

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Lewis Broadwater S8096

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State of Virginia Fairfax County to wit

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1830, Personally appeared in open Court of the Same being a Court of record for the County and State aforesaid, Charles Lewis Broadwater resident in said County aged Seventy eight years who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820. that he the said Charles L Broadwater entered as Midshipman on board of the Sloop of War Congress on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1776 and Continued on board said Sloop until 1777 when he was Commissioned in the land Service in the line of the State of Virginia as first Lieutenant in the Company Commanded by Capt Thomas West in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Virginia Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about the last of April 1778 when he resigned his commission at the Valley Forge in the State of [blank: Pennsylvania]

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia, excepting while on board the Sloop of War Congress, where he supposes he was enrolled in the United States Service – and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension that is not knowing the existence of any law under which he could claim –

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1830 [sic] I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to wit

One Horse worth about... \$60.	A life estate in 148 acres poor land on which I reside which
Ten Cows and Calves..... 20.	might rent for \$35 or \$40 pr annum, and about twelve dollars
1 Sow & 5 Pigs..... 8.	due me on account of Schooling –
9 Shoats.. ..... 9.	
Some trifles of household }	
furniture, an old bed ex- }	
cepted worth not more }	. . .50
	\$97.50

That since the 18 day of March 1818 there has been little or no change in the real value of my personal property, having killed some stock and raised others of about equal worth – Chas. L. Broadwater

[The following is a transcript of an old document apparently entered as evidence of Broadwater’s service.] Charles L, Broadwater A Midshipman to the Congress Sloop of War Commanded by Commadore John Boucher of Cap’tn William Skinner [pension application R92] & John Thomas [R100] – March [illegible] 1776.

I do hereby certify that Charles L Broadwater was a Midshipman and a Virginian on board of the Virginia fleet in 1776. I was a Corporal of marines at the same time & knew then as ever since Maj’r.

C. L. Broadwater, whom I understood belonged to the Va Cont. line after '76  
As witness my hand this the 7 day of aug't 1830 — John Adams

I do hereby certify that Capt. Chas. L Broadwater of Fairfax County Virginia was a 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant in Capt. Thomas Wests Company 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment Weaden's Brigade in the army of the revolution 77-78 [Alexandria County VA, 14 Aug 1830]

[signed] S Sommers [Simon Sommers, pension application S9705]

I hereby Certify that I have in my possession a journal kept by my brother Doctor George Hunter whilst on a cruise on board the Congress sloop of War in the months of September and October 1776 which mentions Charles Lewis Broadwater (of Fairfax County) being on board the said Sloop of War, called the Congress; a few days before the death of said Doctor George Hunter, to which I am ready to qualify at any moment

Given under my hand, this 16<sup>th</sup> day Aug't. 1830. Jno. C. Hunter [John Chapman Hunter]

I do hereby certify, that Charles Lewis Broadwater of the County of Fairfax and State of Virginia, was a first Lieutenant in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Edward Stevens. I was a private in the same Company which was commanded by Capt. Thomas West of said County and we marched from Fairfax County on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1777 to the Northward, the said Lieutenant Broadwater was with the said 10<sup>th</sup> Reg't at Valley forge during the Winter 1777 and Spring 1778. In witness my hand, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug't. 1830. William Henderson hisXmark [pension application X344]

State of Virginia } Sct  
Fairfax County }

I Charles L Braudwater of the County of Fairfax & State of Virginia by way of amendment to my petition to be raised to the full pay of a Lieutenant in the Continental service in the revolutionary war says that if there is any discrepency between this & my former declaration the one first made was from recollection. this is made on examining my ship book, where the date is set down. I entered on board of the Sloop named Congress in the State line of Virginia on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1776 and continued on board untill the latter part of November when she was disbanded and was on board nearley nine months a Commission had issued for previous thereto as a first Lieut in the Continental army in the revolutionary war in the tenth Virginia redgement, in which service I immediately entered and continued in service untill the last of apriel 1778 when I resigned, and I further say I was in actual service as a midshipman in the state navey & in the Continental service for two years & upwards proforming duty. [14 Feb 1833] Sign. Char's L Broadwater

To the honourable Secretary of War of the United States  
Your petitioner Charles L. Broadwater of the County of Farefacks and State of Virginia respectfully represents that he entered the Virginia Navey on board of the Congress on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1776 and continued on board untill the latter part of November 1776 [sic] when the vessal was disbanded at Cork [York?]. and then I receved an appointment of first Lieutenant in Capten Thomas Wests Company in the tenth Virginia redgement Comanded by Col. Stephens in the brigade of Genl Weeden [sic: George Weedon] where your petitioner continued untill the last of Aprial 1778. I resigned at the vally forge. your petitioner prays that his pension which now onley at the rate of Twenty dollars per month your petitioner being on the pension roal of the United States at that rate may be raised to his monthley pay of a first Lieutenant while in service & he is in duty bound &c will pray  
[signed 4 Nov 1833] Char's. L. Broadwater

[1882] Know all men by these presents that we Ann M. Elgin granddaughter of Charles L. Broadwater dec'd and Arthur Broadwater, grandson of said Broadwater, residing respectively at No. 3032 Easton Ave St. Louis, Mo. and at Fairfax C.H. Va., do hereby appoint R. W. Moore our attorney in fact to prosecute before the Pension Office of the United States or any other department of the Government our claim as heirs of said Broadwater, which said claim has already been stated to the authorities in said Pension Office by said R. W. Moore.

Charles L. Broadwater died in or about the year 1849 having survived his wife.

His heirs now living are Ann M. Elgin of St. Louis, Missouri undersigned, Ann, widow of Charles H Broadwater, deceased, of Quincy, Illinois, Arthur Broadwater of Fairfax C.H. Virginia, undersigned, John C. H. Broadwater of Montgomery City Missouri, Thomas J. Broadwater of Memphis, Missouri, and Guy L. Broadwater of Chico, California, grandchildren of said Charles L. Broadwater; also Guy Farr, Samuel Farr William Farr and Albert Farr of Chenoa, Illinois children of Elizabeth Farr, deceased, who was a grand daughter of said Charles L. Broadwater; also Sydney Broadwater of Moberly Missouri and Julia Duncan of Texas, grandchildren of said Charles L. Broadwater.

It is supposed that Ann M. Elgin, undersigned, is assignee of said Charles L. Broadwater as to said claim, though the evidence of said assignment is misplaced

Witness the following signatures and seals      Ann M Elgin      A. Broadwater

[The following is among the [rejected-claims files in the Library of Virginia](#):]

To the Executive of Virg'a. [3 Oct 1834]

Your memorialist Charles L. Broadwater of Fairfax County respectfully represents that very early in the Spring of 1776 (he believes the 9<sup>th</sup> of March according to a memorandum which he has found amongst his papers) he entered the Sloop of War Congress as a Midshipman, and there continued to serve till discharged from s'd. Sloop of War which was about the last of Nov'r. of the s'd. year – your memorialist was so discharged as were all of the marines & other officers except Wm. Skinner who commanded s'd. Sloop on a voyage to France with a Cargo of Tobacco for the purpose of purchasing a supply of clothing for the Army as your memorialist was informed – After being discharged as afores'd your memorialist went on board the ship commanded by your memorialist's uncle James Markham [R72] & there performed duty, but not with the view to continue, the s'd. ship being supplied before he went on board – your memorialist after remaining a short time in s'd. ship returned home, but did not resign his s'd. appointment of midshipman, and if your memorialist had been called on, as he wishes that he had been – he shou'd. have re-entered s'd. service most cheerfully, but he never was called on to do so – your memorialist has now applied for the bounty land which he has been advised has been given by Virg'a. to midshipmen of the Virg'a. State Navy, because he did not know of that fact – and he now finds that but few of those persons who were in the s'd. service with him are living – Indeed your memorialist does not know of but one person now living, who was in the same service, and that is the individual (John Adams) whose affidavit is herewith filed. Your memorialist was regularly discharged at the period referred to with many other officers and marines who were discharged at the same time from the same service – your memorialist prays that the bounty land usually given to midshipmen of the Va. Navy may [two illegible words] to your memorialist & he will ever pray.      [signature illegible]

NOTE: For additional details, see the statement Charles Lewis Broadwater made in support of the case of George Hunger (VAS153).