Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to James Brown VAS2697 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from <u>rejected claims in the Library of Virginia</u>. The file includes powers of attorney and other legal documents not transcribed here.]

State of Indiana } S.S.

On this 5th day of October 1844 personally appeared before me Abram Buskirk a Monroe County } Justice of the peace in and for the County of Monroe and state of Indiana Sarah McCollough of said County and State aged Eighty three years past and after being duly sworn according to law doth say that She is the Sister of James Brown deceased who was a Soldier in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel George R. Clark [George Rogers Clark VAS269] That she believes said Jas. Brown was an noncommissioned officer in a company in said regiment and acted and served as a Sergeant That said Brother James Brown resided in the state of Barclay Cty [sic: Berkeley County] Virginia as she believes when he entered the service in the said Regiment. That he died intestate in the year of 1821 or before. That he left the following named heirs at law Nancy who intermarried with John McMullen who when last heard of resided in Lexington Rockbridge County State of Virginia and Elizabeth Brown who intermarried with Henry McClelland late of Franklin County Kentucky and Polly Brown who intermarried with Reuben Lowe when last heard of resided in Natchez and who died in Natchez Mississippi as declarant believes and the declarant Sarah McCollough of said Monroe County Indiana and who now makes this declaration to obtain for said heirs whatsoever may be Justly due them on account of the service of said James Brown who died intestate given under my hand this the date last above written [signed] Sarah McCollough

State of Indiana Monroe County S.S.

On this First day of September 1845 before the Commissioners Court now Sitting in Bloomington in and for Monroe County in the State of Indiana personally appeared Johnson McCollough of the Said County and State of Indiana aged [illegible] years past and after being duly sworn according to law doth make oath to the following declaration. That he is the Son of Sarah McCollough who died intestate in the County of Monroe in the State of Indiana on the [illegible] day of [illegible] 1845. That declarants mother was Sarah Brown before she intermarried with Joseph McCollough deceased declarants Father. That declarants mother aforesaid was sister to James Brown who was computed to have served as a Soldier in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George R. Clark which Regiment was (sometimes) called the Illinois Regiment or western Army as he believes. That the said James Brown died many years (ago) since intestate leaving declarants Mother Sarah McCollough and her two sisters his only Heirs at law. That [illegible] one of the said sisters intermarried with [illegible] and [illegible] the other Sister intermarried with [illegible] both of whome and husbands are now dead to the best of declarants knowledge Declarant believes he filed an affidavit with a declaration by his Mother in her life time both of which he believes was submitted to the — Court when sitting in and for Monroe County in the State of Indiana by George W. Hardin attorney for said Sarah to proove the services aforesaid by said James Brown and to proove the lawful Heirs of Said James Brown deceased which testimony he is informed by the said George W. Hardin authorized attorney by declarants mother Sarah McCollough in her life time was by him said Hardin forwarded to the Register of the Virginia Land office at Richmond Virginia soon after completed. Declarant is Sole Heir of his mother Sarah McCollough aforesaid by conveyance by her to him of all her part and interest in and to any and all claims due her as Heir at law of James Brown her Brother aforesaid by the State of Virginia and by any of the laws and Acts of Congress of the United States of America. Declarant has good reasons to believe the Heirs at law of the aforesaid James Brown dec'd are entitled to Military Bounty Land on account of his engagements and services under the aforesaid Colonel George R.

Clark and makes this declaration in good faith and in order to obtain the part or interest due himself as one of the Heirs at law if not the Sole Heir [several illegible lines]

[signed] Johnson McCollough