

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Brown W5744 Jemima Robinson (Robertson)¹ f100NC

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State of Georgia Lumpkin County: Superior Court March Term 1845

On this the 5th day of March 1845 Personally appeared before me Augustus R. Wright the presiding Judge of the Superior Court in and for the Cherokee Circuit State aforesaid (the same being a court of record) Mrs. Jemimah Robertson aged eighty years past a resident of Lumpkin County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July the 4th 1836 and the acts explanatory of said act passed the 3rd March 1837.

That she is the widow of Joseph Brown who was a soldier in the War of the revolution and served under the following named officers a term of two years as she understood from her said husband, to wit -- in the State of North Carolina under Captain Alexander Moore and Colonel Sevier [John Sevier]. She does not recollect the different towers [tours] of service nor the years in which said services were rendered but refers to the Comptroller General's certificate hereunto annexed.

That her said husband Joseph Brown brought home his discharges which were filed for preservation but that they are lost or destroyed.

That she was legally married to the said Joseph Brown sometime in the year 1781 [could be 1780, last digit unclear] by a Presbyterian Clergyman by the name of Doke in the State of then North Carolina though as she is informed is now Tennessee.

That she knows of no one now living who was at the marriage except one Aaron Broyles of South Carolina nor does she know anyone who is knowing to the fact except Mrs. Violet Reed. That her husband Joseph Brown died in the month of October 1800 in Franklin County Georgia formally but now Habersham County Georgia.

This deponent further states that she was married the second time to John Robertson in the year 1818 and that said Robertson died in August in the year 1826 and this deponent further states that she was married to her said husband Joseph Brown prior to the first of January 1794, that he is at the time above stated. That she was a widow on the 4th day of July 1836 and that she still remains a widow.

S/ Jemima Robertson, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 5th day of March 1845

S/ Augustus R. Wright, SSCCC

¹ Former widow of the veteran

[p 9: On March 20, 1855 in Lumpkin County Georgia, Jemima Robinson, 90, filed a bounty land claim in which she states she is the widow of John Robinson who died in Pickens County South Carolina about the year 1824; that she is the widow of Joseph Brown; that she has been pensioned as the widow of Joseph Brown; that her name prior to her marriage was Jemima Broyles. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 11: On January 12, 1847 in Hall County Georgia, Violet Reed, 79, filed an affidavit in the case of Jemima Robertson; she states that Joseph Brown was first drafted in the year 1777 in the 17th year of his age; that she distinctly remembers that the young men were put on the muster rolls at the age of 16; that Joseph Brown was her brother; that her brother was drafted the evening of the same day on which he was put on the muster rolls having just turned 16 years of age; that the attached family record is a copy drawn from one made by her grandfather nearly 40 years ago and is in the hand writing of her brother David Brown; that the Joseph Brown whose birth is dated first January 1731 was her father and he was a cripple and never served in the war of the revolution, and that during her brother Joseph Brown's first tour he was at the battle of Brier Creek [March 3, 1779] on the Savannah River; that he went from Guilford County North Carolina; that Joseph Brown together with the balance of her father's family "...resided eight miles from Guilford Court House North Carolina; that they removed from there to the State of Tennessee on Chucky River; that Joseph Brown served 2 or 3 tours after they removed and was at the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] in the year 1780 as she was informed by her Brother. That he served a part of his time during the war under Captain Moore in Colonel Sevier's Regiment. Deponent further states that the said Joseph Brown was married in the year 1782 as stated in her formal affidavit. That the said Joseph Brown removed about the close of the war and settled in Pendleton district South Carolina within two miles of Saluda River where he resided some eight or ten years and from thence he removed and settled on Tugaloo River and then Franklin County Georgia where the said Joseph Brown died in the year 1799 leaving Jemima Brown now Jemima Robertson his widow that the said Jemima was afterwards intermarried to a man by the name of Robertson, who died in about the year 1825 or 6 that she was informed leaving the said Jemima again a widow." She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 14 family record]

William Brown was born May the 5th 1757

Hugh Brown was born October 23rd 1758

Joseph Brown was born October the 30th 1760

James Brown was born November the 25th 1763

Margeret Brown was born October the 29th 1766

Violet Brown was born June the 4th 1768

Elisabeth Brown was born June 15th 1770

David Brown was born March the 10th 1772

Mary Brown was born April the 6th 1774

Jean Brown was born September the 16th 1776

George A. Brown was born May the 31st 1779

Fanny Brown was born July the 26 1781

William Brown Was born May the 5th 1757
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 William Brown was born May 21st 1785
 Hugh Brown Junior was born August 8th 1787 and departed this life May 8th 1814
 Aaron Brown was born the 15 November 1789 and married his wife 27 September 1810
 Mary Brown was born 13 February 1792 and departed this life 7th September 1822
 Ebenezer K. Brown was born the 14th of April 1794
 McKey Brown was born the 11th of February 1797

Edney Brown was born 3rd of August 1799

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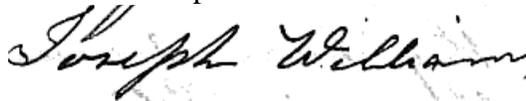
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State of Georgia Lumpkin County: SS

On this 14th day of December 1846 before me James H Worley [?] an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and State personally appeared Joseph Williams a resident of Polk County State of Tennessee aged 67 years who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement (viz.) That he was personally acquainted with Joseph Brown in his lifetime and his wife Jemima Brown now Jemima Robertson that he first knew them and then Franklin County now Habersham County Georgia in the year 1797 that they had seven children when he first knew them (viz.) Elizabeth, William, Hugh, Aaron, Mary, Ebenezer and McKey, five sons and two daughters and that deponent married their eldest Daughter in October 1799 and that his wife was then 16 years old according to the family record that has been kept by Aaron Brown. That the said Joseph and Jemima lived together as man and wife to the time of his Joseph Brown's death which took place on 28th October 1800 leaving Jemima as his widow. That they were regarded as legally Husband and Wife in their neighborhood and this deponent fully concurs in that opinion and that the said Joseph Brown was always regarded as a soldier of the Revolution and this deponent verily believes that he was Deponent further states

that the said Jemima Brown was intermarried to a man by the name of John Robertson in or about the year 1818 in Franklin County Georgia and that the said Robertson died in Pendleton District South Carolina in the year 1826 leaving the said Jemima again a widow that she removed to Habersham County where she resided 304 years and thence to Lumpkin County Georgia in the year 1835 where she now resides with her son Aaron Brown and that she is the identical person that was the wife and afterwards widow of Joseph Brown Deceased and is now and has remained a widow ever since the death of the said Robertson, and is the identical person that is claiming a pension from the United States for the services of the said Joseph Brown Deceased.

S/ Joseph Williams



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State of Georgia Lumpkin County: SS

On this the 14th day of December 1846 before me James H Worley [?] an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and state personally appeared Aaron Brown a resident of said County aged 57 years past who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statements (viz.) That he always has been regarded as the legitimate son of Thomas and Jemima Brown, That the annexed part of a Leaf taken from his family Bible contains in substance a true copy of his father Joseph Brown's family record Deaths Excepted, that it was drawn from an original record that had been kept and made by his Father in 1829, 30 or 31 and in the handwriting of Col. H. L. Simms who boarded with Deponent there 3 years in Gainesville Georgia and who now lives in Cummin Forsyth County Georgia. That the said record contains the date of the Births of all the Children of the said Joseph & Jemima Brown and that said original record was at that time in his deponent's possession but has been lost or mislaid so that it cannot now be found.

Deponent further states that he concurs in the statements of Joseph Williams and knows them to be true.

S/ Aaron Brown



[Facts in file: Elizabeth Brown, daughter of the veteran and his widow, married Joseph Williams, in Pendleton District, SC, now Pickens District in the year 1798 in the house of one James Yowell by Doss Yowell a minister of the gospel.]

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South Carolina Anderson District:

Before me the Subscriber an acting magistrate in and for the District & State aforesaid personally came Aaron Broyles a resident of said District and after being duly sworn according to law saith that he is personally acquainted with Mrs. Jemima Robinson, formally Jemima Brown, a resident of Lumpkin County Georgia and widow of Joseph Brown Deceased who formerly lived in North Carolina and always was reputed to have been a soldier of the Revolution from every circumstance that has come under his knowledge he has every reason to believe he was; he has often heard him relate things that took place &c of which he said he was

an eyewitness, further is satisfied that he was in the battle of Kings Mountain thinks under Colonel Williams [James Williams] that he saith he is as well convinced of in his own mind as if he had been an eyewitness of the facts; yet not being an eyewitness he cannot swear to it positively. He says he thinks he was not present at the marriage yet is not positive but what he might have been, it having taken place so long since and he small at the time, thinks he had not recovered from a long attack of sickness at the time. He recollects some of the circumstances connected with it one of which is that she Mrs. Robinson was still on well scarcely able to stand up at the time of the marriage, and that Joseph Brown was at his father's house most of the time during her sickness -- and they were married to the best of his recollection in his father's house and about the year 1782, in Washington County then North Carolina now Tennessee. Although he might not have been present and witnessed the marriage she is as well convinced of the fact as if he had, as they lived together as man & wife from that time until his death, which took place about 30 years ago on Tugaloo River in the old Pendleton district in this State, he states they lived near him for many years and until he was married he was with them a great part of his time sometimes residing in their family and after he was married still lived near them until they removed from the neighborhood; and was at their house after they removed. He recollects the names of 7 children they had viz. Betsy, William, Hugh, MacKey, Ebenezer, Polly & Edney he says if they had others he does not recollect as it has been so long.

S/ Aaron Broyles

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her former husband's service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]