

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Brown R1337

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State of Pennsylvania County of Westmoreland

On this 18th day of April A.D. 1854 Personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas of Westmorland County, now sitting George H. Brown, Executor of Robert Brown deceased a resident of Westmorland County and State aforesaid aged forty-four years or thereabouts who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain for himself and the other children of the said Robert Brown deceased the arrears of Pension which the said Robert Brown would have been entitled to draw at and immediately before the time of his death if he had applied for the same. The said Robert Brown was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. That he entered the service about the commencement of the Revolutionary war under Colonel Neel [Andrew Neel or Thomas Neel]-- don't know the name of his Captain. The Regiment was commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] -- don't remember his first name that he continued from the time he entered the service in the service until after the capture of Cornwallis the British General. He was for five years of this period of his service under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] during part of the time he served under General Sumpter his Captain was William Hill. He was in Charleston when it was besieged by the British Army. He was in the Battle of Rocky Mount in the southern war. He resided in South Carolina when he entered the service near Briar Creek. He went out first as a substitute in the place of Robert Huey after he had fulfilled Huey's period of service he was drafted in South Carolina at the same place he first entered the service. His campaigns were principally through South Carolina North Carolina and Georgia. He was acquainted in the Service with a Major Ross [Francis Ross] I have often heard him talk about -- I have no documentary evidence of his service and know of no one whom I can procure to testify to his service. That the said Robert Brown died on the 21st of April A.D. 1845 in Fairfield Township Westmoreland County State of Pennsylvania. He left South Carolina shortly after the close of the war and settled first in Cumberland County Pennsylvania and afterwards removed to Cambria County in Pennsylvania and removed from Cambria County to Westmoreland County as early as 1798 where he continued to reside until the time of his death on the 21st of April 1845. That he never applied for a pension nor Bounty land. That he don't know whether he got a discharge or not Heard him say that he is discharge was burnt in a house in South Carolina. That he was married in 1785 or 1786 two Margaret Hendricks in Cumberland County Pennsylvania that she died in the year 1810 in November in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania. That he left at the time of his deceased in 1845 eight children living to wit William, Mary, Robert, Margaret intermarried with William Matthers [could be William Matthews], James, Sarah, Thomas &

George H. Brown the declarant. That there is none of the children dead leaving children -- That they all reside in Westmoreland County except Robert who resides in Iowa. James & Margaret in Crawford County Pennsylvania and Thomas in Indiana County Pennsylvania.

Sworn and subscribed in open court this 18th of April A.D. 1854

S/ [illegible signature]

S/ George H. Brown

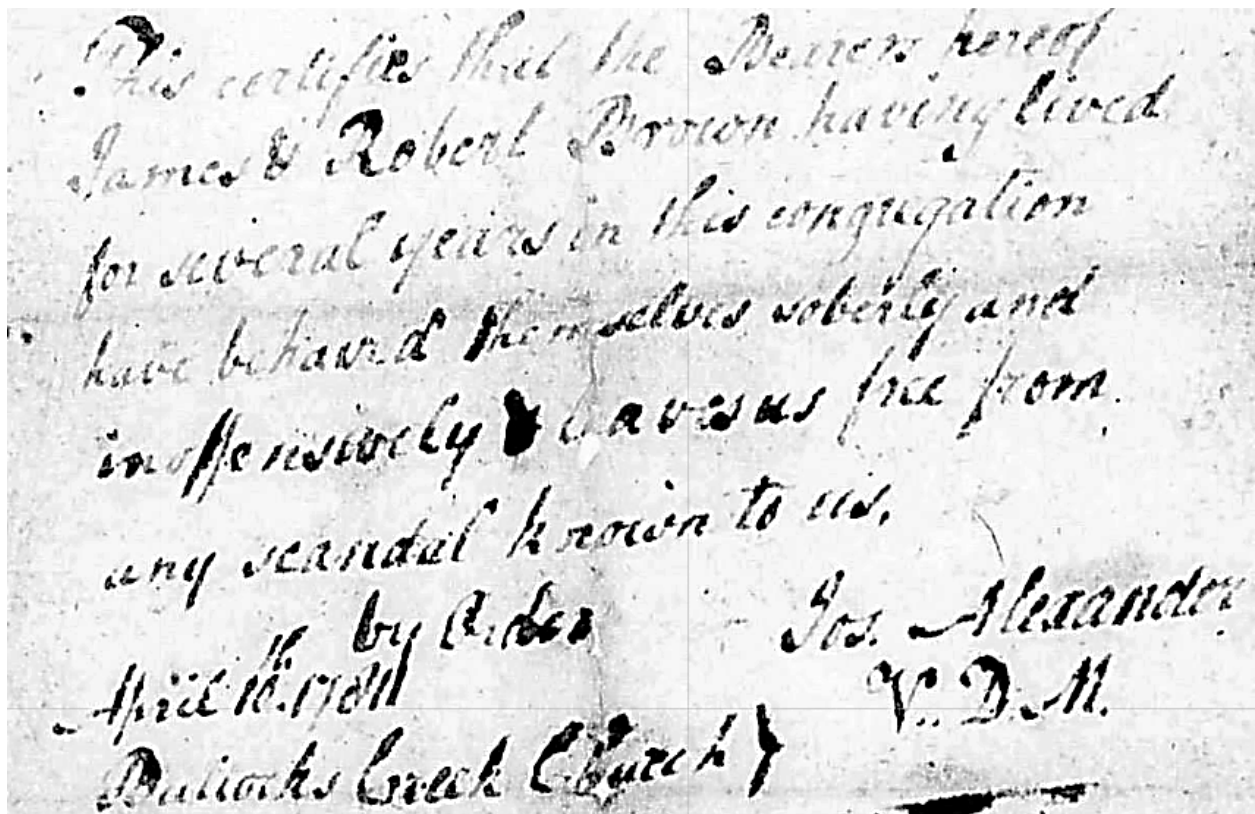
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This certifies that the Bearers hereof James & Robert Brown having lived for several years in this congregation have behaved themselves soberly and inoffensively & leave us free from any scandal known to us

By order S/ Jos. Alexander

April 10th, 1781 V. D. M.

Bullocks Creek Church



This certifies that the Bearers hereof James & Robert Brown having lived for several years in this congregation have behaved themselves soberly and inoffensively & leave us free from any scandal known to us.

by order Jos. Alexander
April 10th 1781 V. D. M.
Bullocks Creek Church

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State of Pennsylvania Westmoreland County: SS

On this 22nd day of November 1854 personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting in Greensburg in and for the County and State aforesaid George H. Brown aged forty-four years executor and Son of Robert Brown Deceased Late of Said

County who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in Order to Obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress Passed June 7th 1832,

That his Father of the said Robert Brown entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, which named Officers he has heard his father the said Robert Brown speak of during his lifetime as also of the service performed under them, for and during the Revolutionary War, which was in and about seven years in all under the following named and other Officers to wit namely Colonels Anderson [Robert Anderson] & Waters [Philemon Waters] of South Carolina Troops, Captain Jeremiah Williams Company also Captain John Lindsey and others, whose names I do not now recollect, he the said Robert Brown aforesaid served as a private, as a horseman and footman, in the South Carolina Troops, and that shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis after he was discharged the said Robert Brown, deceased, removed to the State of Pennsylvania and resided there until the time of his death which took place in Westmoreland County in the State of Pennsylvania on the eighth day of April in the year 1845 and that the said Robert Brown aforesaid left no widow surviving him, but left children namely William Brown residing in Westmoreland County who is still living, Mary Brown residing in Westmoreland County, Margaret Brown intermarried with William Mathews, who resides in Crawford County Pennsylvania, Robert Brown residing in the State of Iowa, James Brown residing in Crawford County in the State of Pennsylvania, Sarah Brown residing in Westmoreland County, Thomas Brown residing in the County of Indiana in the State of Pennsylvania, George H. Brown the declarant and executor residing in Westmoreland County. This deponent further states that he is a resident of the County of Westmorland in the State of Pennsylvania where he has resided since his infancy. He further states that he was informed by his father and believes that during the two last years of his service he served as a horseman in a Regiment of which General Sumpter was the commander.

Sworn & subscribed in open court this 22nd day of November A.D. 1854 before me
S/ Jos. Gross, Prot.

S/ George H. Brown, H his mark

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| South Carolina Audited Accounts ¹ relating to Robert Brown | AA45 |
| Audited Account Microfilm file No. 823 | |
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No. 102

[No.] 1769

[Book] X

Robert Brown for 30 days duty as a Private footman in Captain John Lindsay's [John Lindsey's] Company from 3rd of April to 4th May 1779 at 10/ [10 shillings] 41 days Do as Do from 20th May 1781 to 15 March 1782 alternately in Captain Jeremiah Williams's Company the whole in Colonel Waters [Philemon Waters'] Regiment Amounting to

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| [old South Carolina] Currency | <u>£35.10</u> |
| Stg. [Sterling] | £5.1.5 |

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

[p 24: statement that the above information was taken from Colonel Waters's Regiment and taken from Pay Bills.]

South Carolina Ninety Six District} April the 20th 1786

Gentlemen

Please to Send my Indent with the Interest by Mr. John Johnson Duty done under Colonel Liles and Captain Lindsay & Colonel Glen now Colonel Waters' Regiment and you will oblige your Humble Servant

S/ Robt Brown

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robt Brown". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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Received 4th of March 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 1769 X per Order

S/ John Johnston

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