

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Brown ¹ W25294 Livina Brown f79SC
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State of South Carolina Anderson District

On this 5th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas of said State aforesaid District now in Session James Brown of the State and District aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

This deponent was born in Cumberland County Pennsylvania in 1759 -- And removed to Abbeville District then 96 South Carolina in 1771 or 72 --

1. He entered the service against the Cherokees, in 1776 under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], Colonel Neale [probably Col. Thomas Neel, also spelled Neil] & Captain John Brandon who was killed, Served a tour of six weeks -- as a volunteer. 2. Served two months under General Williamson in protecting the frontiers -- the forces assembled at White Hall, some were sent to Georgia and some to South Carolina. 3rd He attached himself to James Wilson's company under General Williamson & General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], Served on a tour of five months during which time he was at the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]. 4th He attached himself to Captain James Jamieson, Colonel Andrew Neale [also spelled, Neel, Neil] & General Thos. Sumter [Thomas Sumter], in 1780 -- went on a tour to Rocky Mount -- present at the battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] at which engagement the Colonel was killed -- he served on this tour 40 days -- 5th Marched to Congaree Fort under Captain William Hillhouse,² General Sumter, served in this tour 32 days -- during which time he was in five skirmishes with the British & Tories. 6th He was under Captain Hillhouse, Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon] & Colonel Hampton near Orangeburg -- went on a tour to the Six Mile House and routed the British and took 40 or upwards prisoners -- Service one month -- 7th -- Under Captain Wood [Thomas Woods] -- Major Hanna [William Hanna] General Henderson [William Henderson] for two months principally foraging for General Greene [Nathanael Greene] -- From the commencement to the close of the Revolution he was ever liable to be called on -- Cannot recollect the time he was in actual service but feels confident it would exceed two years -- he knows of no proof he can make unless the testimony of William Armstrong³ of this District and

¹ BLWt39473-160-55

² Sic, [William Hillhouse S7008](#)

³ [William Armstrong S6534](#)

of John Craig⁴ of Pickens can be procured other than from his general reputation. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State except that he has been a Pensioner of the State of South Carolina for three years --

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court day and year aforesaid.

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

S/ James Brown



[Sanford Vandiver and James Thomson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

James Brown by way of amending his Declaration made in open Court at March Term 1833 appeared personally before me and makes oath to the following facts. He has no record of his age but from a comparison of age with another Brother now dead who had a record of his age he is satisfied that he is now in his seventy fifth year. He never has had any written discharge having been usually discharged with the officer under whose immediate command he served. His tours of service were so various and often in such quick succession & having kept no journal of each he finds it difficult to comply with the requisitions of the Department as to the precise time of each tour. He cannot and will not swear to a day unless some peculiar circumstance has fixed it in his mind if he never gets a pension.

The first tour set forth in his Declaration was in the latter part of July 1776.

The second was commenced in December 1777.

The third was commenced on this 17th March 1778.

The Fourth was in June 1780 & until April 1781.

The fifth was in January & February in the year 1782 immediately after which the tours numbered sixth & seventh followed -- the three last tours being against the Indians. He sends the affidavit of William Hillhouse of Alabama.

Sworn to & subscribed January sixth 1834

S/ Joseph N. Whitner, NP

S/ James Brown

[p 26: South Carolina Comptroller's certificate showing payments made to a James Brown for service in the militia including: 52 days as a private footmen in the company of John Thomas Junior from May 1, 1778 to 16 July 1779; 56 days as private footmen under Lieutenant James Lee at Georgia & Stono; 76 days as horseman in Captain Henry White's company from 4 June to 10 August 1780; 81 days as horseman in Captain James Smith's company from 10 August 21 November 1780; 116 days as horseman in Captain John Lawson's company from 8 October 1780 to 3 April 1781, "the above in Colonel Roebuck's Regiment & taken from pay bills." From Me 11 to June 1782 21 days as horseman included in Captain Mapp's pay bill; from 1st to 10 May 1782 10 days as horseman included in Captain Mapp's pay bill; 23 days as private horseman in

⁴ [John Craig W22864](#)

Captain John Cowan's pay bill commencing Made 12, 1780 & ending 20 February 1783; 32 days and Colonel Lacey's Regiment from the 12th day of July 1782 to the 12th day of August, John Steel Captain]

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State of Alabama Marengo County: Personally appeared before me James Pickens a Justice of the peace for said County William Hillhouse who made oath that he knew James Brown of York District South Carolina and that the said James Brown entered the service as a volunteer in the revolutionary war in the year 1777 in December under Captain Thomas Kirkpatrick in Colonel Thomas Neil's Regiment and served one tour of two months and ended in March afterwards and served two months in said company & Regiment on the 1st July 1780 he joined Captain Jamison's Company this deponent was Lieutenant of said company and about three weeks afterwards Captain Jamison was wounded at the Battle of the Hanging Rock and this deponent took command of said company and said Brown served under him until about the last of April 1781 and served as a faithful soldier in the cause of the freedom.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 16 of November 1833

S/ James Pickens, JP

S/ Wm Hillhouse



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Personally appeared in open Court William Armstrong and being duly sworn declares that he was well acquainted with James Brown during the war of the Revolution although they belonged to different regiments they frequently met together, were together at the battle of the Hanging Rock and this Deponent often heard of Brown by one or another during that time -- of his being off in various expeditions and tours of service. This Deponent always has believed and still does that the said Brown was an active faithful Whig during the war. Sworn to day and year aforesaid.

6th March 1833

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

S/ Wm Armstrong



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John Craig makes oath in open Court that he was acquainted with James Brown during the War of the Revolution. They served together from time to time for six years, were commanded by the same officers often. Has known him intimately ever since knows him to have been a respectable man and a good Whig during the Whole Struggle.

Sworn to day and year aforesaid.

In Open Court

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

S/ John Craig, E his mark

[p 11: on July 1, 1853 in Anderson District South Carolina, Mrs. Livina Brown, 41, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of James Brown, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$62.84 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Anderson District South Carolina in December 1826; that they were married by the Reverend Sanford Vandiver, a Baptist minister; that she has no private or public record of her marriage; that her maiden name was Livina Felton; that her husband died August 31st, 1846 and that she remains his widow.]

[The widow lived long enough to file for the reinstatement of her pension after the Civil War. She was successful in obtaining the reinstatement of her pension.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 4 months and 20 days in the infantry and for 11 months and 6 days in the cavalry, all in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount and increased after the Civil War to \$96 per annum.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to James Brown AA57
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 813

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State of South Carolina Pendleton District } Personally came William Hillhouse Senior before me the subscribing Justice who after being duly sworn as the law directs deposeseth & on oath saith that James Brown did (during the Revolutionary War) Enter the Service of his Country under the command of Captain James Jamieson as a mounted Rifle man Commencing about the last of June or 1st of July in the year 1780 & continued in the service until sometime in the month of March following and also saith that during that time that he the said Deponent acted as first Lieutenant in said company at which time he the said Deponent resigned his command & saith that in 1781 sometime in April that the said James Brown entered the service & served a thirty Days Tour & that he said Deponent served as a private Soldier in the same company – & again commenced about the last of July or first of August following & put in another thirty Days tour together in all cases as Mounted Riflemen.

8th day of November 1819

S/ W. Brown, JP

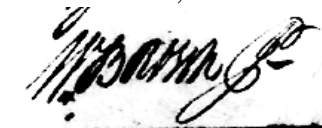
S/ William Hillhouse

These Certify that James Brown did serve as a mounted Rifle man in the year 1782 commencing about the 20th of July & continued in the service of his country until about the 20th of September following, I served as a Soldier in the same company under the command of Captain Thomas Woods during the whole of the time above certified.

Given under my hand

this 8th Day of November 1819

S/ W. Brown, JP



⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.

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State of South Carolina Pendleton District } Personally came James Brown before me the
subscribing Justice who after being duly sworn as the law directs deposed and on oath saith that
the within stated Service was by him done as is within sworn by William Hillhouse & certified
by William Brown & that he has never received any compensation whatever in any way or
manner for said Services.

Sworn & subscribed this 18th day of November 1819 before me
S/ W. Brown, JP

S/ James Brown



This is to Certify that James Brown a true Soldier of South Carolina Did Serve the Several
different Towers [tours] as is above misused [sic, mentioned?] which Towers = the said James
Brown did Serve under my Command = this given under my hand this 11th day of November
1819

S/ Jno Moffett, Lt. Col.[?]



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South Carolina Pendleton District } John Craig came personally before me and made Oath that he
knew James Brown from the Commencement to the end of the Revolutionary War, and that he
was considered throughout the whole Struggle a faithful and most undaunted Whig. I served with
him under General Williamson in the Cherokee expedition. I then Served a tour with him under
Captain Sadler [Richard Sadler]. We served after that in the Stono expedition. After the fall of
Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] we fought together at
Williamson's Lane [July 12, 1780] under Colonel Lacy [Edward Lacey], Neal [Andrew Neel]
and Bratton [William Bratton], after that fought together with General Sumter [Thomas Sumter]
at the Battles of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780], Hanging Rock, Friday's Ferry [May 1, 1781],
Colonel Thompson's [probably Thomson's Plantation, February 22, 1781] and various other
Skirmishes, the last campaign that we was in together was under the command of General
Henderson, which was about the close of the War.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 23rd September 1828

S/ Sampson Pope, JP

S/ John Craig, X his mark

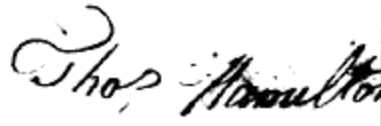
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South Carolina Pendleton District } Major Thomas Hamilton came personally before me and
made oath that he knows of his Certain knowledge that the said James Brown was in all the
actions alluded to by John Craig except the Battle at Rocky Mount and he from good authority
believes that he was in that also.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6 October 1828

S/ Sampson Pope, JP

S/ Thos. Hamilton



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To the Honorable the members of the Senate & of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, – Your petitioner humbly Sheweth

That he volunteered for services in the year 1776; under the command of General Williamson in the Cherokee expedition And fought for him and General Lincoln at the battle of Stono, and fought under Colonel Lacy & Neel at Williamson's Lane, and fought under General Sumter at the battles of all of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Friday's Ferry; Colonel Thomson's and various other scrimmages too tedious to mention in the Whig Service until the close of the Revolutionary War

Your petitioner is in the 69th year of his age and has become the victim of poverty [poverty?] and affliction, All the property he is possessed of is a Horse worth about \$70 and a little Household furniture worth about \$30 – he has not disposed of any property with the view of the coming a subject of your bounty. He therefore hopes that you would take the suffering situation of him and his family consisting of a wife and one infant, into your consideration and relieve their wants by placing him upon the pension roll.

S/ James Brown

South Carolina Anderson District} The above petitioner James Brown came personally before me and made oath that the statement made by him in the above but addition is just and true.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of October 1828

S/ Sampson Pope, JP

S/ James Brown

[pp56-57: Vouchers show that Brown received a pension of \$60 per annum from SC commencing on 25 May 1830 and ending 4 June 1834.]