

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Brandon W21714

Agnes or Nancy Brandon f34SC

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State of South Carolina, Union District

On this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1852 Before me B. Johnson Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the district and state aforesaid personally appeared Elizabeth Brandon who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That this declarant on behalf of herself and the surviving children of her mother Agness Brandon widow of Richard Brandon late of Union District does state that her Father Richard Brandon was an officer and private soldier in the army of the Revolution as she has always understood and still believes and as such he served the United States against the Common enemy from the commencement of hostilities until he was killed in in the service of his country in June 1781. Declarant further states that her Father entered the service of his country as a private horseman, Capt. Jolly's [Benjamin Jolly's] Co., Col. Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment shortly after the commencement of hostilities and was afterwards promoted to the rank of sergeant or Quartermaster in his Brother Col. Brandon's Regiment until he was killed at Brandon's defeat in Union District S.C. the last of June 1781[sic, the engagement generally known as "Brandon's Defeat occurred on July 12, 1780<sup>1</sup>] as above stated for which her Mother Agness or Nancy Brandon was allowed first an annuity and then a pension by the state of South Carolina at the rate of \$60 per annum which she continued to draw until the time of her death but to give the particulars of his said Father's service declarant cannot, but always understood he was in the battles of Blackstocks [November 20, 1780], King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], Cowpens and at Brandon's defeat where he was killed as above stated and was in in the Snow Campaign for some three months then in the Florida Campaign some four months in 1775 and 1776 and then in Brandon's Regiment after the fall of Charleston as above stated under General Sumter as a horseman until his death.

Declarant further states that her father Richard Brandon was married to her mother Agness Brandon the winter or spring of 1773. And as husband and wife they lived together until the death of her husband the said Richard Brandon as above stated leaving the said Agness a widow and that her Mother the said Agness departed this life in Union District S.C. on the ninth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty (1840) not having intermarried after the

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<sup>1</sup> Obviously, this veteran could not have been killed at Brandon's Defeat in July 1780 and later participated in Blackstocks and Kings Mountain. Bobby Gilmer Moss states that this veteran was killed in an action in August 1781, but he does not give any details regarding the engagement. It is possible that he was killed in one of the raids led by Capt. William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham, a loyalist militia officer who led raids in the South Carolina backcountry in October-December 1781.

death of her aforesaid husband and leaving the following children her surviving to wit Catherine Becknell, George Brandon and Declarant, two of whom to wit George Brandon and declarant are still living and both of age.

Declarant further states that she was not aware until recently that her mother was entitled to a pension from the United States supposing that she was precluded by drawing a pension from this state.

Declarant would offer in support of the marriage of her father and mother their original family register which has always been kept in the family and is believed to be strictly correct and is hereunto appended.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above mentioned.

S/ B. Johnson

Judge of ordy of Union District

S/ Elizabeth Brandon, X her mark

The declarant further states that a man by the name of Dotter that lived on Packolet [sic, Pacolet River] collected or got one of the Indents for the services of her Father Richard Brandon which she distinctly recollects and she is now seventy four years of age past.

S/ B. Johnson

Judge of the court of ordy[Ordinary] for Union District

S/ Elizabeth Brandon, X her mark

I B. Johnson Judge of the Court of ordny for the District and State aforesaid do herby certify that it has been shown in evidence to the satisfaction of the court that Agness Brandon commonly called Nancy Brandon widow of Richard Brandon who was killed in Brandon's defeat, Union District South Carolina in the times of the Revolutionary War and that the said Agness was a pensioner of the State of South Carolina and the rate of sixty dollars per annum and that she departed this life in Union District South Carolina on the ninth day of February one thousand eight Hundred & forty leaving the following children her surviving to wit Catherine Becknell, Elizabeth Brandon the declarant and George Brandon and that Catherine Becknel has since died and that George and Elizabeth Brandon is now her only surviving children and both of lawful age and that the entitled to full credence.

Given under my hand and Seal of office at Union Court House the 6 day of February 1852 in open court.

S/ B. Johnson

Judge of the Court of Ordny Of Union District So. Ca.

[p 3-4: Annexed birth records—handwriting unknown]

Agness Kencad Was born Oct 1754

Lettis Brandon Was January 9<sup>th</sup> 1775

John Brandon Was Born March 6<sup>th</sup> 1776

Elizabeth Brandon Was Born November 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

Catherine Brandon Was born June 3<sup>rd</sup> 779

George Brandon Was Born July 17<sup>th</sup> 1780

Sarah Anne Mitchell Was born October 15<sup>th</sup> 1815

Harret Mitchell Was born [illegible]

[Illegible, could be "Wm A"] Mitchell Was born [illegible]

S/ B. Johnson, Judge of Ordny Union District

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 Catharine Brandon  
 Was born June the 1779  
 George Brandon Was  
 born July the 1780

Sarah Anne Mitchell  
 Was born October  
 21<sup>st</sup> 1815  
 Barrett Mitchell  
 Was born  
 Married Mitchell

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Comptroller General's Office, at Columbia, S. C. March 25, 1852

No. 2341 Issued 7 April 1780 62 Richard rendered 455 Pounds, 14 shillings/3 ¼ pence [illegible] for Militia Duty in Jolley's Company, Brandon's Regiment per account audited

Principal £55:14:3 ¼ Interest £3:17:11

No. 104

No. 104

No. 2341 Book X

7 April 1786 Richard Brandon for 390 days duty as horseman from the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1780 to 25<sup>th</sup> June 1781 alternately in Capt. Jolley's Company of Col. Brandon's Regt. @ 20/p day

£390  
Sterling £55.14.3 ¼

The State of South Carolina

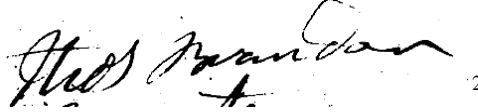
to Richard Brandon Dr.

To 390 Days Duty as Horseman from the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1780 to the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1781 p pay bill of Capt. Jolley Cert'd p Col. Brandon 390

Stg. £55:11 ¾

Received full satisfaction for the within in an Indent No 2341X p order

(signed) Thos. Brandon, Executor

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No. 1702 Issued the third of March 1786 to the widow Brandon for the state of Richard Brandon for 7 Lib. X pounds 10 Shillings sterling for a horse lost in the service as per account passed by the Commissioners No. 45 Principal £7:10:0 Int. £0:10:6

No. 45

No. 1702 Este. of Mr. Richard Brandon his account of a horse lost in service amounting to £7:10

82 gentlemen

Please to Deliver my Indent to Col. Thomas Brandon he having Paid me the Full valuation for the same.

From yr. Obt. Servt.

S/ Agnis Brandon, X her mark

widow of Richard Brandon Deceased

To the Commissioners of the Treasury

Test S/ Wm Farr, JP

I do certify going to be a true copy as taken from the Records of this office.

(No Seal of Office)

For Comptroller Genl.

S/ James A. Black, Dep.

Catherine Becknell (Becknill) departed this life January 6, 1852

S/ Dabney Becknell

[Widow's heirs were granted the pension due to her at the rate of \$54.16 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 & ending February 9, 1840.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to Richard Brandon  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 708

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[p 2: same as Indent No. 2341 Book X transcribed above]

[pp 13-16: indicate that the State of South Carolina paid the veteran's widow, Agnes Brandon, an

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<sup>2</sup> Taken from SC AA708 p 4

<sup>3</sup> 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.

annuity of \$60 per annum from June 9, 1819 through June 4, 1832; a last payment to her was made on June 2, 1834 in the amount of \$20, I assume because her pension from the Federal Government had commenced by 1834.]