

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Brown W399

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State of Tennessee } SS

Overton County }

on this 4th day of June 1842 before me Stephen Sewell a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared Clarassee Brown a resident citizen of this county aged seventy one years who from old age and bodily infirmity cannot attend court to make her declaration in open court and who being first duly sworn by me 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 Lewis Brown deceased who was a private in the regular army of united states during the war of the Revolution. That her said husband Lewis Brown deceased enlisted in the service of the united states army under what particular officer she cannot state about the year 1777 for the term of three years at that time resided in Henerikan [sic: Henrico] County State of Virginia with his Father Joseph Brown and after the term of three years had expired was discharged and returned home to Henerikan County state of Virginia and shortly after returning home from service again enlisted under Captain Hopkins for during that war and was again attached to the regular army and marched to deferant Points and places and was at york Town at the surrendry of Cornwallice [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and continued to serve in the regular service to the end of the war and was discharged by his said Captain and returned home to Henerikan County state of virginia &c aplicant knows of hearing him speak of his officers Gen. Linkorn [sic: Benjamin Lincoln] Washington &c but always understood that he belonged to the regular army of the state of the Virginia line and expecting his name to appear on the roll as such rolls do exist further particulars she dose not know but believing that the rolls of the regular army of the state of virginia will show Two deferant Enlistments will at first rely of record proof as to the service of her said deceased husband Lewis Brown deceased

Then after the war the said Lewis Brown did remove to Buckingham County state of virginia She further declares that she was married to said Lewis Brown in the month of May in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven in the County of Buckingham and state of virginia after being published on three deferant sabbaths was married by a baptist preacer in the state and county aforesaid and whose name was Rana Shatteen aplicant has no records of the same but states that her name before marriage was Clarassee Smith and that her deceased husband Lewis Brown deceased died on the 14th day of February 1815 that she has not entermarried but continues the widow of said Lewis Brown deceased That she was not married to said Lewis Brown prior to his leaveing the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four (viz) at the time before stated and haveing no record of the matters set forth in her Declaration and relying on the records of the regular army of the state of virginia for proof of the service and after seeking the proff from the clerk of Buckingham Co Virg If such record is not found can furnish parole proof she hereby relinquish evry claim to a Pension or annuity except the presant and declares that her name is not on the Pension roll of any state sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written

Clarassee herXmark Brown

before me Stephen Sewell/ Justice of the peace

State of Tennessee } SS

Fentress County }

Be it known that on the 22nd day of November 1842 before me William Woldrup an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared William Doss [pension application W9404] a

resident of Wayne County Kentucky with whom I am personally acquainted he having formerly resided in this County a man of most undoubted veracity and a Revolutionary Pensioner who on his said Oath made the following affidavit (viz) That he is personally acquainted with Clarassa Brown widow of Lewis Brown deceased whose present residence is in Overton County Tennessee, that he became acquainted with the said Clarassa Brown in Buckingham County State of Virginia after the war of the Revolution that he had an acquaintance with the said Lewis Brown deceased in Henrico County State of Virginia and that he knows that the said Lewis Brown deceased who was the husband of the same Clarassa Brown who is now an applicant for a five years Pension did enlist and serve in the war of the Revolution for the Term of three years under Captain Phillip Slaughter [Philip Slaughter, pension application W29886] the Commandant of said Regiment [sic] he has at this time forgotten but knows that the Captain name was Phillip Slaughter for he was acquainted with both the said Lewis Brown and his Captain he states that it was either in the date of 1777 or 1778 that he went into the service and that he served out the time for which he engaged and then after the termination of his first engagement affiant never saw him in actual service no more but has heard the said Lewis Brown himself state that he did again enter the service for during the war and that he continued to serve till the surrender of Cornwallis and has heard others speak of it too that stated that they knew it to be so affiant states that after the war that he had a very intimate acquaintance with the said Lewis Brown deceased and with the said widow Clarassa in Buckingham state of Virginia and knows that he heard the said Lewis Brown deceased speak of Captain Hopkins but affiant had no acquaintance with Captain Hopkins affiant further states that the said Lewis Brown deceased was always in the time of his acquaintance with him reputed and spoke of by persons professing to know him and of his service in the war of the Revolution to be one of the bravest and finest private soldiers and has heard it stated that the same Lewis Brown deceased was entitled to Bounty Land and does not know that he ever did apply he however feels warranted in stating that the said Lewis Brown deceased for whose service his widow claims a Pension did serve in the war of the Revolution for the Term of three years and never doubted him having served longer as he stated believing what the said Lewis Brown deceased and others told him
Sworn to and subscribed the day and day first above written William H. Doss

NOTE: The file contains a copy of the following marriage record: "That on the 16th day of July 1786, Lewis Brown and Clarissa Smith were joined together in the Holy State of matrimony by the Rev'd. Rane Chastaine a minister of the Gospel." John Brown, 54, stated that his father, Lewis Brown, died of pleurisy. On 22 Nov 1842 William Smith, 78, stated that when he was about 12 he lived near Thomas Brown, father of Lewis Brown, who at that time enlisted in the service. On 23 March 1855 Clarissa Brown, 87, applied for bounty land.