

Pension Application for Elijah Brown

R.1293

State of Vermont

District of Fairhaven.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

On the fourteenth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Fairhaven now sitting, Elijah Brown a resident of Pawlet in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

He was born at Stamford in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut on the 12th day of March in the year 1757, and has a record of his age in a Bible at home, which he took from Town records of Stamford. He removed to Poundridge in the County of Westchester and State of New York when about sixteen years old.

In the month of April 1775 he enlisted at Poundridge aforesaid for 6 months in the service of the United States under Captain Ebenezer Mason and Lieut Ebenezer Scovell of Poundridge and marched down to Hell-gate and was stationed there and assisted in building a fort and was called one of the main militia men and was discharged in October he thinks.

In March or April 1776 he enlisted at Poundridge aforesaid for 9 months in the Army of the United States as he supposes or those troops might have been called New York State Troops and served with Captain Gillman the other officers of the company whom he recollects a Lieutenant Frachner and Lieutenant Crane and Ensign Boughton and Sergeant Major Oakley marched to White Plains and joined Col. Thomas's Regiment in Gen. James Clinton's Brigade marched then to Kings Bridge and assisted in building Fort Independence afterwards was detached to go to Fort Washington on Your Island and staid there while the Battle was fought on Long Island, till relieved by Col. McGaw, and then joined his regiment at Kings Bridge then returned to White Plains and was in the Battle as—that place when he received a wound in the leg from a buckshot—and then marched to Peekskill and [blot] in June till 1st day of January when he received a discharge given, as he thinks by Capt. Gilbert which discharge is lost.

In the Spring of 1778 as he thinks (he cannot recollect the precise date) the company of militia to which he belonged in Poundridge, commanded by Capt. Umpstead or Humpstead was called on to furnish four or five men to serve in the Continental Army for a year and applicant went for 3 months and joined Co. Courtland's Regiment at Tarrytown served 3 months and was relieved by our [?] from the same company.

In the spring of next Jan 1779 as he things (he cannot recollect the date) he was drafted at Poundridge for 6 months in the militia and marched to White Plains when he served out his time on guard and was dismissed without discharge some time in the fall—recollects in his company Lieut Oakley and Captain Boughton.

In the year 1781 sometime in the summer as he thins he was called out on an alarm to Bedford where the British burnt Bedford and served there under Capt. Ebenezer Scovell, marched thence to New Haven about the time Arnold burnt New London Connecticut—thence marched home to Poundridge and was dismissed having served 2 months & served while at New Haven under Capt. Morrisman, as he thinks.

Early in the spring *he cannot recollect the date) of the last year of the war he enlisted at Poundridge for 9 months in a company of August in the Continental Service as he supposes and served under Capt. Jesse Hunt and Lieut Weed and was stationed at Bedford and frequently engaged in scouting and further more he was called out on a great many alarms, as he lived on the lines at various

times, which he cannot specify during all the war – and during our service he was called out about once in a fortnight.

He knows of no surviving witness who can testify as to his service, nor has he any documentary evidence thereof.

He removed to [?] in the State of Vermont soon after the Revolutionary war when he has since resided.

He known Peter Stevens, James Hollister and Phineas Strong, who reside in his neighbourhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Elijah Brown.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.