

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Elisha Brooks W9741      Nancy      fn55SC  
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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: June 11th, 1845 Court of Ordinary

On this the 11th day of June 1845, Personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary in the State of South Carolina Abbeville District, Nancy Brooks, widow of Elisha Brooks, a resident of the above named State and District aged 79 years the 22nd of last September, 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 7th, 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Elisha Brooks who was as she believes and always understood, a volunteer in the South Carolina Infantry under Captain John Wallis [Wallace] that he served 2 months as private and 12 months as Lieutenant in the State of South Carolina under Captain John Wallace as will appear from the evidence annexed. That she has no documentary evidence of her husband's Services in the war, or of her marriage with him. She further declares, that she was legally married to the said Elisha Brooks on the 12th day of January 1786 by Esquire Russell Wilson a resident and acting Magistrate of Edgefield District State of South Carolina; That her husband the aforesaid Elisha Brooks died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1804. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above Stated.

S/ Nancy Brooks

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 12th day of June 1845

S/ David Lesly, Judge

[Stanmore B. Brooks gave testimony as to the date of death of Elisha Brooks.]

State of South Carolina Abbeville District

Be it known, that on the 10th day of January A.D. 1852, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for Abbeville District, personally appeared Nancy Brooks, and made oath according to law, that she is the only surviving child of James Butler -- Deceased, -- widow of Elisha Brooks -- (who was an officer of the War of the Revolution,) and a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$\_\_ per annum, that she has reason to believe that the said pension all to be increased; and that she is directly interested in the same, and makes this affidavit to be filed by her attorney, with any additional evidence or agreements that he may deem necessary in the prosecution of said claim.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year last above mentioned, before me.

S/ Jno. R. Tarrant, JP

S/ Nancy Brooks

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"A true transcript of the record of the family Bible of Colonel Zachariah Smith Brooks:

"Zah S. Brooks, the father of the following children, was born may 18th 1865.

Whitfield Brooks was born February 5, 1790

Lucinda Brooks was born October [illegible] -- 1791

Beheathland Brooks was born February 20, 1793 --

Nancy Brooks was born January 30, 1798"

South Carolina, Edgefield district

Before me Joseph Abney Justice of the peace, appeared Whitfield Brooks, makes oath that the foregoing statement is a true & literal transcript or copy of the record in the family Bible of his father Colonel Z. A. Brooks, to which reference was made by him in a previous certificate in the matter of Nancy Brooks, the widow of Elisha Brooks deceased at present am applicant -- to the Government for a pension --

Sworn to 27th day of May 1846 before me.

S/ Joseph Abney, Magistrate

S/ Whitfield Brooks

"Explanation -- Elisha Brooks was the brother of Deponent's father, Z. S. Brooks & Mrs. Nancy Brooks is the sister of his deceased mother; the children of Elisha & Nancy Brooks therefore are before cousins of deponent -- John Wesley Brooks is only 8 days younger than Deponent, both being born in February 1790 -- and Matilda, Levina & Betsy Brooks children of Elisha & Nancy Brooks, are of ages, corresponding very nearly with the ages of his sisters as stated in the foregoing copy of the family record -- Hence he had reference to this record as a means of more certainly fixing the ages of his cousins, John W. Brooks, Matilda Brooks, Lavinia Brooks & Betsy Brooks, and forward no other purpose -- Given under my hand the \_\_ May 1846 at Edgefield.

S/ Whitfield Brooks

[fn p. 16 is a photocopy of the original page from the Bible to which Whitfield Brooks refers]

[facts in file: Elisha Brooks married January 12, 1786 in Edgefield District SC, Nancy Butler; she was born September 22, 1765, daughter of James Butler; Elisha and Nancy had 8 children of whom the following are 7 are the only ones named in the file:

Obadiah, their eldest child, died in infancy, dates not given

John Wesley born February 13, 1790

Matilda born in the fall of 1781

Lavina born in the spring of 1793

Betsy born about 1797 or 1798

Stanmore B. date of birth not give

William Butler, their youngest, born about 1800

Veteran died November 3, 1804 in SC

Behethland H. Butler, 81, as of January 1846, testified that Nancy Brooks was the sister of her husband, William Butler]

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State of South Carolina Edgefield district

Be it known that on this the 26th day of January in the year 1846 before me a magistrate in and for said District personally appeared Zachariah Smith Brooks,<sup>1</sup> a resident of said District and State, aged 80 years in May last past, who being duly sworn, saith that he was a brother of Elisha Brooks, who was to his knowledge a Lieutenant and served in that capacity in the war of the revolution in the South Carolina Militia; and he is also acquainted with Nancy Brooks wife of

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S9294

the said Elisha Brooks now residing in Abbeville District and State aforesaid, which acquaintance commenced about the year of our Lord 1784 or 5 about at which time they were married and lived together as man & Wife until the death of said Elisha and had 8 children, the eldest a son by the name of John Wesley Brooks, the 2<sup>nd</sup> a daughter by the name of Matilda Brooks and the youngest, a son by the name of William Butler Brooks who was born about the year 1800. That his eldest child (one, a son died in infancy by the name of Obadiah) John Wesley Brooks was born in the year 1790, to wit on the 13th day of February 1790 & within 8 days of the birth of the first child of this Deponent. He states these facts from his own personal knowledge, the said Elisha being a brother of this Deponent & the said Nancy Brooks, his widow being the sister of Deponent's first wife & having lived within 10 or 12 miles from them up to the death of the said Elisha -- That the said Elisha & Nancy Brooks lived together as husband & Wife until separated by death, that the said Elisha died somewhere about the year 1809 but the precise time he is unable to state nor has he the means at present of ascertaining the exact date, leaving at his death the said Nancy, his widow, who remained still his widow & unmarried --

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ C. W. Presley, M. E. C.

S/ Zah S. Brooks

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District

On the 27th Day of May 1845, Personally appeared in open Court Zachariah Smith Brooks, and after being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that he was in the war of the Revolution and that he was personally acquainted with Elisha Brooks, and that, the said Elisha Brooks served in the War of the Revolution -- 12 months as Lieutenant in the South Carolina Infantry under Captain John Wallis [Wallace], and 2 months as private, previous to being elected Lieutenant and this deponent further States, that the said Elisha Brooks served longer, but the time not recollected by him; neither the battles are recollected, And this deponent further States that the said Elisha Brooks was a volunteer in Edgefield District, South Carolina and was under the command of General Greene at the Siege of the old Ninety Six afterwards called Cambridge.

Sworn to before me May 27 1845

S/ A. L. Nicholson, Mag.

S/ Zah S. Brooks