

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Brown W9746

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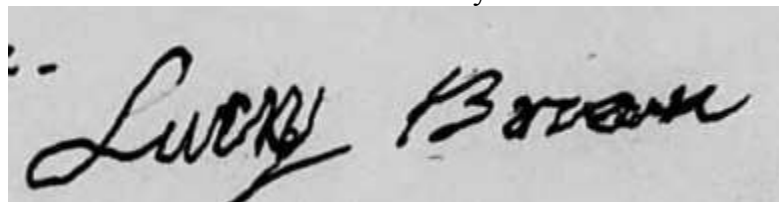
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State of North Carolina Bladen County: On this 15th day of April 1839 – personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Bladen Mrs. Lucy Brown aged seventy-nine years and a resident of the County of Bladen, who 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 July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Captain John Brown who was a Captain in the North Carolina Line in the War of the Revolution, and served as such in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Moore. Captain Brown marched from Bladen at an early period of the War and performed service at New York at the time it was taken by the enemy, he was after that time in New Jersey and was at Germantown when General Nash was killed. Captain Brown returned to Wilmington in this State in the year 1782, and continued in service until the 1st of the year 1783.

She further declares that she was married to the said Captain John Brown on the 13th day of June 1782, that her husband the aforesaid Captain John Brown died on the 11th day of January 1813 – and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Lucy Brown

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Lucy Brown" and is written on a light-colored background.

State of North Carolina Bladen County

This day personally appeared before me Mrs. Lucy Brown of the County of Bladen and subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration in due form of law. I also certify that Mrs. Brown is now in feeble health & at this time confined to bed, so that her attendance at a court would be certainly endangering her life. I also certify that the family Bible of Captain John Brown & his wife Mrs. Lucy Brown has been produced to me and I have cut from it the record of her marriage dated the 13th day of June 1782 – and appended it to this her declaration by four wafers.

Given under my hand & seal as one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Carter Sessions for the County of Bladen this 15th day of April 1839
S/ John B. Brown, P. {Seal}

[fp. 5, family record]

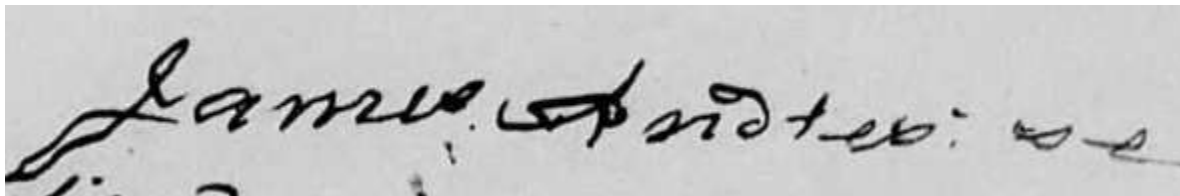
John Brown was married to Lucy Jones the 13th day of June 1782
John Jones was born in London November the 28th 1718
Henrietta Jones the wife of John Jones – was born September 17th 1739
William Jones the son of John & Henrietta Jones was born December 31st 1757
Lucy Jones born December 20th 1760
Nancy Jones born December the 28th 1762
Edward Jones born October 11th 1775
John Brown born 13th of November 1752

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State of North Carolina Bladen County:

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County above written Mr. James Anders¹ aged eighty-eight years – a pensioner of the United States who being first duly sworn according to law, testifies and says. That he has no knowledge of the service of Captain John Brown rendered in the Army to the North under General Washington but he has a most distinct recollection that Captain Brown was out in an expedition to South Carolina in the year 1782 and had a severe fight with the Tories and British at Thompson's Creek this affair happened in the fall of 1782. This affiant has a distinct recollection of the marriage of Captain Brown with Lucy Jones now his widow and applying for a pension. He knows that at the period when he was on the expedition above referred to that Captain Brown was then married to his widow now applying for a pension and that she has never married since his death. Given under my hand this 16th day of April 1839.

S/ James Anders

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "James Anders". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears of record in this Office, that John Brown a Captain in the revolutionary war of the line of this State was allowed bounty land for three years and two months service in said line, that a Warrant issued for the same on the 5th May 1784 No. 800.

Given under my hand this 6th day of April 1839

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina County of Bladen: The amended affidavit of Mr. James Anders taken to

¹ [James Anders S6516](#)

prove more fully the services of Captain John Brown. This affiant being first duly sworn according to law testifies and says. That he has stated in his former affidavit he has no personal knowledge of the service of Captain John Brown in [indecipherable word or words, could be "his journey"] to the North in the Revolution. He testifies that Captain Brown returned to Bladen County after an absence from the early part of 1776 up to the last of 1779, on his return he was still an officer holding his commission for he enlisted man for the Continental service in this County; when the British got possession of Wilmington in the month of January Captain Brown took command of a company of Light Horse drafted to serve from Bladen and he was in service not only in 1780 but in 1781 when Lord Cornwallis came to Wilmington; and after he was taken in the fall of 1781 Captain Brown returned to Bladen and remained there being occasionally out in short expeditions to protect the Country from the enemy. In the month of October 1782 he was called into service to go into South Carolina after a party of the enemy who had committed great destruction on the Pedee River. In this expedition I was drafted to go but was taken sick and left on the way. I know that Captain Brown not only went but that he was in a severe fight at Thompson's Creek and as I always understood was near being killed. I also know that the above service was for two months & more this commencing in the early part of October 1782 and ending the last of November. This affiant lived close to Captain Brown and knew him well; he has a perfect recollection not only of the facts recited in this affidavit but he now recollects that Captain Brown always passed for a Continental officer although he commanded drafted men while in service in 1780 as well as 1781 and 1782. On his return from the expedition in the fall of 1780 I well recollect that he said he would have served longer but resigned and moved up to the place where he lived and died with his wife. In conclusion this affiant can testify that Captain Brown served as stated above with the rank of Captain and as this affiant believes as a Captain of the Continental service; but that he performed the service as a Captain he well knows. Witness my hand this 7th day of June 1839.

S/ James Anders

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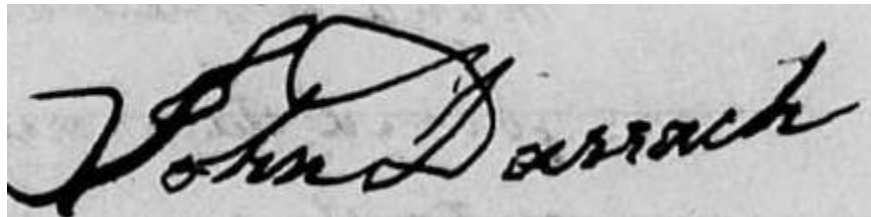
State of North Carolina County of Bladen: The amended affidavit of Mr. John Darrich² taken to prove more fully his knowledge of the service of Captain John Brown in the War of the Revolution. This affiant being first duly sworn according to law testifies and says. That as stated in his former affidavit he has no knowledge of the service of Captain John Brown rendered to the North with the Army under the command of General Washington; but he well knows that Captain Brown joined the Army early in 1776 and did not return to this County until the year 1779, when he returned he was still in the Continental service and enlisted men who were placed under the command of Captain Griffith J McRee; in the month of January 1780 when the British took possession of Wilmington Captain Brown took command of a Troop of Light Horse and was in service most of the winter and spring of that year – and in 1781 when Lord Cornwallis came to Wilmington Captain Brown was again in service with his company of light Horse and continued so until the enemy left this section of country for Halifax and in 1782 in the month of October Captain Brown went with his company to South Carolina in pursuit of a party of the enemy who had given great trouble to the people on the Pedee River. Captain Brown was to the knowledge of this affiant in this service from the 1st of October till the 20th or 25th of November in the year 1782. This affiant has the most distinct recollection of this service and the date of it he resided then as he has up to the present time near the residence of Captain Brown; and he well

² [John Darrach S6789](#)

remembers the fears of his friends for his safety as he had a severe action with the enemy crossing Thompson's Creek. During the period when Captain Brown was in command of the company of Light Horse in 1780, 1781 and 1782, I always understood that he was still in the Continental service up to the end of November 1782, when he resigned; a fact which I well recollect. The company of Light Horse belonged to Bladen County and were raised expressly for the protection of this section of Country.

Given under my hand this 8th day of June 1839

S/ John Darrach

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "John Darrach" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[fn p. 16: Rosanna Bright, gave testimony in Bladen County North Carolina that her 1st husband was a brother of Captain John Brown whose widow is applying for a pension.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's 2 years service as a Captain in the North Carolina line.]