

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Broach W5921 Martha Broach VA
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At a Court of monthly session continued and held for King William County [VA], at the Courthouse on Tuesday the 27th of April 1819.

This day Charles Broach a resident of this County aged 56 years came into Court and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war", That he the said Charles Broach enlisted for the term of three years, on the 23rd day of December 1777 in Essex County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Drury Ragsdale [BLWt1854-300] of the [1st Virginia Artillery] Regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison [VAS1411] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States untill the 13th day of December 1780, when he was discharged from service near Camblin [sic: Camden] in the State of South Carolina; that he was in the Battles of Monmouth Courthouse [28 Jun 1778] and Camblin [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]; and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Virginia, King William County to wit,

On this 28th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county, because it is expressly made so by the laws of the State of Virginia, Charles Broach, aged fifty nine years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows; In the Regiment commanded by Col. Charles Harrison in the Company commanded by Capt. Drury Ragsdale on continental establishment; That his original declaration is dated 27th day of April 1818, and that he has been placed on the pension list, and the pension certificate is dated the 12th day of August 1819 & numbered "14009". And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person for me any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of Charles Broach's property (necessary clothing and bedding excepted.)

1 Horse 1 saddle. 1 Bridle. 1 horse cart, 1 Plough & gear. 2 sows, 22 pigs & shoats, 1 Loom, 1 Spinning wheel, 2 pair cotton card, 1 Chest, 2 small Iron pots, 1 frying pan, 1 doz plates, 1 Iron skillet, 3 fat pots, 3 Jugs, 3 dishes ½ doz knives and forks, 4 old Barrels, 1 pickle Tub, a small parcel of lumber ½ doz Spoons, 1 Table, 2 Hoes, 1 grubbing Hoe, 2 axes, 1 pair wedges

"Charles Broach"

The declarant also states that by occupation he is a farmer, that he has but little ability to pursue his business, being much afflicted with the Rhumatism and from a wound in the ankle, that the number of his family residing with him are five, namely his wife Martha Broach aged 55 years and infirm, his daughter Ann Broach aged 28, his daughter Patsy Broach aged 22 years, his son Charles Broach Jr aged 20 years and his son William Broach aged 17 years. That his daughters have the profits of their labour, that his sons are healthy and capable of contributing to his & their support, if this declarant could find employment for them, that they will soon be of age and will leave him; and that he occupies as tenant a

piece of poor land, for which he pays as rent a fourth part of its produce amounting annually to 10 or 12 Bushels of Wheat and about 10 Barrels of Corn; that he has been a tenant of the land for seven years and that his right to occupy the land expires with the end of this year.”

NOTES:

Charles Broach is listed as a Matross (artillery private) on the March 1780 payroll in the company of Capt. James Pendleton in Harrison’s Regiment.

Among the [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) is a copy of Broach’s 1819 application and certification that he was continued on the pension list after his 1820 application.

On 25 Aug 1838 Martha Broach, 75, applied for a federal pension stating that she married Charles Broach in 1784, and he died in Sep 1829.