Captain John Postell and thirty five men. We crossed Santee River and went to Moncks Corner and there, about the break of day, we charged upon the British & Tory guard, and took the whole of them – about thirty four in number and carried them to Marion's Camps. In the spring of this year 1781, I left General Marion's Camp on Pee Dee River with Colonel William Harden and Colonel Baker, with about eighty men. We passed by the Four Holes – crossed Edisto River, Gibham's [?] ferry South Carolina; from thence we went to the Red Hills near the Salkehatchie Bridge where in the night we came on a guard of Tories commanded by Captain Burton and killed nearly the whole of them with but the loss of one man. We then went on for Pocotaligo Fort and the same night we met an advance guard of the British horse commanded by Colonel Phoenix – a charge was ordered on both sides and we met on a causeway, where we engaged in the work of death. The next morning, one of their men was found dead on the ground, and several badly wounded. Three of our men were slightly wounded and none killed. In two or three days after this, we went on for the above mentioned Fort to which the British had retreated. The American Colonels sent up a company of horse to draw out the British horse from the Fort—at which time the British Colonels Phoenix and Leachman were out at their hospital about four hundred yards from the Fort. They ran for the Fort but we cut them off from the Fort and took them and their guard. We then sent up a flag for them to give up the Fort, which they did in the course of two hours. Their number consisted of about one hundred and ten men and forty or fifty Horse. The next day Colonel McCoy came with his out lying company and joined ours. We then marched for Augusta Georgia where we joined the mountain men, commanded by Generals Pickings [then Col. Andrew Pickens], Clarke [Elijah Clarke] and Twiggs. Colonel William Harden then appointed me Captain and gave me an instrument of writing to that effect as no regular commission could be obtained, Governor Rutledge having at that time left the country for the North. We then laid close siege to three forts – one in the upper end of Augusta, commanded by Colonel Grayson [sic, James Grierson]; another in the middle of the town commanded by Colonel Brown [Thomas “Burnt Foot” Brown]; the third at Silver Bluff, South Carolina, Edgefield district – the commandant's name not now recollected. After the siege commenced at these several forts, Colonel Harden gave me orders and authority to return to Barnwell District, the place of my residence – to raise a company – I did so; raised the company and returned immediately to the siege. I continued in the command of this company as Captain till we took the three forts above mentioned – which I think was in the last of July 1781 and from thence to the end of the war scouting in Georgia and South Carolina except the short time I had the smallpox which I caught at the siege of Augusta. My command as lieutenant continued from the first of the year 1778 until I was appointed Captain by Colonel William Harden which was in the first of April 1781. My discharge from the regular service together with all the rest of my papers were burnt by the Tories who came and burnt my father's house, killed my father, a brother and brother-in-law and wounded another, and would

not let my mother or sisters take anything out of the house. I was then a single man and left all my papers at my father's house which was destroyed and all that I possessed when they burnt his house. My Captain's and lieutenant's commissions are also either burnt, lost or mislaid as I cannot now lay my hands upon them. I never thought that I should have any use for them and therefore was not so particular in preserving them to this late period of time. I believe I received pay for the time I served the regular service but for the rest of my service I never have received anything. The lapse of time being so great since the above transactions and as I before said having no record of them to refresh my memory, I may have made some mistakes in the dates specified but I have been as particular in them as my memory will permit and can say with certainty that I was nearly in the whole of the Revolutionary War from the commencement to the end except the time I was in Virginia when Charleston fell and the short period I was down with the smallpox.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open court the 22nd of October 1832.

S/Tarlton Brown



S/Orsamus D. Allen, Clerk

[p 43: Hansford D. Duncan, a clergyman, and B. M. Cave, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Additional declaration of Tarlton Brown in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832

South Carolina Barnwell District: SS

On this third day of April 1833 personally appeared Tarlton Brown a resident of the District of Barnwell and State of South Carolina aged at this time about seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1830 --

In addition to the declaration hereto attached and heretofore submitted to the War department, and by way of explaining the same, I hereby state that I was in the service under Captain James Moore, General Sheldon Bull, and Captain William Harden for the space of one year and three months -- (see first page of the former declaration) under Col. James Thompson I served five months (see second page of the former declaration) under Captain Shadrach Inman, Generals Perkins & Twiggs and Colonel James McCoy or McKay, I served two years and four months (see second page of former declaration) under General Marion & Colonel Harden I served five months (see second & third pages former declaration) -- under Generals Pickens, Clarke and Twiggs, I served at the siege of Augusta and until the end of the war (see the conclusion of former declaration) -- by which it appears the whole length of the service I performed, was four years and eleven & a half months. In making this declaration I have intentionally put down a less term of service than I actually performed, for fear of committing an error -- The foregoing service was performed by me from the first April 1778 to 1 April 1780 -- two years as a Lieutenant, and from the 1st April 1781 to October 1782 the ending of the war -- (see former declaration) -- I served as Captain -- under Colonel Harden.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open court the third day of April 1833

S/ Orsamus D. Allen, Clerk

S/ Tarlton Brown

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State of South Carolina Beaufort District

On this day the 22nd day of April 1833 -- personally appeared before me John Stone¹ a resident of the parish of Saint Peter in the State and District aforesaid aged about seventy years, who being first duly sworn, according to law; doth, on his oath, make the following declaration. That he was enlisted in May 1776 in a company of Artillery commanded by Captain William Harden, Lieutenant Charles Harden, David Hodges & Ensign John Wickley -- from thence he went to Fort Littleton on Port Royal Island -- after serving there fourteen months -- after which he was regularly discharged in July 1777 and that Tarlton Brown was a member of the same company and served in the same length of time, and was at the same time regularly discharged -- and the said on further saith that on or about the first of April seventeen hundred & __ went up to the siege of Augusta in Georgia with Colonel Harden where he found Tarlton Brown in the command of a company as Captain -- and that he the deponent in company with the said Tarlton Brown and others continued the siege till the first of August -- and that they took a Fort from the enemy the upper part of the town commanded by Colonel Grayson [sic, Grierson] & about the Center of the town another commanded by Colonel Brown [Thomas "burnt foot" Brown] -- and afterwards a Fort at Silver Bluff in South Carolina commanded [words obliterated] unknown.

And that the General Officers under which this deponent and the said Tarlton Brown served were Andrew Pickens -- Clarke & Twiggs -- and that the said Tarlton Brown continued to scout with his company to the end of the war.

Sworn before me

S/ John Riley, QU

S/ John Stone, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Barnwell District} Appeared personally before me William H. Peyton a justice of the Quorum in and for the State and District aforesaid Job Roundtree² Senior of said District, and makes oath that he was personally acquainted with Tarlton Brown during the war of the Revolution that he the said Tarlton Brown came to the siege of Augusta Georgia with Colonel James McCoy where we joined the mountain men under the command of Generals Pickings [sic], Clark and Twiggs and that Colonel William Harden commanded the Regiment in which Tarleton Brown served, that Tarlton Brown commanded as a Captain at the above siege; that he believes Tarlton Brown to be a man of truth and acted as a true Patriot during until the end of the war, and would not make any statement but what am true.

Sworn to before me this 26 day

April 1833

S/ William H Peyton, Q. U.

S/ Job Roundtree, Senior, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Barnwell District} Personally appeared before me Wm C Peyton a Justice of the peace in and for said District John Hext³ and makes oath that he was acquainted with Tarlton Brown in the month of April 1780 when General Andrew Pickens, General Twiggs and General Clark commanded at Augusta Georgia and besieged three Forts two in Augusta

¹ This may be the only record of this veteran's service in the federal pension records. There is no corresponding pension application for this veteran in the federal pension files.

² [Job Rountree S18187](#)

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Georgia and one at Silver Bluff on Savannah River South Carolina and that he well recollects that at the above siege Tarlton Brown commanded as a Captain and continued to hold the command as Captain until the close of the Revolutionary war – and deponent further says that sometime in the year 1778 he belonged to a company of Rangers under the command of Captain Shadrach Inman, Lieutenant Tarlton Brown and John Green, and company's place of rendezvous was at Beach Island South Carolina that said company continued to serve in South Carolina and Georgia until Charleston South Carolina was taken by the British.

Sworn to before me this 16th October 1832

S/ Wm. C. Peyton, J.P.

S/ John Hext, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Barnwell District} Personally appeared before me William C. Peyton a Justice of the peace in and for the said District Sarah Varnidoor and makes oath that in may 1776 that her Husband Isaac Varnidoor enlisted in a company of artillery commanded by Captain William Harden Lieutenant Charles Harden and David Hodges and Ensign John Wickley for 14 months stationed at Fort Littleton on Buford Island South Carolina that she went to said place with her Husband deponents further says she well recollects that Tarlton Brown enlisted in the company above mentioned and served fourteen months in the regular service and received his discharge.

Sworn to before me this 16th day of October 1832

S/ Wm H. Petyon, JP

S/ Sarah Varnidoor, V her mark

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South Carolina Barnwell District: Ordinary Office

I do hereby certify that Dr F. J. Hay appeared, and proved before me, that Tarlton Brown of the said District and State, died about the 8th day of September 1845: leaving the following children viz.: William D. Brown, Almidea Harley, Lewis M. Brown, Austin D. Brown and Frances C. Peyton, to whom under his will, filed in said office, he gives his property.

I further certify that the last will and testament of the said Tarlton Brown was admitted to probate in this office on the 19th day of September 1845, and that William H. Peyton qualified as Administrator with the will of annexed on the 19th of November 1845 and is still the acting administrator of said Tarlton Brown.

Given under my hand and seal of office this fourth day of June A.D. 1851.

S/ F. J. Hay

Sworn to before made this fourth of June 1851

S/ Wm H. Thomson, OBD

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$356 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a Lieutenant and Captain in the South Carolina Line & militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Tarlton Brown

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 829

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⁴ 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.

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No. 81 [could be 01]

No. 362 Book X

Tarleton Brown for 32 days Militia Duty as horseman in 1781 from March 1st to April 2nd

Amount £4.11.8 Stg. [Sterling]

less .3
£4.11.5

Bartlett and Tarleton Brown in the same writing

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Passed

E. D.

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No. 61

No. 362 Book X

Tarleton Brown for 26 days Militia Duty as Horseman from the 12th April to the 8th May 1781

Amount £3.14.2 Stg. [Sterling]

more .1 ¼
£3.14.3 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Passed

E. D.

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No. [illegible]

No. 362 Book X

Tarleton Brown for 334 days Militia Duty as Lieutenant from 8th May 1781 to 7th April 1782

Amount £83.10 Stg. [Sterling]

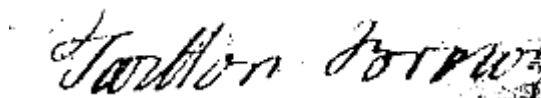
Bartlett Brown, as JP is not his writing

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Passed

E. D.

Received the 19 August 85 full Satisfaction for the within Account in an Indent No. 362 Book X
S/ Tarleton Brown



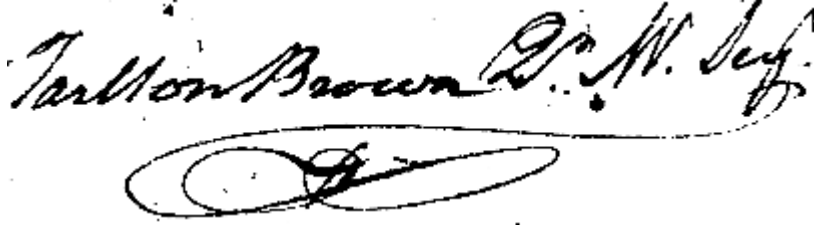
[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 362 Book X dated August 19, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Tarleton Brown this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-One Pounds fifteen Shillings and Eight Pence Sterling for Duty done in the militia Horse as private and Lieutenant [one or more illegibly faint words] per 3 Accounts Passed by the Commissioner on Accounts.”]

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Beaufort 1 May 1779

Received of the Commissary at Beaufort ½ Bushel Salt one hundred and twenty-six weight Beef accountable on returns at Fort Littleton

S/ Tarlton Brown Qr M. Sergt. [Quarter Master Sergeant]



A Return of Seven Rations of white Men for ^{Meat} yesterday & today
Comy Beaufort per Tarleton Brown, Qr Mr Serg.
3rd May 1779

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[No.] 3802 [Book] X 6 Oct. 84 [1784]

Mr. Tarleton Brown his Account of 35 Days Militia Duty
Amounting to Sterling £2.10

7 days No. 2

20 No.1

8 No.7

Pass

E.L.

Cert'd per Colonel Garden [Benjamin Garden] & Colonel Harden [William Harden]

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State of South Carolina to Tarleton Brown

Dr.

To 35 Days Duty done under Lieutenant Jacob

Buxton at 10/[10 Shillings] per day

£17.10

Stg. [Sterling]

£2.10

I do Certify that the above duty was done by Tarleton Brown under my Command

S/ Jacob Buxton, Lt.



Gentlemen

Please to Deliver unto Mr. James Overstreet INDENTS which should appear to me on your
Office for Militia Duty Done in Colonel Harden's Regiment & this my order shall be Good for
the Same. Given under my hand this 19th day of August 1791

S/ Tarleton Brown

To the Commissioners
of the Treasury Office

Witness August 17, 1791

This is to Certify Major Tarleton Brown signed his name to this order

S/ E. Gills J. Q. [?]