

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Brown W333

Elizabeth Brown

f52SC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 8]

State of Tennessee, Washington County

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court being the circuit court of Washington County holden [sic] by the Honorable Samuel Powel one of the Judges of said State Jacob Brown a resident Citizen of said County aged Seventy one years the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of last August, who being first 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit:

That he entered the service of the United States in the State of South Carolina in Union District then Ninety Six District as a drafted Militia man under Capt. William Farr Colonel John Thomas as well as he now remembers the year 1778 or 1779 but he cannot now say which year and served a campaign against the Creek Indians in the State of Georgia near the head waters of Ogeechee [River] and Oconee [River] near Philip's Fort, and served his time out and was then discharged and returned home and he believes he served on that campaign three months or near that time but cannot now certainly say the length of service. After that campaign and before he entered the service again he had several scouting trips under Capt. Farr but the length of the service he cannot now state and had as probably a month occupied with those trips.

In the month of January or February 1780 he entered the service again under Capt. Farr in Ninety Six district as mounted men and marched near Augusta and was stationed in Beech Island and lay there till the month of March when he believes the term of service of Pickens' [Andrew Pickens'] men was, Col. Pickens commanded, when the men were about to return, he, Col. Pickens, urged them to go with him to Midway settlement and Capt. Farr's company this applicant amongst them marched on with him and they went to Midway. The British were then in possession of Savannah and had a small force at the ford or ferry of Ogeechee where the Americans and British had a fight or skirmish. They then returned to Beech Island and were discharged which was about the last of March and he thinks he was out at that time from three to four months. After his return from the last campaign the Tories and British had got possession of the Country and were ordering everyone into the service of the British, and this applicant finding he could not long remain at home remained there perhaps one or two weeks and with some others went to North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, and Joined General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the Company of Capt. Gordon Col. Thos. Brandon and marched to Ramsour's Mill and arrived about two hours after the Tories were defeated [June 20, 1780]. They then went

down near the Catawba where they were stationed some time during which campaign this applicant belonged to the mounted infantry, and near the Indian land the troops joined General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] still under the command of Col. Brandon and Capt. Gordon and had various skirmishes with the British and Tories but this applicant although in Sumter's army was not in them until Genl Sumpter attacked Rocky Mount [June 30, 1780] and he this applicant was in that Battle. The next Battle he was in was under the same officers at the hanging rock where Col. Briant [Samuel Bryan] the Tory from the Yadkin was defeated which was a tough struggle. Then Genl. Sumpter and Col. Williams [James Williams] separated and this applicant then went with Col. Williams and then was attached to the company of his cousin Gabriel Brown Lieutenant Skein or Skinner and this applicant was appointed ensign of the company and he marched with Col. Williams to the Cowpens. They met the Western troops under Cols. Campbell [William Campbell], Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Sevier [John Sevier] at the Cowpens. The Father of this applicant Jacob Brown commanded a company from Washington County, North Carolina and which is the county this applicant now lives in, he then joined his father's company in Col. Sevier's Regiment and was in the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] in that Regiment and after the Battle returned with the troops to the county he now lives in and was then out of service a while and must have served according to the best Estimate he can make under Rutherford, Sumpter, Williams and Sevier from sometime in April 1780 until sometime in November of the same year and must on that campaign have been out seven months or more.

Soon after the troops returned from the battle of King's Mountain, Jacob Brown the father of this applicant raised a company and marched to Boyd's Creek Chota Hiwassee and Chestooa [?] against the Indians under Col. Sevier and this applicant served in that company as ensign until the campaign was over and was out in that campaign between two and three months.

In the month of March 1781 he returned to South Carolina and soon after his return he thinks early in April entered the service under Capt. Otterson<sup>1</sup> who was under the command of Col. Casey [Levi Casey], though he was part of the time under Capt. George Avery and he was kept in service nearly all the time from April until sometime in the month of November during which time he was at the Siege of Ninety Six part of the time and there taken sick with the small pox which prevented him from being there during the whole siege. During his service from April to November 1781 he was principally employed in scouting against the Tories.

In December 1781 he returned to Washington County where he now lives and in September 1782 he again went [on] a campaign against the Indians under Capt. Thomas Wood, Col. Sevier and went across [the] Tennessee River to Hiwassee to Coosa to Coosawatha and through various parts of the country returning by Old Hiwassee Town; they took several prisoners, killed some Indians and treated at Old Chota and was out on that campaign and believes they were out on that campaign from two to three months but cannot recollect the exact time.

This declarant states that his whole service as before stated amounts as he believes to more than 26 months and he thinks he may safely set it down at two years and two months.

He states that he has not any Documentary evidence to prove his service as he served in the militia and never received any written discharge and he has not any witness to prove his service except the annexed affidavits of James Sevier & Nathan Gann and there is not any minister resident in his vicinity who can certify for him.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State or the Agency thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> [Samuel Otterson S25344](#)

Sworn to in open court and subscribed the date above.

S/ Jacob Brown



Test: Jas. V. Anderson, Clk.

I James Sevier<sup>2</sup> a resident citizen of Washington County Tennessee do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Jacob Brown the applicant who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that I believe him to be seventy one years of age and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution. And I concur in that opinion and I further state that I saw him at King's Mountain and have no doubt he was in the battle and that I served with him in the campaign against the Cherokee Indians under Col. John Sevier my Father in the winter of 1780 & 1781 and also in the campaign Against the same Indians in the arm of 1782 when the treaty was made at old Chota.

Sworn to in Subscribed the date above.

Test: S/ Jas. V. Anderson, Clk

S/ Jas. Sevier



I Nathan Gann<sup>3</sup> a resident citizen of Washington County hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Jacob Brown the applicant who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and that I believe him to be 71 years of age and that he is believed and reputed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and I concur in that opinion. And further state that I was at King's Mountain at and in the battle and believe the applicant Jacob Brown was there and I know he was in the Campaigns against the Cherokee Indians in 1780 and 1781 and 1782 and my remembrance is that said Brown joined the Western troops at the Cowpens.

Sworn to in open court the date above.

Test: S/ Jas V. Anderson, Clk

S/ Nathan Gann



The Additional Statement of Jacob Brown of Washington County Tennessee in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 in Answer to the interrogatories returned by the department with his declaration.

In relation to the length of his service and the different grades of service he makes this additional statement under oath.

This applicant states as he has before stated that his whole service as he believes was fully two years and two months and during that service he served as an Ensign in the companies he belonged to three months or more.

He states that he made his first and this declaration in the County where he resides and he resides in Washington County; he has already stated that he has not any Documentary evidence.

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<sup>2</sup> [James Sevier S45889](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Nathan Gan \(Gann\) S1820](#)

He states that he was born according to the information of his parents in the State of South Carolina on a creek called Jumping Run near Columbia in the year 1761 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August and he has seen the family record of his age but has nothing of the kind except a memorandum which this applicant took from the family record of his age.

The names of some of the regular officers who commanded where he served: Genl. Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], Col. Williams of South Carolina, Colonels Campbell, Shelby and Sevier and at Ninety Six, Genl. Greene's besieging army.

The person who can testify as to the respectability of this applicant and their having heard of and belief of his services and who reside in his neighborhood are the Rev'd Reese Bayless whose [is] statement is annexed, John Kennedy, Esqr., Col. Jacob Hearsell, Christopher Taylor, The Rev'd John C. Harris and many others and he refers to Genl. Jackson and Judge Anderson of the City of Washington who have long known this declarant.

Sworn to and Subscribed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833.

S/ Jacob Brown

S/ Nathan Shipley, Justice of the Peace

[Reese Bayless, a clergyman, gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 18: On October 4, 1841 in Washington County, Tenn., Elizabeth Brown filed for a widow's pension stating she married Jacob Brown in the fall of the year 1786; they were married by William Clark, Esqr. in the house of Mrs. widow Brown; that her husband died August 28, 1838. She signed her application with her Mark]

[p 4 Bible record]

Jacob Brown Jinr was bornd The 11 day of December in the year of our Lord AD 1736

1785

1736

49 years lacking 5 months

[illegible words]

Deceased the 28 day of June 1785

Ruth Brown the Wife of Jacob Brown was bornd the 14 day of August A. D. 1740

1810

1740

70

Deceased between 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1810

Jacob Brown the son of Jacob & Ruth Brown was bornd in the year of our Lord AD 1761 and the 3 day of August

Elizabeth Brown his wife was Bornd the 28 day of janawary A D 1769

Jacob Elizabeth was married the 9 of February 1786

Jacob Brown Jun<sup>r</sup> was  
 The 11 day of December in the year  
 of our Lord A.D. <sup>1753</sup> 1736  
 Deceased the 28 day of June <sup>49 years being & more a 1810</sup> 1785  
 Ruth Brown the Wife of Jacob  
 Brown was born the 18 day of June  
 A.D. 1740.  
 Deceased between <sup>1810</sup> ~~the~~ 9th of <sup>1743</sup> 1743  
 Jacob Brown the son of Jacob  
 & Ruth Brown was born in  
 The year of our Lord A.D. 1761 -  
 and the 3 day of August -  
 Elizabeth Brown his wife was  
 Born the 28 day of January  
 A.D. 1769.  
 Jacob & Elizabeth were married  
 the 3 day of ~~the~~ February 1782

Ruth Brown the daughter of Jacob Brown & Elizabeth Brown Was born in the year of our Lord  
 A. D. 1787 and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of october About twelve a'clock ~~Monday~~  
 William Brown the Son of Jacob Brown & Elizabeth Brown Was born the 9 day of october in  
 the yeare of our Lord A. D. 1780 about five a clock in the after noon  
 Thomas J. Brown the son of Jacob Brown & Elizabeth Brown was born in the year of our Lord  
 A. D. 179\_ [year very faint and questionable] and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September about Midnight—  
 Thursday

~~1797: 10/2~~

Ruth Brown the daughter of  
 Jacob Brown & Elizabeth Brown  
 was born in the year of our Lord  
 A.D. 1787. and the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of October  
 about twelve o'clock ~~Monday~~

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William Brown the son of  
 Jacob Brown & Elizabeth Brown  
 was born the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October  
 in the year of our Lord A.D. -  
 1789 about five o'clock in the  
 after noon ~~Friday~~

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Thomas Brown the son of Jacob  
 Brown & Elizabeth Brown was  
 born in the year of our Lord A.D. 1790  
 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November about  
 midnight ~~Thursday~~

Sarah Brown Daughter...tuesday nite Near nine oclock in March 4<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1794

Mary Brown Daughter...saturday 5<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1795 about midnight

Sarah Brown daughter...Departed this life saterday 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1797 about 9 or 10 oclock in  
 the morning she being three years & twenty one days old lacking twelve ours

Rebeccha Brown was born fryday Febr 8<sup>th</sup> day 1799 about ten oclock at night

Sarah Brown Daughter of Jacob  
 & Elizabeth Brown was born on  
 Tuesday next after nine o'clock in  
 March <sup>the</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1794

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Mary Brown Daughter of Jacob  
 & Elizabeth Brown was born on ~~the~~  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D.  
 1796 about midnight

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Sarah Brown daughter of Jacob & Elizabeth  
 Brown Departed this life ~~the~~  
 of March 1797 (about 9 or 10 o'clock in  
 the morning she being three years &  
 twentyone days old lacking twelve  
 ours

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Rebecca Brown was born Friday  
 the 5<sup>th</sup> day 1799 about ten o'clock  
 at night

Bird Brown was born Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1801 about six o'clock in the morning  
 Jacob Keen Brown was born Saturday the 28 of Janry 1804 about six o'clock in the morning  
 Malinda Brown was Born Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of Janry 1807 near Midnight  
 Jacob Logan Brown son of J. K. Brown Bornd Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1829 in [illegible] County  
 state of Virginia  
 Mathew Moore Brown bornd 7<sup>th</sup> August 1830 [illegible word] morning  
 Luisah Gaines Brown bornd on Tuesday the 17 aprile 1832 and whose [?] Mother Departed her  
 life 7<sup>th</sup> aprile 1832]

~~Elizabeth~~ Bird Brown was born —  
 Tuesday 20 of October 1801 about six  
 o'clock in the morning

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Jacob Hason Brown was born Saturday  
 the 24 of January 1804 about six o'clock  
 in the morning

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Melinda Brown was born Monday  
 the 5 of January 1807 near midnight

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Jacob Logan Brown son of J. K. Brown  
 born Saturday 8th August 1829 in  
 School county state of Virginia

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Matthew Moore Brown born 9th  
 August 1830 ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> morning

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Lewisah James Brown <sup>born</sup> on Tuesday  
 the 17 April 1832 at the house  
 of Mrs. J. K. Brown in the hills  
 1832

[p 22: On September 6, 1841 in Washington County Tennessee, John Sevier, 86, gave testimony that Elizabeth Bird was married to Jacob Brown at the Widow Brown's house in Washington County then North Carolina now Tennessee by William Clark Esquire.

*John Sevier*

[Facts in file: Veteran is said to have died August 21, 23 or 28 (all 3 dates listed in different documents), 1838; Elizabeth's maiden name was Bird; she was born January 28, 1769.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the South Carolina and North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]



South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to Jacob Brown AA14  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 812  
Transcribed by Will Graves

12/29/18

[p 2]  
[No.] 2744 No. 112  
[Book] X

11 May 86 [1786]

Jacob Brown For Militia Duty in Brandon's Regiment before the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	£112.10.0
Sterling	£14.12.10 ¼

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 18 May 1790 full satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 2744 Book X by Order as per order

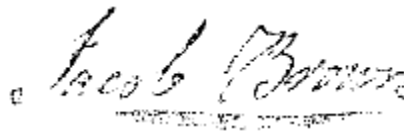
S/ Thos. Brandon [Thomas Brandon]



[p 4]  
Gentlemen Union County 6<sup>th</sup> January 1787

Deliver unto Colonel Thomas Brandon my Indent or Indents as May appear to be due me from the State of South Carolina & this shall be your Receipt for the same

S/ Jacob Brown



[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 2744 book X dated May 11, 1786. The entire form has been crossed out as if canceled.]

[p 7]  
[No.] 2745 [Book] X

11 May 86

Jacob Brown for Militia duty since the fall of Charleston in Brandon's Regiment per Anderson's Return

[old South Carolina] Currency	£245
Stg.	£35

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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<sup>4</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.

Received 18 May 1790 full satisfaction for this account in an Indent No. 2745 Book X by virtue of an Order Vide Account No. 2744 Book X for the Order  
S/ Thos Brandon

[p 9: Printed form of Indent No. 2745 book X dated May 11, 1786. The entire form has been crossed out as if canceled.]

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No. 74  
[Book] X [No.] 718 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 85 [1785]  
Jacob Brown for 245 days Militia Duty as horseman from 20<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> November 1781  
Amot. £35 Stg.  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined [by] William Galvan & John McCall, Adjutant General]

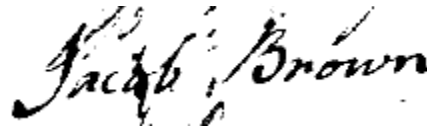
[p 12]

A pay Bill for Jacob Brown in Captain Hollingsworth's Company under the Command of Colonel Thomas Brandon – from the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1781 until the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1781 both days included – being 245 Days at 20/[20 shillings] per day – £245  
-35

South Carolina

Ninety Six District } Mr. Jacob Brown appeared before me a Justice of said District and made oath according to law & saith the above account is Just & true as it stands stated. Signed & sworn to this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1788 before  
S/ Wm Farr, JP

S/ Jacob Brown



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I do Certify the Duty was done Certified this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1783 by  
S/ Wm Farr, Lt. Col. [William Farr, Lt. Col.]



Received 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 85 Full Satisfaction for this Account in Indent No. 718 Book X per order

S/ Thos. Brandon

[p 14: the following is heavily edited as shown by the original included below]

Gentlemen as a balance of indent must yet be due me for Duty done in Captain fars [William Farr's] Company [&] Captain Gordon's [probably Gavin Gordon's company] which is not yet

received as I have only received one indent of 30 odd pounds any other Let Colonel Brandon  
have as I have given him power hereby to sell and make over the same as he may choose and in  
every other said case this shall be your warrant with his receipt given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup>  
March 1790

Test

S/ Christopher Hammond

S/ Jacob Brown

Gentil men as a balance of indent must yet  
be due me for Duty Due in Capt Jass Company  
Capt Gordons which is not yet received and  
have only received one indent of 30 odd  
pound any other Let Col. Brandon have  
as I have given him power hereby to sell and  
make over the same as he may choose  
and in every of the said cases this shall  
be your warrant with his receipt given  
under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> march 1790  
test —

Christopher Hammond.

Jacob Brown