

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Neal Brown W4645

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State of North Carolina }

Wake County }

The Declaration of Mary Davis and Neil Brown Junior, the only two surviving children and heirs of their deceased Father Neil Brown Sen'r. deceased and Rebecca his wife also deceased whose maiden name was Rebecca Matthias, and they were married sometime in January 1786 in the County of Norfolk, State of Virginia: made in order to obtain a Pension, under the Acts of Congress in such cases made and provided, doth declare on oath that they are his only heirs now living. The said Mary Davis now aged fifty four years and who intermarried with one Josiah Davis and who is now dead, is the daughter of said Niel Brown Sen'r. deceased. And the said Neil Brown Junior is his son aged forty four years, and the only two living children of the said Niel Brown Sen'r. deceased who departed this life on [blank] day of October in the year 1823.

That their deceased father who they now represent was a soldier of Artillery from the State of Virginia in the Continental line during the Revolutionary war, as appears from the accompanying Certificate of the Auditor's Office from Richmond in the State aforesaid, from which it appears he served, and received the sum of £69.13.5 and which certificate they have procured and refer to as evidence of his services in part and proof furthermore, they will submit to be taken in connection, sufficient they are advised to obtain such Pension and Land Warrant as the General Government allows in such cases where the Parents have died and who have children living and only heirs living also. – That for many years past their parents emigrated from the State of Virginia to Wake County in the State of North Carolina, and were residents in said State long before they died; that Neil Brown their father died in the City of Raleigh on the [blank] day of October in 1823 who was aged about 67 years, and their mother Rebecca aged 84 years also died on or about the [blank] day of June 1839. – That we the said Mary Davis and Neil Brown Junior are residents of the County of Wake and State of North Carolina

Sworn to before us, and subscribed by them this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1843

Mary herXmark Davis

[signed] Neal Brown

This is to certify that I was intimately acquainted with Neal Brown Sen'r Hatter, from about the year 1800 until his death, about the year 1823; that I have frequently heard him tell of his enlisting in the continental army during the american revolution; that at the time of enlistment, he worked at the Hatters trade with David Holt near Petersburg Virginia. – I well recollect David Holt, and know that he kept a Hatters shop, being myself about 9 years old at the time spoken of, and living then in Petersburg. I have also frequently heard said Brown talk of being in a company of artilery, commanded I think by one Carter, familiarly called Jack Carter [John Champe Carter], of the family of Carters on the north side of James River in one of the lower counties of virgina. – I have heard said Brown relate many incidents of the war, during his service in the artilery, the particulars of which are now gone from my memory, being in my 72<sup>nd</sup> year. – I add that though poor, he died a worthy upright Citizen.

Sworn to and subscribed this 4<sup>th</sup> December 1843

[signed] Will. Peck

I hereby certify that I became acquainted with Neil Brown Sr. in the year Eighteen hundred and fifteen. In a conversation with him in the following year on the subject of the Revolutionary War, he remarked that he had been both in the Sea and Land service, that he belonged to the Regular Army at the time the British Army took the town of Petersburg in the State of Virginia. He also mentioned many other battles and skirmishes that he was in during the war the particulars of which I do not recollect. I think

that he remarked to me that he enlisted in Petersburg, Virginia, or in the vicinity.  
Swon to & subscribed the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec'r 1843 [signed] Wm F. Clark

NOTE: The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Norfolk County on 4 Jan 1786 by Neal Brown and James Statham for the marriage of Brown to Rebecca Matthias. On 19 Feb 1844 William Peck stated that Rebecca Brown, widow of Neal Brown Hatter in Raleigh, died on 7 June 1839 at over 80 years of age.