

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Brown W3760 Martha Brown VA
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State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 1st day of October 1838, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid, Martha Brown, aged about 76 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled “an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows–“

That she is the widow of James Brown late of Charlotte County, Va, who was a soldier of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment and the Virginia Militia, during the war of the Revolution. That she does not pretend to know any thing personally respecting the services of her late husband, but has always understood from reputable soldiers, and believe their statement to be true, that he enlisted for the time, and serve, three years in the Virginia Continental line, and was drafted several times in the Militia of the State of Virginia: all of which will more readily appear by reference to the Army Records of the period, and the accompanying certificates of old soldiers – She refers to said certificates for particulars of service, length of service, the rank he held, and all the information she is enabled to obtain, relative to his services –

She further declares that she was married to the said James Brown on the 13th day of December 1787; that her husband the aforesaid James Brown, died on the 7th[?] day of Dec'r. 1829; that she was not married to him, prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, Seventeen hundred and ninty four, to wit, at the time above stated – Her proper name is Martha, though called “Patty”–
Martha herXmark Brown

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [21 Sep 1838]

I Thomas Harvey [pension application R4715] do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with James Brown, late of Charlotte, in the war of the Revolution, and know the fact, as coming within my personal knowledge, that he enlisted as a soldier under Capt John Brent [VAS2630] in the early part of 1776, for the term of three years, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col [Robert] Lawson and General Stevens [sic: Adam Stephen]. He served the said term of three years faithfully, and was honorably discharged from service. I further certify, that afterwards, he served a good deal in the Militia, but how long, am unable to say. I am in the 79th year of my age, and was a soldier of the Revolution.
Thomas hisXmark Harvey

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two separate files, one of which includes misfiled documents pertaining to James Brown S36929.]

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby Certify, that I was well acquainted with James Brown, late of Charlotte, in the Revolutionary war, and know the fact as coming within my personal knowledge, that he enlisted as a soldier under Capt John Brent in the Spring of 1776 for the term of three years, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Lawson and General Stephens. He served the said term faithfully, and was honorably discharged from service. I farther certify, that the said James Brown was afterwards drafted in the Militia, and served a considerable time, but how long, I am unable to say. Given under my hand this 13th day of September, 1838.

James Mullings [S10251]



NOTE: On 18 July 1839 Martha Brown explained that James Brown did not apply for a pension under the act of 18 March 1818, because his real and personal estate were worth at least \$12,000. On 19 Sep 1848 at age 86 she stated that she had lived in Charlotte County for 60 years, and before then in Prince Edward County.