

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Broadway (Broadaway) W8398
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Mary Broadway f98SC
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Court of ordinary Sumter District
State of South Carolina Sumter district }

On this 10th day of January 1854 Before the Subscribing Justice of Ordinary in and for said district and State personally appeared Mary or Polly Broadway aged about 85 years a Resident of said district and State who being duly sworn according to law upon her oath declares as follows in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed 7th of July 1838, 3rd March 1843, 17 June 1844, 2 February & 29 July 1848 and 3rd February 1853 that she is the widow of William Broadway deceased late of Sumter district who was a Soldier as a private in the Revolutionary Army in the company commanded by Captains Dukes [William Dukes] and others, in the Regiments of South Carolina volunteers commanded by Richard Richardson and other Colonels in the Brigades attached to Generals Marion [Francis Marion] and Sumter [Thomas Sumter]; that her said husband volunteered at the commencement of hostilities and continued to serve in said war with the exception of short intervals until peace was proclaimed as she has been informed and believes. She further declares that she was married to the said William Broadway on the 12th day of May 1785; that her husband the aforesaid William Broadway died on the 2nd day of February 1839. She further swears she had ten children to the said William Broadway two of whom [one] named George who was born about the 12th day of June 1786 and died the __ day of March 1849 and [another named] William born the __ day of July 1788 and died the __ day of 1843 or 1844; the others are surviving; that the birth of her oldest child George on the 12th of June 1786 years undoubtedly correct because she knows he was born precisely 13 months after declarant's marriage.

That she believes her said husband made application for a pension some years before his death, but why or wherefore he did not get one the declarant does not know: She further says she never again married, but continues the widow of the said William Broadway: She swears she has never received any pension under the foregoing acts of Congress, nor has she ever made any application therefore ex[cept] the present.

Subscribed by making her mark and Sworn to before me the day and year first within written: And I do certify I have no interest in claim for pension or its prosecution within mentioned; and do further certify I am personally acquainted with the Declarant Mary or Polly Broadway and that she is a person of truth and whose Statement the fullest faith and Credit should be given and that she is of the age within declared: In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court of ordinary this 10th day of January 1854

S/ W. Lewis, OSC

S/ Mary Broadway, X her mark

[p 10: affidavit given by supporting witnesses who state that the widow's maiden name was Mary James. The witnesses also noted the following family information: "their children George and William Broadway both deceased – Mary, Abner, Louis and Elsey Broadway – as well as their married daughters Rebecca Wise, Susannah Rogers, Elizabeth S. Coyl and Nancy Hogh – all now are surviving...."]

[p 11 family record given verbatim]

George Broadway Son of William Broadway & Mary his Mother was born 12 of June in the year of our Lord 1786

George Broadway & Mary his wife was Married the 8 day of July in the year of our Lord 1810

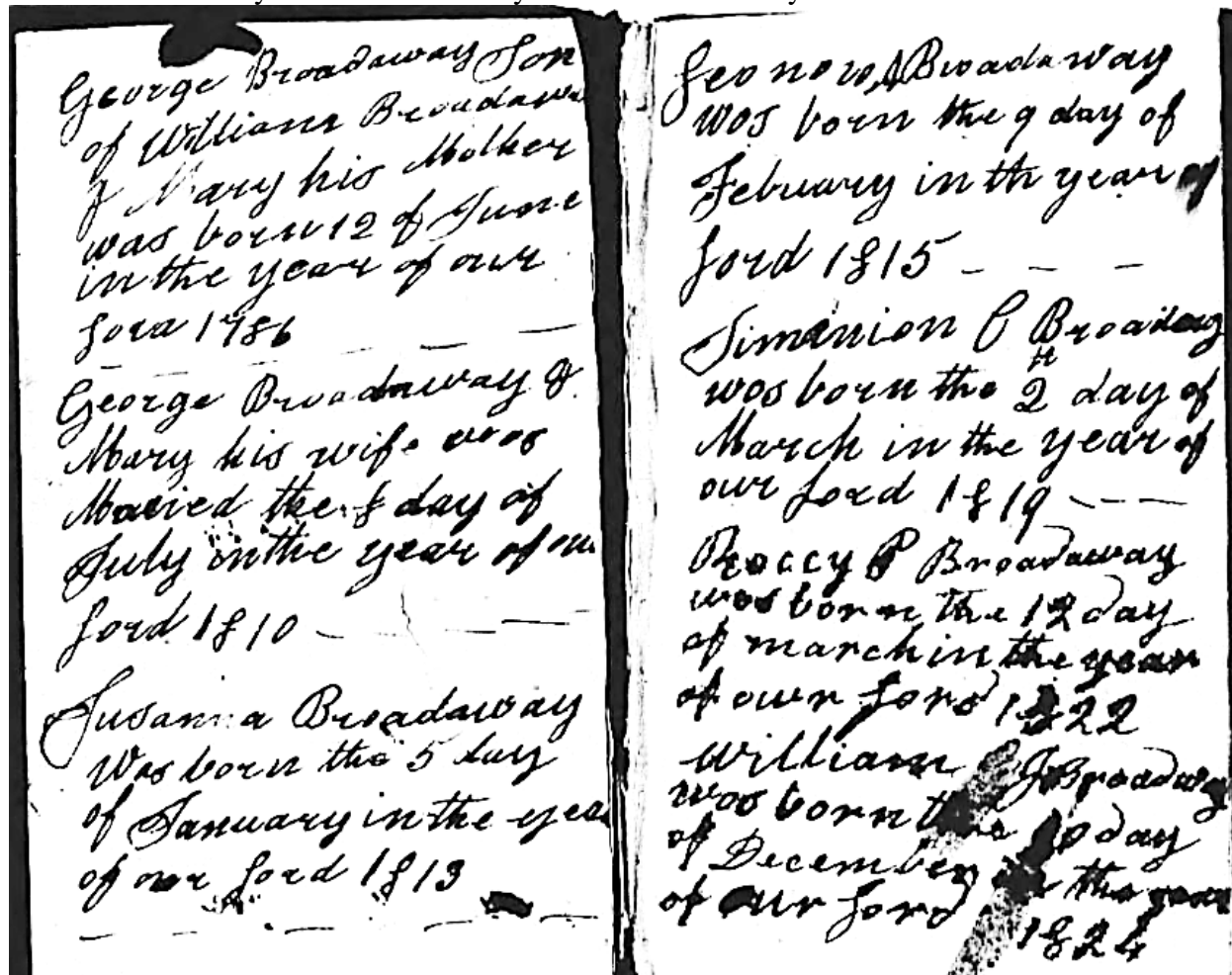
Susanna Broadway Was born the 5 day of January in the yer of our Lord 1813

Leonard [?] Broadway was born the 9 day of Febuary in the year of Lord 1815

Siminion [sic] O [could be C] Broadway was born the 2 day of March in the year of our Lord 1819

Roccy P Broadway was born the 12 day of march in the year of our Lord 1822

William J Broadway was born the ?? day of December in the year of our Lord 1824



[intervening pages are copies of the printed text of the book of confessions dated 1813 in which the record is recorded]

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Albert China was born the 6th day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Six

Wrote by him Jan 12th 1834

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October in the year
of our Lord, one thou-
sand eight hundred
and six.
Wrote by him Jan 12th 1834

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Mary Broadway daughter of Geo and Mary Broadway was born in the year of our Lord 1833 Feb
1st

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and Mary Broadway
was born in the
year of our Lord 1833
Feb 1st

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Mary Braadaway the Wife of George Broadway was born the 19 day of Febuary in the year of
our Lord 1789

Alfred E Broadway was born the 11 day of february in the year of our Lord 1827

Nancy Broadway was born the 26 of December in the year of our Lord 1829

Mary Braadaway the
Wife of George Broadway
was born the 19 day of
Febuary in the year of
our Lord 1789

Alfred E Broadway
was born the 11 day of
february in the year
of our Lord 1827
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of our Lord 1829

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Comptroller General's Office
Columbia South Carolina April 24th 1854

No. 26

Book K }¹ Issued the 6 September 1784 to Mr. William Broadway for seven pounds thirteen shillings and four pence Sterling for 115 days Militia Duty done in 1782 and in General Marion's Brigade per Account Audited.

\$30.28	Principal	£7.13.4
	Interest	0.10.8

I do hereby certify the above to be a true Copy as taken from the Records of this Office; and I do further certify that I have not been able to find any accounts or any more indents to William Broadway then the above, for services in the Revolution, but this fact is in my mind no proof that William Broadway did not serve a longer time than above specified because many of the indents and accounts which were issued cannot be found in this Office.

For Comptroller General

(no seal of Office) S/ P S Jacobs, Deputy

[p 88: This is a brief of the claim of William Broadway, but I could not find any original application corresponding to the document described in the following brief]

“In 1833, William Broadway asserted a claim under the Act of June 7th 1832, alleging that he served upwards of two years under the authority of South Carolina, and that a portion of his service was rendered in Marion's Brigade. He failed to establish his claim, and died on the 2nd of February 1839. On the 10th of January 1854, his widow, Mary Broadway, asserted a claim under the Act of July 7th, 1838 which was disallowed (for the want of evidence of service and date of marriage), on the 14th of February ensuing. On the third instant, JJ Coombs, Esquire the agent in her case, filed a certificate from the Comptroller of South Carolina, showing that William Broadway was paid for 4 1/2 months service in Marion's Brigade, rendered in 1782; which, with the affidavit of William Vaughan,* a pensioner of the South Carolina Roll under the Act of June seventh 1832, for two years service, who alleged that Broadway rendered several tours of service with him, from October 1780 to 1782, is deemed sufficient to authorize the admission of the claim for six months service. The Agent has also filed record proof that the first child of the parties was born the second of June 1786.

Examining Clerk

S/ Ogden Niles”

“*William Vaughan² was pensioned on the 24th of June, 1834, upon his own statement of service, sustained by a single witness. In his declaration, he stated that he was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781],³ under General Marion. In his affidavit in support of the claim of Mary Broadway, he states that her husband was with him in that battle, in the company of Captain Dukes, and in the Regiment of Colonel Richardson, under the command of General Marion. That battle was fought on the 8th of September, 1781, and we know that a portion of the militia of South Carolina, under Marion and Pickens [Andrew Pickens], was engaged in it, and that from the nature of the service, the duration of it must have been at least one month and a

¹ This information cannot be found in the South Carolina Audited Accounts as they exist currently. Its absence is further proof that files have been removed from the South Carolina records and lost.

² [William Vaughan W11691](#)

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

half. We cannot admit the testimony of Vaughan as authority for the admission of Mrs. Broadway's claim for the entire period he testified that her husband served with him, for the reason that he pled the "loss of memory" in his own declaration; but the Battle of Eutaw was a strongly associated event, and we deemed his testimony in relation to it worthy of credence, viz.: that it showed one and a half months service by Broadway prior to 1782, in which year the certificate of the Comptroller of South Carolina showed he served four and a half months in Marion's Brigade.

The original application of William Broadway has not been upon the suspended rolls since 1834."

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South Carolina Sumter district} On the 2nd day of February 1854 Before the Subscribing Magistrate in and for the district and State aforesaid personally appeared William Vaughan of said district a Revolutionary pensioner upon his oath being duly administered Swears that he was a soldier in the American war of Independence from beginning of October 1780 to the summer of 1783 -- in the companies commanded by Captain Joseph Hill Captain William Dukes and many others as chance or opportunity offered the Companies on scouts being very itinerant in their movements -- and not confined to uniform service but constantly on the alert and on call to join any of the scouts or parties when and wherever they happened to rendezvous by appointment or otherwise. This deponent swears that from the end of September or beginning of October in 1780 until about the end of spring or beginning of summer in 1783 it was warm weather when hostilities ceased and no further disturbance apprehended from the enemy he was in incessant and constant vigilance in his devotion and Service during the whole period aforesaid with the exception of short intervals of absence on a visit to his home but always on call and untrammelled from all engagements to prevent or interfere in any degree with his undivided devotion and feelings of patriotism in the defense of the cause in which he and his comrades -- friends, relatives and neighbors had embarked. The deponent further swears he was most intimately acquainted and unreservedly in open intercourse with his fellow comrades and soldiers among whom was the late William Broadway of Sumter district a private in the Company commanded by Captain William Dukes and other Companies on scouts -- under command of Colonel Richard Richardson attached to General Marion's brigade: that he knew the said William Broadway was a true and devoted friend to the cause of independence that he served under various Commanders and has long and constantly as this deponent that the said William Broadway was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs and at Moncks Corner on Cooper River South Carolina in both of which this deponent was engaged losing by being killed upwards of 80 men at Quinby's Bridge at Moncks Corner⁴ as aforesaid. This deponent moreover swears that the said William Broadway had joined the Army before this deponent because he was in the crowd at Spurlock's field where deponent's scouting parties first encamped. He moreover swears he has no interest in the claim to which the surviving widow of the said William Broadway is entitled to pension for the Services of her said husband in said war: that he always understood that said William Broadway and his wife Mary or Polly James were lawfully married and that they lived together as husband and wife and were so reputed and had a number of children: That the said William Broadway died about 15 years ago leaving the said Mary or Polly his widow who has not again married but continues his widow with many Surviving children.

S/ Wm Vaughan, X his mark

⁴ July 17, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_quinbys_bridge.html

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State of South Carolina Sumter District} On the 27th day of June 1855 before the subscribing Magistrate in and for the Sumter District in State aforesaid personally appeared William Vaughan, a resident of Sumter district and a revolutionary pensioner under certificate No. 23,437, who being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath swears, that he is the identical William Vaughan, who on a previous occasion made a deposition in relation to the services of William Broadaway, deceased a fellow soldier of his in said revolution, which deposition he is called on to amend, and be more specific and circumstantial, as to said Broadaway serving. Declares, that said William Broadaway with many others and himself volunteered to serve in said war in October 1780, the said William Broadaway and himself continued to do so, until hostilities ceased about the 10th of June 1782 during which time they were commanded sometimes by Captains John Malone, Joseph Hill and George McCauley; Peter Horry, and Richard Richardson, being their Colonels in Marion's brigade, that said Broadaway first joined Captain Duke's Company, & subsequently his services were mostly confined to Captain George McCauley's Company. That the said Broadaway & himself served as aforesaid, with the exception of a few days leave of absence occasionally after which they were not as regular and constant on duty, yet they held themselves in readiness to join the service again, whenever called upon, but were not again called into service. He further declares, that he has been informed, that his former affidavit states that he and Broadaway served together from October 1780, to the summer of 1783, but on due reflection, this was an error, and that he should have been in the month of June 1782 that they left the service. He further swears that the said Broadaway and himself were no kin or otherwise related and that he has no interest in the claim for pension to which the widow of the said William Broadway is entitled or in its prosecution, who is still alive and continues the widow of her said husband never having again married.

The foregoing affidavit was carefully read over before deponent who signed and acknowledged the same to be in accordance with his belief & recollection.

S/ William Vaughan, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed to before me the day and year first within written, and I do certify, that the affiant is a man of respectability & good character for veracity and that I have no interest in said pension claim.

S/ Jno. R. Logan, Magt.

[p 94: On June 29, 1855 in Sumter district South Carolina, John China, son of John China,⁵ a revolutionary soldier, gave testimony that his sister, Mary China, married George Broadway the eldest son of William and Mary Broadway.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. China", followed by a closing bracket "]" on the right.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]

⁵ [John China S46593](#)