

James H Brown & Catherine Morning Dye

James H Brown and Catherine Morning Dye were married in Monroe Co TN on July 5, 1859.

She is a daughter of William Dye Sr and his wife Sarah.

She was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina in 1825.

Her husband was born in Georgia or Tennessee about 1817.

They are known to have had one son, William M Dye, whom was born about 1855 in McMinn Co TN, near Athens. He did appear on the 1860 , but not on the 1870 Census, it is assumed he died.

James H Brown was a soldier in the Union Army 3rd Tennessee Cavalry.

He was likely taken Prisoner, with the rest of his regiment, by rebel soldiers.

He is listed in Jerry O Potter's book The Sultana Tragedy about the ship that sunk in the Mississippi River in 1865, while soldiers were being brought home from the prisons.

Along with him, was his brother in law, James H Hamilton, who also survived this incident.

We had one family member that did not survive and that was their Cousin-in law's Husband Andrew Johnson, The husband of Mahalla Scoggins Johnson, dau of Charles Scoggins and Sarah Dye.

James H Brown appears in an affidavit to testify regarding the health of James Hamilton in

Hamilton's Pension records * James Hamilton, descendant.

This occurred, in about 1890, when James was 73 years old.

James H Brown's Will is posted on the Bradley Co Tennessee USGENWEB Site:

http://www.tngenweb.org/bradley/will_brownjamesh.html

In the Will & Estate Record, It indicates that all real & personal property be left to his beloved wife, Catherine Brown if living and if not, to their niece, Rhoda Dye.

Rhoda Dye married Charles Geren in Bradley Co, TN.

1850 Monroe Co TN

James H Brown

Mornon

1860 McMinn Co TN

13 Dist P 313

James H Brown 42 GA

Morning 35 NC

Wm M 5 TN

John Dye Jr 22 NC

1870 Bradley Co TN

9th Dist P 16

Brown, James H 59 Farmer TN

Catherine 45 NC

Parker, William 25 Brickmason TN

1880 Bradley Co TN

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J H Brown 70 Farmer TN

Catherine 55 NC

State of Tennessee, County of Bouldley, ss:
In the matter of The Pension claim of James Hamilton
Co 5 3rd Regt Tenn Cav

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for aforesaid County
and State, James H. Brown, aged 73
and _____, aged _____
citizen of the Town of McPherson, County of Bouldley, State of
Tennessee, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who,
being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

This is to certify
That I was well acquainted with said
James Hamilton. And that he contracted
Chronic Diarrhoea in Alabama in
1864. He was at Huntsville I think
The said Hamilton was very bad off
with Diarrhoea at Huntsville and
at Athens and at the Sulphur Springs. He
there the Regt was captured.
I never saw him any more until
after we was discharged
And when I came home I found
said Hamilton sick with the
Diarrhoea I lived by him for
several years in a mile or so
for about seven years or more
and during that time from August 1865
until he moved off he was not
able to do more than one fourth of an
able bodied mans work on
account of the said
Disease of Chronic Diarrhoea and
Rheumatism which he claimed
to me he contracted in Prison
while the Rebel held him and lay being
chilled in Mississippi River in April 1865

I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

R. W. Williamson James H. Brown
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Abstracts From the Civil War Pension of James H Brown

Declaration For Widow's Pension:

State of Tennessee

County of Bradley

On this 11th day of May AD 1892 Personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid

Catherine Brown aged 64 years a resident of the town of McPherson, county of Bradley, State of Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law declares she is the widow of James H Brown who enlisted under the name of James H Brown at Nashville, TN on the 16 day of Jany AD 1864 in Co L 3rd Regiment Tennessee Cavalry Vol.

And served at least 90 days in the service of the United States in the late War of the Rebellion, who was honorably discharged at Tullahoma and died on the 6th day of May 1892. That she married under the name Catherine Dye to said James H Brown on the **Fifth day of July, 1847** by Robert Henderson at home in Monroe Co, Tenn. She has not remarried since the death of James H Brown. She hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation, William F Duncan of Chatata, TN State of TN her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim and to receive therefor a fee of ten dollars; that her post office address is McPherson, county of Bradley, State of Tennessee.

Catherine (her X mark) Brown

J S Palmer

S Bishop

(Witnesses knew couple over for 20 years)

Soldier was pensioned for Rheumatism and died from Dropsy of the Chest caused by and sequence of Rheumatism and effect of Smallpox.

Widow's Claim for Pension signed before T H Marr and S R Farmer who reside at Sydneyton, Tn.

James H Brown died on the 6th day of May 1892 of Dropsy of the Chest.

We saw him after his death and know that he died on the said date from said disease.

We have no interest in said case or the prosecution of it.

W P Palmer

James I Harrison

(This affidavit was determined to be fraudulent because the age of the witness Harrison was 25 and he could not have known the parties in 1847).

Isaac Dye age 71

The Affiant Isaac Dye age 71 years of Mortimer, McMinn Co, TN on his oath declares that in the pension claim of Catherine Brown

Widow of James H Brown late of Co L 3rd TN Vol Cav. Affiant declares that the said James H Brown and Catherine Dye were married on or about January 1847. Affiant has no record of the marriage and gives this from recollection.

He remembers that it was cold weather, that he went with the said James H Brown to Madisonville, TN for the marriage license

And after the license was secured, affiant went after the Rev Robert Henderson to solemnize the rite of matrimony between the said parties and they were married, in the affiant's presence, the above given from recollection he remembers distinctly. Affiant also declares that he was acquainted with the said Brown some 3 to 5 years before he was married and after marriage they lived together as husband & wife until the death of the said Brown. Affiant declares that he has no interest in the Prosecution of this Claim.

Witness

Isaac (His X Mark) Dye

J P Briant

F M Jack

The Affiant F M Jack aged 47 years of Mortimer, Tn, McMinn Co, on his oath declares that he became acquainted with James H Brown and wife Catherine before marriage, Catherine Dye, in the year 1858 or 1859. And they lived together as man and wife up to and during the war after the war they left the county , Affiant knew him while he was a member of Co L 3rd Vol Cav.
His wife accompanied him to the regiment and remained with him up to the Capture of the regiment.
Affiant Further declares he has no interest in the claim F M Jack

Rachel Teague age 57 years a resident of Cleveland, Bradley Co, TN

I hereby certify that I have known James H Brown and his wife Catherine whose maiden name was Catherine Dye.
That they was married in Monroe Co TN in the year 1847 and that they lived together as husband & wife continually up to the death of James H Brown , That neither the husband James H Brown or wife Catherine Brown had either ever been previously married prior to the marriage with each other. I have lived of near nabor to the parties in Monroe Co, TN and in Bradley Co, TN.
I have known both the husband and wife before they was married . Having known them since we was children.

Rachel Teague

J I Harrison
W F Duncan

Wm F Palmer and James I Harrison
Swears that we know the parties and know that Catherine Brown owns a lot of land in the little town of McPherson, Bradley Co TN. Worth not over 200 dollars and that she owns personal property consists in household goods of Fifty dollars.
The widow is about 72 years old, is in Feeble health having a cancer on the face. We further know the widow is dependent on her own labor for her support.
We further know that she has no income of any kind and that the lot of land owned by her can not be (?) for sufficient amount to support her.
Consequently she is dependant and owing some debts outstanding against the estate and we have no interest in the care or the prosecution
Wm P Palmer
James I Harrison

Pension is claimed for the rheumatism, wound in head and ankle, Kidney disease, chronic diarreha and disease of the eyes.
Claimant is in deplorable physical condition at this time being confined to his house and bed most of the time.
He is absolutely without means of support and his wife is suffering from cancer of the face.
The aged couple are living in a mere (?) not fit for human habitation.
The affidavit of John Baker was determined a Forgery.
I recommend further examination as to injuries as follows:

James H Hamilton , (?) Jackson Co, TN
Capt OP McCannon , Marysville, Blount Co TN
Sgt Samuel N Badgett of Rockford Blount Co, TN
Daniel C Lebow , Smithfield, Tarrant Co, TX

Deposition C Case of James H Brown

On this 17th day of March 1890 at McPherson, Bradley Co, TN Before me at special examiner of the Pension Office Personally appeared James H Brown :

That he is 72 years of Age

That his usual occupation id that of a farmer.

That his post-office address is McPherson, Bradley Co, TN

I have lived in Bradley Co for about 40 or 50 years.

Before the war, for Two years before I enlisted I was at work for William Cates of Cleveland, TN.

I have lived in this section ever since. I was stout as a "bulldog" before I went into the Army.

I never was sick or took a day of medicine up to my enlistment into the Army.

I was never in the Confederate Army.

In the Fall of 1862, I put my name down as a recruit to go to Knoxville, A man by the name of Spurgeon Was a recruiting officer at Cleveland. He appointed a day for us to go to Cleveland and we went, but when we got there the Rebels were in the town and shot me and captured me and I can show you the bullet hole. I was shot in the left shoulder, the hole going into my breast and it is there now. I had not enlisted at the time I was shot.

I had just told them my name. From Cleveland , TN, I was taken to Atlanta, GA. By the Rebels .

From there I made my escape. I was in Atlanta two weeks before I made my escape.

Then I came back w Cleveland, and from there started across the river where I met Lt. F Jett. (note: Jett Dead)

A 2nd St. of Co L 3rd TN Cav. And enlisted under him. Jett giving me transportation to Nashville, TN This was in the Fall of 1863, as I remember.

After I reached Nashville, I was mustered in as a Private, of Co. L. 3rd TN Cavalry.

I was never in the 1st TN Cavalry or Infantry and in no other service, except Co. L

I claim pension for Rheumatism and for small pox, and also for a wound in the head and ankle . Also for Kidney disease the result of the Rheumatism, also for chronic diarrhea, also for partial blindness, the result of small pox.

I claim pension for no other disabilities.

I was stout and hearty at the time I went into Co L with the exception of the wound in my shoulder , That has troubled me from that time to this.

I took Rheumatism in August 1864, at the Huntsville, Alabama, I was in the Post Hospital at Huntsville, for Rheumatism.

I do not know when or where I took Rheumatism, unless it was from exposure. (?) I first felt Rheumatism in both my legs and hips, and was at once put in the hospital as stated . Both my lower limbs and arms were swollen badly at the time.

I went to the hospital. I was in the hospital in Huntsville for 9 weeks and 9 days, under treatment all the time. Dr White, a regular Army Doctor was in charge of the hospital. No No I do not know the mode of treatment , He first called it rheumatism and had me way upstairs two or three stories high. From the Post Hospital at Huntsville I was sent to No. 3 Hospital at Nashville, where I remained only for 3 days, when Capt. Pinkney McCameron took me to camp (?) Capt. McCameron was my Capt. I don't know where he is. Then I at once went on duty again and served until discharged. Rheumatism troubled me at times in the Army after I returned to my Command but I have had it ever since the war.

I was taken over with small pox at Nashville, in the summer of 1864. In June or July, I think,. I was not in the Hospital for Small Pox. I was stopped from duty by small pox 4 or 5 days. Occupying my tent in the meantime.

I was when (?) but very little with small pox. But the scars all got on my arms. Dr. J M Campbell the regimental surgeon treated me for small pox and so did Dr. Sowers, the Brigade Surgeon. Dr Campbell is dead and I don't know anything about where Dr.

Sowers is (note: dead) .

At Huntsville, Alabama While I was lying sick with Rheumatism in the Post Hospital They took me out with the rest of the sick and put us in the Fort there, to keep us from getting killed. The Fort was only a hundred yards from the hospital. While I was in that Fort, a Rebel Shell busted (?) right in the (?) (?) and

under me in the right ankle and on the right side of my head. Towards the back of the head. The wound on the head was simply a scalp wound, cutting only to the skull.

The ankle bone on the inside was torn, and it was a long while before I could walk good on it.

Dr White who was treating me for Rheumatism at the time, treated me for the wounds in my head and ankle and that was all the medical treatment I had for those two wounds. They were all Northern people, none of my Officers or Comrades or of the regiment were with me at the time I got the wounds and I can't tell by whom I can prove I got the wounds.

When I was mustered out I came back here to Bradley Co where I have been ever since with exception of two years I was in Meigs Co, Tn (?) Dr. Campbell (dead) and Dr. Brown (dead) both of Cleveland Co, TN treated me immediately after coming out of the Army, giving me liniments which to numb my limbs . Dr Campbell gave me the same remedies as the Army.

Dr. Griffin, now in the State Penitentiary also treated me for Rheumatism for a year or two first after coming out of the service.

Recently I have had treatment by Dr. Ramsey for Rheumatic Pains.

I have had more or less trouble with my kidneys ever since the war. For the past five or six years I have been unable to hold my water at all. Before then I could not hold or lift anything Pains sticking me right across the small of my back.

In about a year after the war, I began using plasters on the small (?) back and have used them more or less ever since.

I have pains across the small of my back long before I left the service. But did nothing for it then. I just had to "grin" and endure it. Just after I came out of the hospital at Huntsville, I had an attack of diarrhea and have suffered it in this way. If and on ever since Dr. Campbell treated me for diarrhea while in the service. I don't remember what he gave me. I just had a running off at the bowels , lots of blood, all consumption passing through me . I don't know of any one who would have personal knowledge that I had diarrhea in the Army. I believe Dr. Griffin treated me once for diarrhea since the war.

I have been too poor to pay a Doctor.

About 15 years ago I first discerned that my sight was affected. They begun to fail so I couldn't see good.

The sight has been failing from that time to this.

A Scum has been coming in gradually and now I am almost totally blind.

No I have had no acute attacks of any kind since I left the Army.

The Doctors say that the trouble with my eyes was brought on by the small pox.

My eyes did not trouble me in the least for the first few years after the war.

I had the best eyes in the world until about 15 years ago. I can't tell a White from a Colored Man, fifteen steps away.

There was a little skirmish at Cleveland at the time I got the shot in the shoulder in Army , with Col Bob Bind's Regiment I first took up my gun and went in and fought though I had not been enlisted or mustered at the time, I was simply on my way to Knoxville, for the purpose of enlisting. I want the testimony of the witnesses above made affidavits in my claim .

I can think of no one else (?) that would have knowledge of what I allege. I do not wish to be present in person during the examination of my claim for I am well right helpless now . I wish Mr. E S Delaney to represent me during this investigation.

I here understand the questions as (?) James H (his X mark) Brown

Affidavit of William Cate

18 Day of March 1890

He is 70 years of age.

And he is retired and that his post office is Cleveland, Bradley Co TN.

I have known James H Brown since about the year 1860.

He lived on my land as a renter for some three years 1860-1863 or about that time.

At the time, Brown was one of the heartiest men in the County.

Tough as a pine knot and could do more work than most any man.

He was not laid up or sick an hour before the war.
He started to enlist and got shot two miles north of the city.
He was shot in one of his shoulders or thereabouts.
I heard the gun fired that shot him.
He was shot by the Rebels. He got into a quarrel with a Rebel and got shot as stated.
He started to go to be mustered into the Federal service and met some rebels before he got to Camp, and was captured and put in Prison in the South somewhere. He came back and then got shot in the shoulder as stated after which he went into the Federal Army. Brown and old man Casey got to talking politics, Casey "cussed" the (?) and Brown took it up and was shot by Casey. Then Brown enlisted in the Federal Army and I knew nothing of his (?) he came out of the war.
Brown was of no account when he came out of the service and has not been from that time to this.
He seemed to be all (?) up in his diarrhea and I knew he has not been able to do anything of any consequence to this time.
For one thing, he had rheumatism all over his person, his legs, arms and shoulders. I could only know that he had Rheumatism by what he said. But I do know that he was not able to do a day's work and his looks showed too much he had changed.
Occasionally he has complained of diarrhea, The first time I know of after his discharge he told me he had been bothered a good deal with diarrhea in the Army. If he ever had small pox I have no knowledge of it and I do not recall of his complaining of anything else. It seems to me that at one time he said his kidneys gave him some trouble. And this was shortly after he was mustered out. If his sight has been impaired I have no knowledge of it.
It seems to me that I heard him complain of one of his ankles and it seems to me his version of it was Rheumatism there.
I know of no wound he ever received in either ankle or his head.
Brown has done very little manual labor since the war. And he has always insisted that he has not been physically able for work at any time
The Foregoing is correct according to the best of my recollection.

Wm Cate

Sarah A Lane age 50 McPherson, Bradley Co TN.
25 Jan 1893

I have known the said James H Brown and Wife Catherine Brown whose maiden name was Catherine Dye all my life since I can remember when but a child.
I know that said Parties was always said to have been married. I did not see them married but I am fully satisfied that they was married in Monroe Co, TN when I was but a little child. I know that the husband & wife has lived together since I first knew them,
Up to his death. I know that they was a respectable family of people and if they had not been married they would of been prosecuted in the County. I have heard Mrs. Brown's Mother say often that she was opposed to the marriage of James H Brown and her daughter . James H Brown worked for my parents when I was a small child and by one seeing them every few days or weeks and by them being at my Mother's house often.

Sarah A Lane
T J Lane
M J Shipley

Peter N Lacewell age 68 Cleveland , Bradley Co, TN
Farmer By Occupation
19th March 1890

I have been acquainted with James H Brown for some 40 or 50 years .
I have a clear acquaintance with him before the war, and I know he was a stout and rugged man then a lot used to term the as a

“bulldog” man. While I do not (?) that I have where with him at any time, I know that he claimed to be stout, rugged man at all time prior to the war. And his looks went to prove this. In 1861 or 1862, he lived in a house belonging to me, right on my place, and I have a very clear acquaintance with him then, and I know he was a Stout , able man then I know nothing about him while he was in the Army.

I was a year or two after he left the service before I saw Brown and then I meet him here in Cleveland His Appearance at that time indicated that he was not in good health. And my recollection it that he complained of suffering from rheumatism, but I

Can't recall in what part of his person he suffered with the disease. I have not worked with him since the war. And all I have known of him is by occasionally meeting him in Cleveland from his appearance I do not think he has been in good health

At any time since the war. Not as good as prior to the war for he was an extra stout man in those days.

I can not recall that I have heard of anything the matter with Brown with the exception of rheumatism.

I had no knowledge that he ever had kidney disease or diarrhea. And I do not know the his eyes have been affected at any time.

About the time of Brown's enlistment some General with a Rebel, whole name I do not recall the rebel that shot Brown in his shoulder with a rifle, (?) I was not a witness to the shooting, but I remember the circumstances very well, the dispute was about the state of affairs prevailing at the time and Brown said something that offended the other man, and he shot him.

I know of know other wound that Brown had ever received, I know of no wound he got in his head or ankle , the wound in the shoulder was the only one I know anything about.

Peter N (his X mark) Lacewell

Nathaniel Witt Shring City Rhea Co, TN

21st March 1890

Age 59

Farmer Occupation

My first acquaintance with James H Brown was immediately after the late war.

When he came into my settlement near the line of Meigs and Bradley Co, TN

He was getting to be quite an old man at that time and complained a good deal his legs and back.

He lived on my place for some two or three years soon after the war the exact years I can't say. I do not remember what the matter was with him , beyond complaining of his back and legs. I can't say whether it was rheumatism or something else.

And I don't know where he got his disease. As I never saw him in the Army. I remember no other complaint he made, I employed him by the day and he rented land from me. He complained that his legs hurt him , especially when he plowed.

He made a (?) (?) in harvest time and this is all I recallest of employing. He did not work his own land satisfactorily that I rented him, I can't say way, unless it was laziness. I do not know (?) whether he has ever had rheumatism. I have never seen any evidence that he has ever had small pox & I knew of no wound he has ever received in any part of his person. If he ever had kidney disease or diarrhea I have known nothing of it and I have no knowledge that his eye sight has been affected at any time.

I think he was a good shot, He was familiarly known as “Squirrel Hunting Jim Brown” owing to the fact that he hunted so much for squirrels. There appears to be a discrepancy between this statement and my Farmer Official. It couldn't have be from 1874-1879, because I moved to Florida in 1878 and came back in 1881.

I was prior to that I knew him.

Nat. Witt

7th August 1890

1st Lt Co L 3rd Tn Cavalry

Daniel E LeBow

Smithfield, Tarrant Co, Texas.

Age 49 years Occupation Postmaster and General Merchandise.

I am the identical Dan'l E Lebow who was 1st Lt of Co L 3rd Tenn Cavalry.
I was well acquainted with James H Brown who was a pvt in Co L 3rd TN Cav.
I am not certain but I think Brown was a deserter from the Rebel Army
(This is not true)

He was crippled and I don't know exactly when it was done.
It may be at Sulpher Trestle, Alabama. or Athens or Huntsville.
I was with the command up to the time the regiment was captured at Sulpher Trestle Ala. In 1865.
I think Brown was captured with the regiment , I have never seen Brown since.

Daniel E LeBow

Physicians Affidavit
James H Brown

Dr. G A Ramsey Chatata, Bradley Co, TN

He has known the soldier for two years and has been treating the soldier for the past two months and the said claimant for increase of Pension is in a critical condition, is confined to his bed perfectly helpless from weakness in his legs cannot walk a step without help. The said claimant is suffering from a collection of water in his chest (Hydrothorax) and is liable to go down and die at anytime will never in all probability be any better than he is now.

Has come very near dying several times in the last two months, my prognosis of the case is very unfavorable.

My age is 46 years, my PO box is Chatata, TN.

To the Commission of Pensions Washington DC Feb 4, 1890

(this is a copy of a Handwritten letter, seems to be from James Brown, however, I do not believe he could write it, so someone else wrote it.)

Dear Sir,

Please excuse the liberty which I have taken of addressing you upon this subject.

But I feel confident that if were acquainted with my condition that this would meet with your approbation Hon. Sir, I want to inform you that I have been endeavoring to procure a pension for about 20 years, but they still keep putting me off on some cause I can not tell what. For it seems that I have made all the necessary proof that the Department could ask but still no Pension yet.

I do not wish to worry you about this matter because I know you have your hand full therefore do I implore with you to see if you can possibly do anything for an old man & woman who are no & object charity & only scanty feed & clothed by my county.

So if the department ever intend to do anything for me I hope they will do it now for before many days I will pass away to a place where there is no need of a pension.

Yours with much respect James H Brown McPherson, Bradley Co , TN

James H Hamilton age 58
Newels (?) Jackson Co, TN

(Brown's brother in law, married Senah Dye)

After being sworn as the law directs states as follows in the matter of the pension claim of James H Brown

That said Brown did contract a disease of rheumatism on the Mississippi rade in Jan or Feb 1864 at or near West Point Miss.

And that he continued to suffer from rheumatism while in the service until discharged in 1865 said Brown contracted small pox at Nashville TN Spring of 1864 and was treated at Nashville in Hospital The Said

James H Brown was wounded in foot or ankle the right I think, and in the head by a piece of shell at the town of Athens, Alabama. in August 1864.

The day that the 3rd regiment was captured I saw said Brown in the Fort at Athens Alabama during the battle and saw him after he was wounded that very day and know that he was wounded as stated and was placed in prison at Cahabe, Ala.

And after I returned from prison I found said Brown troubled and affected with Rheumatism and wounds as stated aforesaid.

I know the facts of which I testify by seeing him when he contracted Rheumatism and by seeing him when wounded at Athens, Ala.

I have no interest in this case or the prosecution I was a member of Co G 3rd TN Cavalry

James H (his X mark) Hamilton

(Any additional documentation is Doctor Reports and others that served with him in his Co.

They are of no further genealogical value. Sherri)

******James H Brown is buried at Candy's Creek Cemetery it is unknown where Catherine Morning Dye Brown is buried at.**