

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Brown W3931

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 22nd day of April 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for Johnston County, Joseph Brown, a resident of Johnston County aged eighty-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain James Gee at Halifax North Carolina and served in the Regiment of the Continental line commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin, for three years – that he served under Captain Gee until he died, which was about a year after he enlisted under him: – that after his death, he was placed in Captain John Ingles' Company and served out the remainder of his tour, and returned home at the close of the year 1779. – That he remained at home for a number of months, and then reenlisted for the war, joined his Regiment and served to the end of the war under Captain John Ingles. In this last tour of duty he acted as corporal and served as such to the end of the War, the time he received his discharge from Captain John Ingles. His discharge he retained and preserved for a number of years, but not considering it of any value or importance, it has been lost or destroyed. At the time he entered the Army he resided in the County of Halifax North Carolina, and continued to reside there until about fifty years or upwards since he removed to the County of Johnston. That on account of his old age and infirmity he has been unable to seek for persons with whom he served in the part of the country where he lived at the time he entered the Army, to prove his services, and consequently has been unable to establish his rights to a pension. That he has made several ineffectual efforts to establish his claim but his application has been generally made to persons who were to ignorant, or unwilling to aid him. That it is well known to all his neighbors his health and bodily infirmity for the last ten or twelve years, has prevented him from using any efforts at all to go and be [indecipherable word or words] with whom he was known at the time he served, to establish his rights to a pension. Some of whom he has recently learned are alive. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

S/ Joseph Brown, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above before may

S/ J. G. Gulley, JP

[Joel B. Clifton, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina County of Johnston

I Joseph Brown of the County and State aforesaid aged 87 years do hereby testify and declare upon my oath that I entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a soldier in the year 1776 in Captain James Gee's Company, to which John Ingles was 1st Lieutenant and Solomon Berry was Sergeant and served throughout the whole war in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin of the North Carolina Line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the War, in Captain John Ingles' Company, – That I received from the State of North Carolina the Bounty Land, to which I was entitled, for having served through the War of 640 acres, and it was drawn for me by will William Richards, and that the gratuity due to me, I received through my agent Nathaniel Williams, who was himself an officer in the Revolutionary Army – I further declare that I have never received a Warrant for the Bounty Land promised to these officers and Soldiers who served throughout the whole War, and to the close thereof, on the part of the United States, nor have I ever transferred my claim to it in any manner whatsoever; – therefore, know all men by these presents, that I, Joseph Brown aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint R Randolph to be my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a Warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid; – And my said Attorney is hereby fully authorized to constitute and appoint one or more attorneys for substitutes under him for the special purposes above expressed. –

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd June 1843 –

S/ Joseph Brown, X his mark

[fn p. 48]

State of North Carolina Wake County

On this the 27th of April 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for said County, John Williams¹ resident of said County and a pensioner of the United States as a soldier of the Revolutionary War who being duly sworn, deposes and saith That he is personally acquainted with Joseph Brown a soldier of the Revolutionary War, now residing in Johnston County and applying for a pension. That he well recollects the time the said Joseph Brown enlisted at Halifax with Captain Gee in the fall of the year 1776; that he enlisted himself in the Cavalry about the same time. At that time this deponent, resided in Bute County adjoining Halifax, not very far from where Brown lived in that County. That he well recollects he served a number of years in the Army, and served in Captain John Ingles Company, when this deponent quitted the service; and he always understood that Joseph Brown served to the close of the War; that he frequently met with him in the Service, but he belonging to the Cavalry and Brown to the infantry they never served together long, at any one period. This deponent removed to Wake County upwards of 50 years ago. That Brown had removed from Halifax previous to that time to some County remote from that, but he did not know where, until recently he has recognized him living in Johnston County. That his statement as to his services he believes to be true and correct – And that Joseph Brown of John [sic, Johnston] County who is now applying for a pension is the identical person whom

¹ [John Williams W177](#)

he recollects to have seen enlisted in Halifax with Captain Gee and served subsequently as he has stated above, with Captain Ingles to the close of the war. – That he is now aged and very infirm – his age must be nearly ninety years, from the time they were together in Halifax and from the respective age of each of them at that time.

S/ John Williams

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Joseph Brown a private Soldier in Captain Gee's Company of the 2nd Regiment enlisted on the 9th day of November 1776 for three years, and was mustered as a Corporal for the war in September 1782. I do further certify, that it appears from an account of settlements of the Army accounts of said line, by Commissioners at Halifax in 1783 & 1784, that the said Joseph Brown was allowed 211 pounds 18 shillings and 3 pence.

Given under my hand this 26 day of May 1843

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 54: William Hill, Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina, personally vouch for the reputation and truthfulness of John Williams, the above witness.]

[fn p. 56]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Joseph Brown enlisted as a private Soldier in Captain Gee's Company of the 2nd Regiment on the 9th of November 1776 for the term of three years, and that he was mustered as a Corporal for the war in September 1782. That a Warrant for bounty land was issued for his services as a Soldier for the war on the 27th of June 1788, No. 3595, drawn by William Richards Esquire. The 2nd Regiment was commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin.

Given under my hand this 5th day of July 1843

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Halifax County

On the 11th day of October 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County Colonel Joseph Allston resident of Halifax County aged 82 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following affidavit to identify, and prove the services of Joseph Brown formerly of Halifax, but now residing in Johnston County North Carolina, and applying for a pension as a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

This affiant testifies and says that he has been personally acquainted with Joseph Brown above mentioned ever since the Commencement of the Revolutionary War. That he well recollects, when Brown enlisted at Halifax in the year 1776 under Captain James Gee, – That shortly thereafter, Captain Gee, and a number of officers came to view Court House to a general rendezvous, and there was held an election or officers – The Honorable Nathaniel Macon the

uncle of this affiant, was one of the candidates for an officer's place, and was defeated, Joseph Brown was there present, and manifested a great joy at his defeat; he was then with Captain Gee, shortly after this time; he left Halifax with Gee to join the Army with Captain James Gee this affiant was intimately and perfectly well acquainted and remembers all these facts, as though they took place yesterday. That the said Brown was absent from home for several years; returned home, & subsequently reenlisted for the War, and served in Captain John Ingles' company to the close of the War. This affiant was also well acquainted with Brown's last Captain, Ingles. He further recollects the character of the said Joseph Brown, and knows he was a cooper and shingle getter [?]; he worked at the house of his father before the War, and he therefore had the best opportunity of knowing him, and he could not possibly be mistaken in the identity of the man. That about 50 years or more since, he removed from Halifax County, and went to Johnston County, where he understood he now resides. – He is as well convinced as he is of any fact whatever, that Joseph Brown of Johnston County, who is now applying for a pension, is the identical man who served to the close of the war and Captain John Ingles Company. That Brown's character as a War's man was well known and universally esteemed as such and Halifax County, – This affiant further testifies and says he served in the Revolutionary War himself at sometimes but having no need for a pension has declined asking for it.

S/ J J Alston²

[fn p. 8: On February 17, 1844 in Wake County North Carolina, Mrs. Mary Brown, formerly of Johnston County, 73, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Brown who was an applicant for a pension at the time of his death; that she married him in Johnston County in the month of May 1791; that they were married by Robert Gulley Esquire; that her maiden name was Mary Snipes; that she had 3 children by Joseph Brown the oldest of whom was born in 1793 who intermarried with Green Price and moved to Tennessee about 30 years ago; that her husband had 3 children by his 1st wife the only one of them now living to her knowledge is Elizabeth Fowler, wife of William Fowler, who was about 2 years old at the time of her (the widow's) marriage with Joseph Brown; that her husband died November 9, 1843 in the 87th year of his age.]

[fn p. 12: on February 21, 1844 in Wake County North Carolina, Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler, 55 years of age, gave testimony in support of the application of Mrs. Mary Brown for a widow's pension; she states that she is the daughter of Joseph Brown deceased late of Johnston County, a soldier of the revolution; that her stepmother Mary Snipes intermarried with her father and 1791 in Johnston County North Carolina; that they lived together as husband and wife until his death on September 9, 1843.]

[fn p. 16: on April 13, 1844 in Johnston County North Carolina, Tildy Simson, 80, gave testimony in support of the widow's application stating that she is the widow's sister and has perfect knowledge of the marriage of Joseph Brown to her sister Mary Snipes in 1791 in Johnston County.]

[fn p. 35: copy of the marriage bond issued to Joseph Brown and John Griffin in Johnston County North Carolina on January 10, 1791, to secure the marriage of said Joseph Brown to

² I believe it highly likely that this is the same man as [Joseph John Alston S6498](#) who applied for a pension in February 1844.

Mary Snipes.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]