

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Robert Brown W219

Milley

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State of Tennessee, Humphreys County: September Term 1835

On the 25th day of September 1835 Personally appeared for the Judge of 5th Judicial Circuit, now sitting, for the County of Humphreys Robert Brown a resident of the aforesaid County aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June the seventh 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States; the year that Charleston (of South Carolina) was taken by the British he enlisted in the State of North Carolina Wilkes County: under the following officers (to wit) Captain James Henderson – Lieutenant William Reynolds his Colonel was by the name of Brannon, his General the name of Caswell [Richard Caswell] – he marched from Wilkes County to Moncks Corner in the State of South Carolina, from thence to the hanging Rock where his Term of service expired, having served a tour of three months – and went home. He then enlisted as above under Captain Pendleton Izbell [sic, Isbell], his Regiment was commanded by Cols Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and Isaacks [sic, Elijah Isaacs]. He marched under them from Wilkes County to Ramsour's Mill. There he was in an engagement, from thence he marched to the Eutaw Springs, on the same day on which the battle was fought with the British. From thence he marched to Deep River where he was discharged, having performed a tour of two months and a half. After this he volunteered to go to King's Mountain – but did not get there in consequence of having an inflammation of his eyes. But after the battle was fought he was sent to guard the prisoners until the exchange was made between the British and American prisoners. He was discharged after having performed a tour of two months. He again volunteered for a term of 12 months under Col Isaacs and Captain Johnson. He marched to Hamblin's store in Rowan County in North Carolina where he understood peace was declared and they all had orders to return home. Here I had performed a tour of 2 ½ months; making in the whole 10 months.

He states he never received any discharge for his services (except one) which was for the first tour of service, which has long since been lost or mislaid. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or

annuity (except the present) and declares that his name is not on the pension roll the agency of any state.

He was born in Amelia County Virginia. He has no record of his age, but says that his parent informed him he was 14 years old in June preceding the Declaration of Independence. When called into service he was living in Wilkes County North Carolina from thence he removed to South Carolina, Abbeville County – from whence he removed to Humphreys County State of Tennessee where he has resided 18 years. His first term of service was as a substitute in the room of Giles Martin – the other service was as a volunteer. He knows but little of the general circumstances of his service or the names of Continental and Militia Regiments among whom he served but recollects having often seen General casual Cols Isaacs, Cleveland and Campbell [William Campbell].

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ T. B. Hudson, Clerk

S/ Robert Brown, X him mark

[Dawsey P. Hudson and James Teas [could be Leas] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: on December 30, 1843 in Humphreys County Tennessee, Mrs. Milley Brown, 73, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Brown who died on March 20, 1840; that she has no record of their marriage; that they were married in Wilkes County North Carolina near the last of March 1790.]

[fn p. 9: on January 1, 1844 in Humphreys County Tennessee, Mrs. Elizabeth Cocke, 68, gave testimony that she knew Miss Milley Preston, now Mrs. Milley Brown before her marriage to Robert Brown; that they were married in Wilkes County North Carolina; that she lived a near neighbor to them and has no doubt that they were legally married.]

[fn p. 10: on January 5, 1844 in Benton County Tennessee, Leonard Brown, 88, gave supporting testimony as to the marriage of Milley Preston to Robert Brown in Wilkes County North Carolina. No relationship is stated as existing between Leonard and Robert Brown.]

[fn p. 12: family record]

Eli Brown was born in the year of our Lord 1793 January 12th

Martha Brown born in the year of our Lord 1799 November 19th

Teresa Caroline Brown was born in the year of our Lord 1819 January 7th

Malinda Anne Brown was born in the year of our Lord 1821 February the 4th

Madison Allison Brown was born in the year of our Lord 1823 April 15th

Robert Dickson Brown was born in the year of our Lord 1825 July the 25th

Franklin Jackson Brown was born in the year of our Lord 1827 December the 23rd

Calvin Lindsay Brown was born in the year of our Lord 1830 August the 2nd

Serah francina Brown was born in the year of our Lord 1833 March the 19th

Martha Elizabeth Brown was born August the 18th year of our Lord 1835

Francis Marrion Brown was born the April 20th in the year of our Lord 1838

Eli Francis Marrion Brown was born in the year of our Lord 1838 April the 20th heat I

Brown and Martha Alison was married on the 21st of March in the year of our Lord 1818

[fn p. 14: on March 2nd, 1849 in Henry County Tennessee Mrs. Martha Brown, 49, gave testimony that she is the widow of Eli Brown who was the 2nd child of Robert and Milley Brown of Humphrey County Tennessee; that she 1st became acquainted with Robert and Milley Brown in 1817; and that the family record is the genuine family record kept by her husband the said Eli Brown and in his handwriting; that the original family record of Robert Brown was destroyed by high water rising up to the house many years ago.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]