

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Brown S35797

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State of Kentucky Mercer Circuit Court

At a Circuit Court continued and held for the Circuit aforesaid on the 9th day of September 1819

Charles Brown produced into Court and swore to the following statement in writing (to wit)

State of Kentucky Mercer County I Charles Brown of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky do hereby state on Oath (in order to obtain the Benefit of the provisions of a late act of Congress providing for revolutionary soldiers &c who served during the revolutionary War) that on the 11th day of February 1776 at Caroline Courthouse in the State of Virginia I enlisted with Capt Samuel Hawes of Colo. Woodfords [William Woodford's] 2^d Virginia Regiment in the Continental line as a regular Soldier for the term of two years that I afterwards was under Colo [Alexander] Spotswood and was wounded at the battle of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and I was also in the battle of Brandywine [4 Sep 1777] and was honourably discharged in the month of February 1778 when my time had expired from the said 2^d Reg't (at Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge] in the State of Pennsylvania) at that [time] the Reg't. was commanded by Colo Peybecker [sic: Christian Febiger], that I am now sixty eight years of age and so reduced in my circumstances that I stand in need of assistance from my Country for support & that I know of no person at this time Except Samuel Sale that I can procure that can prove my services and I have long since lost my discharge & I hereby release all farther claim to any other pension from the U States Given under my hand this 6th day of Sept'r. 1819 Charles Brown

At the foot of the foregoing statement in writing is the further statement in writing (towit) I Samuel Sale state on Oath that I was a regular soldier in the Continental line of the 2^d Virginia Regiment at that time commanded by Colo Woodford in the year 1776 and I was well acquainted with Charles Brown whose name is subscribed above and I know that he served as a regular soldier in nine months in said Reg't. as and I left in the said Reg't. when I was discharged and I believe that he faithfully served out his time which was for two years I am well acquainted with him now and believe that he is much reduced in his circumstances

Witness my hand this 9th day of September 1819 Samuel Sale

State of Kentucky }
Mercer County Viz }

on this 16th day of April 1829 personally appeared Charles Brown aged Seventy Seven years in open court (being a court of record for the Circuit of Mercer County) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to be on the Pension list to obtain the Provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 and 1st day of March 1823 that he proved his Services as a Soldier of the Revolutionary war & obtained a Pension Certificate bearing date the 27th day of January 1820 and that in consequence of the act of Congress of the 1st day of May 1820 [requiring proof of need] he was discontinued on the Pension roll & has not renewed his application since or exhibited a new schedule on account of his property being sufficient for his support but on account of his various misfortunes which have since transpired by which his property has been sold for Debts & because he really was ignorant of the fact that he could legally renew his application and in pursuance of the act of the 1st day of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property

or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed Viz one moiety of two acres of ground on which is built an old mill 1 cow & calf seven Hogs two sows & five pigs The income of the mill will not pay for the expences Household & kitchen furniture That since the 18th day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in in my property as is hereby annexed in the following schedule

Schedule of property & its changes since 1818

Description of property	Names of persons to whom disposed	Time of Sale	What received in exchange
One negro boy Reuben	Sold to J P Williams for Debt	Feb 3 ^d 1829 \$265	nothing beyond payment
One house [horse?] & 4 Colts in Harrodsburg	To same for the payment of Debts	\$277 To J P Williams April 6 th 1829 \$390	nothing beyond payment
One negro man Tom	Sold by Sheriff to Coleman Brown	4 April 1829	
One negro boy Madison	Sold to B Prather to pay debts	\$275	
One negro woman and two children	Sold by A Alexander to C D Brown for Debt	\$325	nothing beyond Payment
			Charles Brown

I do further state on oath that I am old and infirm with no family but my wife who is also old and verry much debilitated that the above debts for which his property was sold was as the security of his friends & his own debts by which means he has now been reduced to poverty and he now is said for his interest in the mill and two acres of ground which will take every thing he has to support him in his old age that he is the Identical Charles Brown who was placed on the Pension roll by a certificate bearing date the 27th day of January 1820 which is hereto annexed he farther states that the debt for which his property was sold were due in good faith and were not created by intemperance but in part as security for two of his sons who is insolvent and he has no hopes of ever receiving any remuneration from them or any other person for them

Charles Brown

A Schedule of the whole Estate & income of Charles Brown Senn

One half [of] two acres of land with an old Mill	}	
on the same wanting repairs	} Valued at}	250
(The income from which after repairs are paid annually not anything beyond its expences)		
One cow and calf		5
two sows and five shoats		4
Household furniture		10
Kitchen furniture		5
		264 [sic]
		Charles Brown

NOTE: The file includes documents regarding the sale of Brown's property, including one referring to "a yellow negro boy Madison about 12 years old." On 16 Jan 1830 Brown stated that on 13 Jan 1825 he bought the land and mill, which was on Salt River, and that subsequent inflation of the local currency left him deep in debt.