

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Brown ¹ W21708 Susannah Brown f43SC
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State of South Carolina district of Charleston }

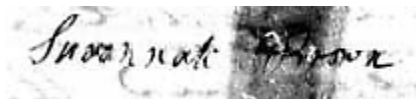
On this twenty-seventh day of August in the year of our Lord 1838 before me Rob Elfe a Magistrate for the District of Charleston and State aforesaid personally appeared Mrs. Susannah Brown a resident of the City of Charleston, who being first duly sworn according to law, Doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the third Section of the Act of Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836.

That she is the widow of Charles Brown who was a Lieutenant in the South Carolina Continental Line, that during the War of the Revolution. This deponent further declares that her husband the said Charles Brown, Entered the Army when quite a young man, at an early period of the war, and that he served to the end of the War. That he was engaged and rendered important services at the Siege of Savannah,² was in the battle at Beaufort,³ and was in service at the Siege of Charleston⁴ when it capitulated [May 12, 1780] to the British forces -- This Deponent is unable to state particularly the nature and extent of the Services performed by her said husband but craves [?] reference to the records of the War Department, for more authentic testimony on this point. Deponent further says that a warrant for military land Bounty was a few years past awarded to the Heirs of the said Lieutenant Charles Brown by the Government of the United States for his military Services.

This deponent further swears that she was married to the said Lieutenant Charles Brown in the City of Charleston South Carolina, on the thirtieth day of October in the year 1783, as will more fully appear by the annexed certificate of marriage from the Parish Register of Saint Philips Church. This Deponent further deposes that she is now in her seventy second year, That her husband the said Charles Brown died in the year 1819 and that she has never married but remains his widow.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Susannah Brown



on the day and year first

¹ BLWt2137-200

² Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

³ Perhaps a reference to the engagement at Port Royal Island, February 3, 1779, http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_port_royal_island_2.html

⁴ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

above written before me
S/ Rob Elfe, QU

[p 40: copy of the commission appointing Brown a lieutenant in the SC line dated April 12, 1782, signed by John Hanson, President and B. Lincoln, Secretary of War.]

[p 7: On February 4, 1839, Christopher E. Gadsden, Rector of Saint Philips Church in Charleston South Carolina certified the following is a true entry on the records of that church:
"Charles Brown and Susannah Tennant was married on the 30th, thirtieth, of October 1783,...."

[p 12: Copy of a resolution passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States authorizing the issuance of a duplicate bounty land warrant number 2137 for 200 acres issued March 24, 1836 to Susan C. Brown, Sarah C. Brown, Charles T. Brown, Anna E. Brown, William T. Brown, E. Boudinot Brown, Sarah B. Keith, wife of John A. Keith, and Eliza Hopkins, surviving daughter of Susan Hopkins, being all legal heirs of Charles Brown deceased, who was a Lieutenant in the South Carolina line.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for her husband's two years service as a Lieutenant in the South Carolina line.]

[Note: There is a file in the SC Indents for a Charles Brown, file No. 801, 12 pages, but none of the documents in the file provide any specific information regarding the services of this Charles Brown.]⁵

⁵ 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.