

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Brown W17354

Lucretia

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State of North Carolina Warren County: SS

On this 26 day of May 1841, personally appeared before us Henry J Macon & Thomas J. Judkins two of the acting Magistrates in & for the County & State aforesaid, Lucretia Brown, a resident of Franklin County North Carolina aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of William Brown, who was a private in Captain Tatum's Company of the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina Service in the War of the Revolution & serve for the term of three years as such in the Army –

She further declares that she was married to the said William Brown on the 24th day of December in the year 1774 that her husband the aforesaid William Brown died on the 1st day of August 1822 – and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by Reference to the proof here unto annexed.

Sworn to, & subscribed, on the day and year above written before

S/ H. J. Macon, JP

S/ Lucretia Brown, X her mark

S/ T. J. Judkins, JP

North Carolina Warren County: SS: This day John King came before us & after being sworn according to law, says on his oath, That he knows that the above named William Brown was a Regular Soldier of the Revolution, & that he served for a considerable length of time, but does not know positively how long. He also swears that the said William Brown married the above named Lucretia, whose maiden name was West – and that the marriage took place before the said Brown was a Soldier & that they lived together as husband & wife until the said William Brown died which took place 18 or 20 years ago.

S/ John King

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North Carolina Warren County: In obedience to the foregoing Order [an order directing the clerk to forward the above application to the War Department] we have this day taken the declaration of the said Lucretia Brown the widow of William Brown who was a Soldier of the Revolution, –

and she gives as a reason for her coming into this County to make her declaration that Warrington (our C. H. [court house]) is nearer to her than that of Franklin (the County adjacent to which she now resides) & that she expected to be able to prove her marriage in this County, –

We do say that she the said Lucretia Brown by reason of Bodily infirmity is unable to come into Court to make her said Declaration.

Given under our hands and seals this 26 day of May 1841

S/ H. J. Macon, JP

S/ T. J. Judkins, JP

[fn p. 15: another application, this one dated September 17, 1841 and given in the Franklin County North Carolina court of Pleas & Order Sessions, by Lucretia Brown in which she makes reference to the land warrant granted to her husband and states that he enlisted on September 1, 1777; the other facts recited are identical to those contained in her 1st application set out above]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears by the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War that William Brown a private Soldier in Captain Tatom's Company of the 1st Regiment enlisted on the 1st day of September 1777 for three years or the War, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls. On the 19th day of May 1780 for a Warrant for 640 acres of land was issued for the services of William Brown a private Soldier (the quantity of land allowed by law as a bounty to War Soldiers) on the certificate of a Field Officer.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of February 1841

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Brown a private Soldier in Captain Tatom's Company of the 1st Regiment enlisted on the 1st day of September 1777 for 3 years or the. That it is of record on the Warrant book in this office that a Warrant for the services of William Brown a private in the revolutionary war, was issued on the 19th day of May 1784 for 640 acres of land No. 938, drawn by Colonel Lytle, and that a Duplicate of said warrant was issued on the 19th of December 1803 in obedience to a resolution of the General Assembly of this State on the 16th of December 1803, and delivered to William Brown.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh this 24th day of January A.D. 1842.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Franklin County: SS

This day John King¹ an Old Revolutionary Soldier, came before me, Joseph J Williams one of the acting Magistrates in and for said County and after being duly sworn, as the law directs, deposeth and saith, that he is now as much as 104 years of age, that he was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and is now a Pensioner. He also says on his oath, that he knows of his

¹ I believe this is the same man as [John King R5962](#)

own personal knowledge, that the present applicant for a Pension (Lucretia Brown) is the widow of William Brown, who served in the Army of the Revolution in the North Carolina service, and who drew a Land Warrant. He further says on his oath, that he does know of his own personal knowledge that she is his widow, and that he knows that about 40 years ago (say 1801, 1802 or 1803) that the said William Brown was about to be cheated out of his Military Land, by some of the Officers or their heirs, and this deponent says on his Oath that the General Assembly of North Carolina (as he thinks) granted to the said William Brown his Land Warrant, although it had been before issued in some other person's name (Colonel Little's he thinks). This deponent says on oath that he accompanied the said William Brown to Raleigh, when redress was made by him by the Legislature but that he this deponent does not know what became of the said Land Warrant. This deponent swears that the present applicant for a Pension is the widow of the identical William Brown above named, and that he the said John King has for many years lived near them he also swears that he is of no candidate them, or either of them, and that he is in no way whatever interested.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of December A.D. 1841.

S/ John King, X his mark

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State of North Carolina County of Warren: SS

This day David King² an old Revolutionary Soldier aged 78, came before us John P Shearin & Thomas J Judkins 2 of the acting Magistrates in and for said County, and after being duly sworn as the law directs, – says on his oath as follows, that, he was well acquainted with William Brown who was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the NC Line, and, that, the said Brown married Lucretia West, and that the said William Brown is dead & his widow the said Lucretia is now a widow & has never married since her said husband, died, – this deponent, says further that he knows that the said Lucretia Brown is the widow of the same, identical William Brown, who was a Soldier as referred to above.

This deponent says further that the said William Brown would have applied for a Pension in his lifetime, under the act of 1818, at the same time, that he witnessed applied, but that the said Brown at that time, did not stand in need of assistance from the Country, on account of property, owned by him, & was advised that he could not avail himself of the benefits of that law. – I further certify that the said William Brown informed me, some 30 years ago, that he had been cheated out of his Land Warrant. That he afterwards informed me that the Legislature of North Carolina had granted him a Land Warrant, – but as to what became of it, I know nothing.

Sworn to & subscribed before us this 29th day of March 1842

S/ David King, X his mark

[fn p. 10: copy of the marriage bond license dated December 20, 1774 issued to William Brown & Joseph Harris of the County of Bute to secure the marriage of William Brown & Lucretia West.]

[fn p. 12: copy of the bounty land warrant issued December 19, 1803 to William Brown for 640 acres of land.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for

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the 2 years service by her husband as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]