

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Brown S30282

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State of Kentucky }

Wayne County }

On this the 12th day of October 1842 personally appeared before me Benjamin Handcock a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid James Coyle a man of high respectability and after being duly sworn for that purpose on His oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain for the heirs of John Brown decd the amount of pensions due him at his death that John Brown enlisted in Bedford County Virginia in 1775 or 1776 under Captain Charles Watkins [sic: Charles Gwatkins] to serve 12 or 6 months in company with Richad Wade and others and joined Col Boons [sic: Daniel Boone's] Regiment & after being in service 5 months and after marching to Kentucky was taking prisner at the Blue licks in Kentucky [in present Nicholas County] and was retained in prison amongst the British and Indians about 5 years at which Time the said Brown and Wade run away from them and returned to bedford county Virginia said wade and brown enlististed at the same time and place and was prisoners together the whole time. the said Brown and Wade were together from that Time for the space of 40 years and close together untill the said John Brown Died in Wayne County Kentucky. that he never married but continued to live his friend Richard Wade and close to him untill his death that during the imprisonment they ware in the Canadian Country at Vincennes detroit and various other places. That they ware shut up as prisners three years of the time of there imprisonment. That Thomas Brown who is the only brother or any of the children or [illegible word] that has been heard of for for some considerable number of years. That Jane Craig who is the sister of the s'd. John Brown and mother in law of Declarant is vary old. that she she is a widow the wd of John Craig Decased and that he makes this Declaration at her request. that Declarant has been intimately acquainted with Richard Wade whose affidavit he supposes is now on file in the ware office of the service of Claiborn Brown or John Brown and has been for 26[?] years and that the s'd Brown will have decs[?] Ten years next Deceber the 20th. James hisXmark Coyle Sworn to and subscribed to this 12th day of October 1842 before me.
[signed] B Hancock JP

State of Kentucky Wayne County Court Sct

June Term 1843

James Coyle Administrator of the estate of John Brown deceased produced and made Oath to a declaration in Order to obtain for the heirs of said John Brown deceased the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 which is ordered to be certified by the Clerk of this Court under his Seal of office. And it was proven in open Court by the Oath of said James Coyle that said John Brown departed this life on the night of the 22nd December 1832 and that he left no widow nor children, but that he left the following brothers and sisters towit — David Brown Betsy Jones, Mary Campbell James Brown Thomas Brown Peggy Woody Anna Reece & Jane Craig

NOTE: For a clearer account of the extraordinary imprisonment and escape of John Brown, see the pension application of Richard Wade S3443.