

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Arabia Brown W8384

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State of Ky.      Garrard County Sct

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Sep'r. 1832 Arabia Brown personally appeared at his own his own house in the af'd. county of Garrard, being too infirm, by reason of the Palsey, with which he has been some time afflicted, to appear in court personally, aged seventy six years since the 27<sup>th</sup> of Nov'r. 1831, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress pass'd the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he inlisted in the survice of the U. states for the Term of six months in the year 1777 in the state of Virginia Bedford County, under Capn. Charles Watkins. That the company was raised, by order of the Gov'r of Virginia, as he understood for the purpose of being sent to Ky [part of Virginia until 1780] with a view of assisting the inhabitants who were then engaged in continual hostile struggles with the Indians. That the company consisted of upwards of fifty men. That they were promised forty shillings per month. That they were marched immediately to Ky Walkins[?], – that they arrived at Boonsborough on the Ky River, in the now state of Ky, and were stationed there and acted as an Indian Spy, under the controul of Col. Daniel Boon [sic: Daniel Boone] – upon our arrival Col Boon was our commander, and was acting as our commander when he was taken prisoner by the Indians [8 Feb 1778], upon Licking River where he and thirty men were engaged in making salt; that shortly after he was taken prisoner, he got away from the Indians [7 Sep 1778], and returned to the Fort, and again commanded. That this applicant was engaged in the most active and dangerous service for eight months instead of six. That his duty was acting with others of his company to go forth from the Fort looking out for Indians, and Indian signs in order to give the alarm to the Fort in case of danger. That he was allowed but one single pint of corn per day, for three months of his service and that he hand to grind himself on a hand Mill. That the balance of the time, he had nothing furnished him but meat, and that there was nothing else to give them. The reason why he served 8 months, was that he could not get back to Virginia until Squire Boon [sic: Squire Boone, pension application W8372] a brother of Daniel Boon, was dispatched with this affiant and others to Virginia to get more men. That his capn. remained in Ky until the fall of the year, then returned to Virginia, and paid him and he believes all the rest of the company who had returned, the amount of their wages in Continental money, and gave him his discharge, which has been long since lost –

He has no written evidence of his services whatever, nor does he know, if there is any of his comrades alive, where to find them by whom he could prove his claim. That he remained in Virginia some few years after his return, and then removed to Ky upwards of forty years ago, and has been living in the now County of Garrard long before it was a county, and on the same place where he now does more than forty years

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State      Arabia hisXmark Brown

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On this the 23<sup>d</sup> day of March 1844 Personally appeared before me Benjamin Shooler an acting Magistrate in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth Brown a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty Seven years and who after 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 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836, Towit:

That she is the widow of Arabia Brown deceased late of the County and State aforesaid, and who was a Soldier in the army of the Revolution and served in the malitia of Virginia on the frontiers many

months and likewise served some time under Captain Dooley and went down towards Portsmouth which was between nine and twelve months before Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] – & on account of which service he was granted a Pension under the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 at the rate of about \$26. — per annum and to the evidence contained in the papers comprising the matter of the application of her said husband for the said Pension received by him she will refer for the facts necessary to her ascertained respecting the aforesaid service. She further declares that she was married to the said Arabia Brown in the month of may seventeen hundred and seventy eight – that her husband the aforesaid Arabia Brown, died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of march 1844 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She further declares that she was married as aforesaid in may 1778 and her oldest child Stephen Brown was born the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1779 and thereafter – it was – that her said husband served his tour under said Captain Dooley who was a Brother of this declarant. She further declares that she has in support of her claim two leaves which she herewith files and that she had three children older than Arabia J Brown whose name appears on said leaf and Stephen Browns name has been tore off of said leaf – leaving nothing respecting his birth but the months of June which plainly appears. That said leaf contains entrys of the dates of the births of of his children or nearly all – and likewise that of her said husband and that of herself – as well as entry of other character.

Elizabeth herXmark Brown

NOTES:

On 13 Oct 1832 Ansel Goodman (pension application S13175), age 80, stated that he and Arabia Brown enlisted together under Capt. Charles Watkins, and that Brown was taken prisoner at the Blue Licks.

The two leaves referred to by Elizabeth Brown are transcribed below, with damage to the page indicated by [\*].

On 27 May 1853 Arabia J. Brown assigned power of attorney to collect any benefits still owing for the service of his father, Arabia Brown, who died on 1 April 1844.

[first leaf: last page of Old Testament]

Arabia Brown Senr. was Born November 27<sup>th</sup> 1755

Elizabeth Brown

Betsy Dooley

Sophia Unde[r]wood

[reverse side of first leaf]

[\*]orn June

[\*] Born January the 1<sup>st</sup> 1782

[\*]ichel Brown was Born September the 18<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Arabia J. Brown was Born March the 16<sup>th</sup> 1785.

Peggy Brown was Born Aug't. 28<sup>th</sup> 1786

Doshy Brown was Born September the 10<sup>th</sup> 1788.

Stephen U Brown was Born August the 17<sup>th</sup> 17[\*]

Henry Brown was Born May 16<sup>th</sup> 1792

Elizabeth Brown was Born February [\*]

[second leaf]

[\*]n was Born November

[\*] Disceas'd Sunday 2<sup>d</sup> of Nov'r. 1806

[\*]n was Born May 6<sup>th</sup> 1797

[\*]ina Brown was Born Apri[\*] 1799

[\*]John Branham was Born April 13<sup>th</sup> 1798

Barthena Branham was Born [\*]