

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Brown S39249

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of South Carolina, Chester District

On the 23rd day of March 1822 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Common pleas of record for the District & State aforesaid Archibald Brown aged upwards of 65 years who being duly first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Archibald Brown was enlisted for the term of 15 months in the Spring of the year 1776 by Ensign Joshua Lacy at a place commonly called Gumlog Moors [Gumlog Moore's ?] now in York District & State aforesaid & served in the company commanded by Captain James Duff in the Sixth Regiment commanded by Colonel (now General) Thomas Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] in the line of the State aforesaid on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until some time in the Summer of 1777 when he was regularly discharged from the said Service at a place called the Big Savannah near Santee River (he thinks) by the Colonel himself in the State aforesaid that said discharge is lost or destroyed, as he afterwards lost his papers and other effects in the war when the British troops occupied the country. That on the day the British fleet attacked the fort Moultrie on Sullivans Island [Sullivan's Island] he was Stationed at Boltons landing [Bolton's landing] near Charleston and Immediately after his discharge he entered the militia service in Captain Brattons company Colonel Neals Regiment was at Ashes defeat [March 3, 1779] at Briar Creek State of Georgia under the command of Major Ross was at the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] in South Carolina and had acted as Sergeant Major but on the day of the battle acted as adjutant in the room of Captain Hawthorn then absent and Immediately after the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780] when the enemy came into the back country he joined General Sumter at Clams branch [Clem's Branch] in the Indian land Captain Nixons company, was at Hooks defeat [Huck's defeat or Williamson's Plantation, July 12, 1780]] near Col. Brattons [William Bratton's], was at the battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780], was with General Sumter when attacked by the British at Fishing Creek [August 18, 1780], was at the Battle of Blackstocks [November 20, 1780], was at the capture of the Congaree fort [perhaps, Fort Granby, May 14-15, 1781] besides some other skirmishes, and continued in the Service whenever called on until the enemy left the Country.

And in pursuance of the act of the first 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 otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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 clothing and wearing apparel excepted

And that he is by occupation a Weaver and has no other means of support & has no family or

friends to provide for him. That he is now upwards of 65 years of age & considerably Infirm by the palsy & in such indigent Circumstances as to need the assistance of his Country.
S/ J. Rosborough, C. C. Pls.

S/ Archibald Brown¹

A Schedule of the goods & Chattels Rights & Credits of Archibald Brown
viz That he lately traded for and in different Horse creature which immediately strayed from him and that he does not know whether ever he will give it & which by the best information cannot be worth more than \$20.

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| One old Saddle & Bridle Say worth | 6.50 |
| One pair Saddle Bags | 4. |
| Has in Cash | 3.12 ½ |
| Due him by John Mills | 1.50 |
| By Samuel Lewis | <u>.25</u> |
| Total | \$35.37 ½ |

That he is possessed of no landed property.

S/ Archibald Brown

State of South Carolina Chester District

Personally appeared William Knox² of the District & State aforesaid before me Joseph Gaston a Justice of the Quorum for said District & being duly sworn on his oath saith, that he was well acquainted with Archibald Brown who is about applying for the benefit of the Act of Congress of March 1818 in favor of indigent Soldiers of Revolutionary War that said Brown was enlisted in the Sixth Regiment commanded by Colonel (now General) Thomas Sumter and Captain Duffs Company that he believes said Brown served out his full time of enlistment as he was well acquainted with him both in the regular Service & afterwards in Militia under General Sumter when the British Army invaded the State after the fall of Charleston that the said Brown was a good friend to his country, & knew of him being at Hooks defeat at the Battle of the hanging Rock at Fishing Creek & at Blackstocks & continued to serve until the enemy left the Country and that he has reason to believe that he is now in very indigent circumstances. Sworn to & subscribed the 9th day of February 1822.

S/ Joseph Gaston, JQ

S/ William Knox³

State of South Carolina Chester District

Personally appeared Benjamin Rowan of said District before made the within named Justice of Quorum & being duly Sworn on his Oath saith that he was well acquainted with the within named Archibald Brown, knew him when in the regular Service in the Sixth Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel (now General) Thomas Sumter Captain James Duffs company that they both Served in the same Company, & he believes was both discharged at the same time after completing their term of Service of 15 months, at a place called Taucaw near Santee River & the Big Savannah in the Summer of 1777 and was afterwards with him in Militia Service when the British invaded the Country &c and has reason to believe that said Brown is now in very indigent circumstances.

Sworn to & subscribed this 9th day of February 1822 before me

S/ Joseph Gaston, J. Q.

S/ Benjamin Rowan⁴

State of South Carolina, Chester District

¹ Not the actual signature of the veteran as the handwriting is identical to the body of the document

² [William Knox S38900](#)

³ Not the actual signature of Knox as the handwriting is identical to the body of the document

⁴ ditto [Benjamin Rowan S35049](#)

Personally appeared before me Joseph Gaston, a Justice of the Quorum for the District aforesaid; Archibald Brown, who has lately applied to the Secretary of War of the United States for a pension, agreeable to the late acts of Congress in such case is made, and provided, and it appearing that the said War Department wants further information respecting the residence of said Brown. He being therefore, duly sworn, on his oath saith, that when the Revolutionary War was over (through the whole of which he served either in the Regular, or Militia Service) he resided for two, or three years in Rocky, and Fishing Creek settlements, where he formally had done; now York, and Chester Districts in the State aforesaid. That he then went to Fayetteville, North Carolina, and resided in that Town, and the neighborhood of it, for about 30 years; following the weaving trade, which has been his only occupation. That he then returned into South Carolina, in to the Black River settlements in Williamsburg District, and resided there about five years, and on Christmas day 1821 he returned into Chester District, and has resided there, and in York ever since, and is where he intends to make his future residence – And that he has never made any application for a pension only by the late one in Chester District Court, and is not now possessed of as much property as he then was, having since that time lost his Horse.

Sworn to & subscribed this 30th day of August 1823 before me.

S/ Joseph Gaston, J. Q.

S/ Archibald Brown

State of South Carolina, Chester District

I hereby Certify to the Honorable the Secretary of War of the United States, that I was at the latter end of the Revolutionary war acquainted with Archibald Brown who has lately applied for a Pension. That I served in one tour of Militia duty with him under General Sumter, at the time the British burnt the Church near Moncks Corner & retreated to Charleston. That his character was that of an active Whig & a good Soldier during the war. That he resided in the settlements of Fishing Creek & Thackey [Thicketty] Creek for some five years after the war, & then removed & has been absent ever since until his late return in the latter end of the year 1821, or beginning of 1822. And has resided since that, sometimes in Chester, & sometimes in York district, among his old acquaintances, & follows the occupation of weaving when he can get business. At the time he made his application to Court, he was living at Mr. Samuel Lewis's in this District. And appears to be in perfect indigent circumstances at present, to have no property but his clothing; is aged & infirmed, & afflicted with the palsy. And is certainly a proper subject for the bounty of the Government, provided the proove [sic, proof] of his services a sufficient.

Given under my hand this first day of September 1823.

S/ Jno. McCreary,⁵
former Member of Congress

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 1, 1823, for service as a private for 15 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to Archibald Brown

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⁵ McCREARY, John, a Representative from South Carolina; born near Fishing Creek, about eighteen miles from Chester, S.C., in 1761; received his schooling from private tutors; became a surveyor; also engaged in agricultural pursuits; served in the Revolutionary War; member of the state house of representatives, 1794-1799 and 1802; sheriff of Chester District (now Chester County); elected as a Republican to the Sixteenth Congress (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1821); resumed agricultural pursuits and surveying; died on his plantation in South Carolina November 4, 1833; interment in the Richardson Church Cemetery, Chester County, S.C.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=M000383>

⁶ 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

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Mr. Archibald Brown his Account of Duty done in the Militia 138 days Amounting to £21.8.6 ¾
N. B. "The within Account does not say when the Service Commenced or Ended" though approved of
by Colonel Bratton [William Bratton]

Ex^d.

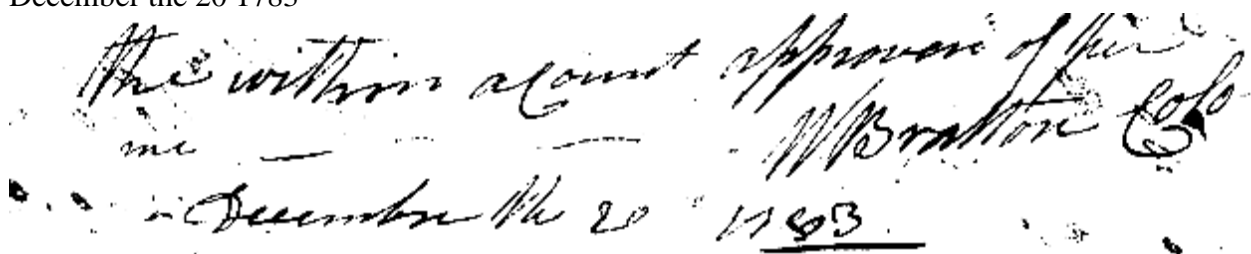
T. W.

J. M^c. A.G. [Examined [by] T. W. [for] John McCall, Adjutant General]

the within account approved of per me

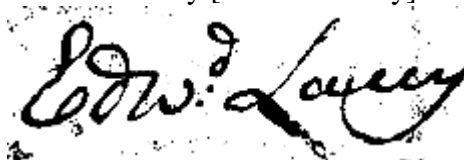
W. Bratton Colo

December the 20 1783



Received 27 March 1787 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the within in an
Indent No. 250 O dated 8 March 1785

S/ Edwd Lacey [Edward Lacey]



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State of South Carolina Dr. to Archibald Brown for Service done by him

To 48 days duty done in Captain William Bratton's

Company as Sergeant Major at 25/ [25 Shillings] per day is £60.0.0

To 52 days in the horse service 52.0.0

at 20/per day under Lieutenant John Miller 52.0.0

To 38 days (horseman) at 20/per day

under Captain John McConal [John McConnell] 38.0.0

138 Days Total £150.0.0

in Sterling £21.8.6 ¾

South Carolina Camden District }

This day personally came before me Archibald Brown and being duly Sworn on the holy
Evangelist of Almighty God Saith on Oath that the above Account as stated against the Public is Just &
true & that he never received any satisfaction for the same. Sworn before me this 19th December 1783

a comma and the person's Christian name.

S/ John Adair, JP

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 250 Book O]

[Note: This file also contains a document dated November 28, 1827 which is a report of the committee on pensions on the petition of Archibald Brown for a pension. The petition was viewed unfavorably and no pension was granted. Whether or not this is the same Archibald Brown as the above veteran, I cannot say.]