

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Brown W18651

Mildred

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State of North Carolina Caswell County: SS

On this 25th day of April 1843 personally appeared before me George Williamson chairman of the Court of Pleas & Order Sessions for the County of Caswell Mildred Brown a resident of said County aged eighty-four years, 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 act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of John Brown, who was a Private Soldier in the War of the Revolution, & served one year Enlisted in April 1781 in Captain Dixon's Company, which will more fully appear by certificate of William Hill Secretary of State of North Carolina. She further declares that she was married to the said John Brown, on the 10th day of March in the year 1773, that her husband, the aforesaid John Brown, died on the 12th day of March 1785 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before

S/ Mildred Brown, X her mark

S/ Geo. Williamson, PM

State of North Carolina Caswell County: Court of Pleas and Order Sessions December term A.D. 1844

On this the 2nd day of January 1845, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, for said County now sitting Mary Ann Peterson, a resident of said County aged 68 years, daughter and only heir at law of the late John & Mildred Brown of said County, 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This Declarant the said Mary Ann Peterson, sets forth upon her said oath that she has reason to believe and does believe that towards the end of the Revolutionary War her father, John Brown was drafted to serve the United States for twelve months; was accordingly drafted for said period. The company in which he served was commanded by Captain Dixon [probably a reference to Captain Tilghman Dixon], Donoho [Thomas Donoho] Major & under these officers, this Declarant believes that her deceased father served all of said period, was duly discharged

and returned home.

That her mother's maiden name was Stringer. That to the best of this declarant's information & believe her parents, said John Brown & Mildred Stringer were married before the last period of her deceased father's revolutionary service – but having no "family record" is unable to state with precision the date of the marriage.

This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath, that she is the youngest child of said parents and that she is 68 years of age.

And that her parents had children older than herself – To the best of this Declarant's knowledge, her father & mother were married in about the year 1770.

The Declarant the said Mary Ann Peterson, further stated upon her said oath, that her father, the aforesaid John Brown, did die about fifty years ago, leaving the said Mildred his widow, who did not afterwards married, but remained the widow of said John Brown, till her death. That said Mildred Brown did die on the 23rd day of October 1843, leaving but one child and heir at law her surviving, Mary Ann who intermarried with Thomas Peterson, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year 1st above written.

Witness S/ A. Slade, CCC

S/ Mary Ann Peterson, X her mark

[fn p. 11: on March 21, 1843 in Caswell County North Carolina, Keziah Donoho gave an affidavit in support of the claim filed by Mildred Brown stating that she was well acquainted with her before her marriage to John Brown; that she believes they were legally married and that they lived together as man and wife and raised a family of children.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Brown a private Soldier of Captain Dixon's Company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted on the 25th day of April 1781, for the term of 12 months and left the service on the 25th day of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of August 1839

S/ Wm Hill