

Pension Application for David Brown

W.10453 (Widow: Lydia Miner born Feb 17, 1761) Married June 8, 1786. David died September 14, 1825.

State & District of Connecticut SS.

On this 9th day of Feby 1825 personally [appeared] in open court before a special county court holden at Stomington within & for the county of New London is said state on the 9th day of Feby 1825, the same being a court of record, proceeding according to the course of Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and having power of fine and imprisonment, David Brown aged sixty seven years, resident in the town of Stormington aforesaid in said state, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath in addition to a former declaration which is hereto annexed declare and say that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: (viz) that he the said David Brown in the State of Massachusetts in the spring of the year 1780 the day nor the month he cannot recollect he enlisted for the term of nine months into the company commanded by Capt. Hitchcock in the regiment commanded by Col. Sprout in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the full and expiration and and [sic] expiration of nine months then next after his said inlistment and was then discharged from said service in the State of Massachusetts which discharge has by time and accident become lost.

That he made a declaration to obtain the pension under the law of the 18th of March 1818 on the 17th day of April 1818 which was disallowed & rejected as he understood on the ground that the nine months service in Col. Sprouts regiment was not then understood to be under the Continental Establishment, which first declaration in hereto annexed, I further declare that I am wholly confined to the house by reason of old age and infirmity and am & have been for thirty years or more residing a great distance from the State of Massachusetts & don't know of any person now living with whom I served by whom I can prove my service afores'd.

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 my self with in the provisions of an act of Congress intituled [entitled] "An act to provide for certain persons ingaged [engaged] in the land & navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, passed on the 18th day of March 18, 1818, that I have not nor has any person in trust for one, 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, that I am by occupation a labourer or farmer, or at least have been such until by age and sickness I am wholly unable to labour and am confined to the house & mostly to the bed and have been for ten years last past and have principally been during that time supported by the labour of my wife, who is now sixty four years of age, my family consists besides my wife of the mother of my wife who is now in the 81st year of her age, who is wholly destitute of property or means to support herself, what support my wife by her labour cannot furnish to me, I receive from the hand of charity; and I further declare that I have no children or relations who can or are able to afford me any support.

A schedule of all my property in possession remainder or revision is as follows (viz) one bed, and bedding worth \$15, four knives and forks worth \$0.20, one old table worth \$0.50, pr old andirons & shovel & tongs worth \$0.50, one dish and three plates worth \$0.34, four cups and saucers & one tea pot worth \$0.25, 1 bellows worth \$0.27, 4 old chairs worth \$1.00, one old chest worth \$0.50, one tea kettle & pot worth \$1.00, one spinning wheel & one reel worth \$1.00, 4 iron spoons worth \$0.07?, one small bible & one testament worth \$0.67, amounting in the whole to \$21.30. (Signed with his mark) David Brown

Signed, Sworn to and dictated on the 9th day of July 1825, before said court Coddington Billings Assistant Clerk of said court.

Children.

Abigail born Sep 22, 1786.

Elijah born March 14, 1789.

Elisha born June 20, 1791.

Betsey born August 15, 1793.

Mary born March 22, 1796.

Delilah born Jun. 22, 1800.

Rebecah born Jan 16, 1803.