Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John G. Brown W25276 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Ohio } Sct. Be it known, that John Brown personally appeared before me in the State Muskingum County } and county aforesaid and made oath, that he is a resident citizen of this county – that he enlisted as a private soldier in the Revolutionary war, on the continental establishment, against Great Britain in Capt. David Scott's company [raised in Monongalia County], 13th Virginia Regiment [renumbered as the 9th on 14 Sep 1778] commanded by Col. John Gibson, in the Virginia Line. The enlistment took place on the 4th February 1777, for the term of Three years – That he served, with intermission, until the beginning of the month of May 1780, when he was discharged by Col. Jno. Gibson (he having been absent in Phi'a. during the time my 3 years expired) by a written discharge signed by Col. Gibson, which discharge was sent to Richmond to procure his Land warrant, but was never returned - that he has no other evidence to offer to substantiate his claim to a pension under the late law of congress that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance of the country for his support – being now in his 71st year of his age.

Sworn and Subscribed to this 4th day of July 1818

[signed] John Brown

STATE OF OHIO, MUSKINGUM, County SS.

Court of Common Pleas, April Term 1821.

On this Twenty sixth day of April 1821, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for said state John Brown aged 74 years, resident in Muskingum county in said state, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War on the continental establishment, as follows: In the ninth Regiment, commanded by Col. John Gibson – Capt. David Scott's Company Virginia Line. The date of my original application is 4th of July 1818, and the number of my pension certificate is 9,390: And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

My occupation is a farmer Not able to pursue it being affected with palsy & shaking. The number of my family residing with me is Alce my wife old and blind age 76 years. We live with a daughter who supports us by her exertions, and has also some children of her own. Her capacity to contribute to my support but slim. Sworn to and subscribed: (Signed) John hisXmark Brown

Schedule of Property–Real and Personal.

No property real or personal except a little clothing and bedding, and an old horse 18 years of age of little or no value being unfit for business. (Signed) John his Xmark Brown

NOTE:

On 16 May 1853 Mary Brown, 56, of Athens County OH, applied for a pension stating that she married John G. Brown on 3 Apr 1825, and he died 6 Feb 1832. A court later certified that 26 Feb 1834 was the correct date of death. A document in the file gives her maiden name as Mary Spillman. On 29 Mar 1855 Mary Brown, 58, of Perry County OH assigned power of attorney to obtain bounty land, witnessed by Jane Brown and Robert Price. On 27 Nov 1856 at age 61 Mary Brown stated that her husband had been born in Virginia, usually wrote his name "John Brown" but was sometimes called "John G. Brown," that he had died on 26 Feb 1834, that she married him on 23 Apr 1825 in Muskingum County, and that his previous wife had died in Perry County OH. A letter by A. G. Brown states that Mary Brown had said she and John Brown had lived "on the waters of Sunday creek, near the road leading through Deavertown to Zanesville, which would place it near the boundary between Morgan and Perry."

On 19 Feb 1857 George Washington Brown swore before H. T. Brown, a Notary Public, that he remembered his father, John Brown, as old and infirm, that he walked with a staff, and died when he was six years old. He also stated that after the death of his father he was placed in the family of Joseph McDonald in Trimble Township in Athens County until after he was 21, and had not since been in the neighborhood where his father resided – in Monroe Township in Perry County 12 to 15 miles from the residence of McDonald. George Washington Brown also stated that his father had the following two daughters by his first marriage, both of whom had moved West: Betsey, who married Isaac Johnson; and Sally, who married John Gale. He stated that his mother resided with him in Dover Township in Athens County OH, where he had lived for nearly two years. A letter from A. G. Brown accompanying this statement adds that George W. Brown had heard his mother say that she believed the family name of John Brown's first wife had been Fields, that they had two sons who died young, and that she died before John Brown came to Perry County and before Mary Brown became acquainted with him.

On 8 Sep 1856 Mary Brown alleged that her agent, Jesse Worley, Esq., had been collecting her pension by means of forgery. On 3 June 1857 she requested a new pension certificate, alleging that Jesse Worley had "some time in the year 1856, absconded from said County."