

# WWI Snapshot: Jackson Brown, 1891-1940

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Jackson Brown's WWI service resulted in 100 percent disability. He and his wife never had children, leaving no direct descendants to ensure that his sacrifice is not forgotten.

Jackson Brown was born in Town Creek, Brunswick County, NC, on July 23, 1890.

Jackson was called to duty on July 15, 1918. He served in the 12th Labor Battalion, serving overseas from Aug. 27, 1918, until March 12, 1919. When he returned home, he was suffering from



Jackson Brown's headstone (Source of headstone photo: Findagrave).

empyema (infected fluid between the lung and chest wall).

[Source: Ancestry.com. U.S., Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939 [database online]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016.]

Pvt. Brown was not discharged until July 28, 1920, which shows he required an incredibly long period of medical care by the U.S. Army. He was designated as 100 percent disabled, which indicates the Army considered his disability a result of his service.

It is possible that he was exposed to poisonous gas, which can result in many issues as detailed in a previous profile, and could be responsible for the kidney failure, which eventually caused his death. Gas exposure has also been blamed for sterility, contributing to the many WWI veterans who could have no children and thus, had no surviving generations to ensure their lives and sacrifices are not forgotten.

On May 6, 1940, Jackson died as a result of chronic nephritis.

His wife applied for a military headstone, which was installed at Saint James AME Zion Church Cemetery in Leland. She died the following year.

Brown, Jackson		3,669,485	2
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)
Residence:	Box 4	Town Creek	Brunswick
	(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)
			NORTH CAROLINA
			(State)
* Enlisted in	Inducted at Southport N C on July 15/18		
† Born in	Town Creek N C 27 11/12 yrs		
Organizations:	153 Dep Brig to Aug 9/18; Aug Aut Repl Draft Camp Dix N J to 12 Labor Bn to disch		
Grades:	Pvt		
Engagements:	-		
Wounds or other injuries received in action:	None.		
‡ Served overseas:	to Mch 12/19		
§ Hon. disch.	July 28/1920 on SCD		
Was reported	100% per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.		
Remarks:	-		
Form No. 724-2 1/2 A. G. O. *Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date and cause.			

Photos contributed

## Jackson Brown's NC Service Card

If you would like to help us honor Jackson Brown or another Brunswick County WWI veteran, email the Friends of Ft. Caswell Rifle Range at [fcaswellriferange@gmail.com](mailto:fcaswellriferange@gmail.com) or go to

[caswellriferange.com](http://caswellriferange.com). Donations continue to be sent supporting the historical preservation of the 1918 World War I Fort Caswell Rifle Range Memorial and the book featuring all the

men and women that served in the Great War from Brunswick County. Send donations to Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range, 5 Foxfire Trace, Caswell Beach, NC 28465. On Saturday, April 4, at 11

a.m., another Roll Call will be held beside the 1918 rifle range in Caswell Beach. The public is welcome. Bring a folding chair. Please park in condo parking lots.