

Pension Application for Israel Brown

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State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this third day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared be[fore] me John Moss one of the Judges of the Court of Washington Common Pleas, Israel Brown a resident of the town of Fort Ann County of Washington and State of New York aged seventy eight years on the twenty eight day of September last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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

That while he lived at Crown Point now the County of Esseex and the State of New York he volunteered in the State troops or Militia and entered the service under the command of Capt. Barnham does not remember the names of the Lieut and Ensign, that he drew his arms and was stationed at Crown Point as a guard that in the month of April A.D. he first entered the service & he remained there under arms performing Comp. duties until in the month of June when he was discharged and he further says he did the duty of a private soldier two months.

And this declarant saith there were but few men there only just enough keep Garrison does not think he was under the command of any particular Colonel well remembers of seeing Gen. Allen and Col. Warner & Major Arnold then during this time of service cannot say that there were any other officers there. That there were several there from Ticonderoga coming and going both officers and men but doesn't remember their names.

That while he lived in the town of Fredericksburgh now Patterson was then the County of Dutchess now County of Putnam in the State of New York and in the month of October A.D. 1776 he was called out on an alarm in the militia and entered the service under the command of Capt. Hecock, Lieut Fuller and Ensign Titus Scott the first Sergeant name was Carley and he was marched to Peakan Kill in Col. Henry Ludenton Regt, does not remember the names of the officers, where he was stationed and remained there half a month when he was discharged. That he served and did his duty half a month as a private soldier.

This declarant further saith that while he lived in the town of Fredericksburgh aforesaid and in the month of May A.D. 1777, he volunteered and engaged in the New York Militia or State Troops for eight months and entered the service under the command of Capt. Comfort Ludenton. That he does not recollect he names of the Lieut and Ensign thinks however the Lieut name was Calkins [?] their names were familiar to him once but by the loss of memory he has forgot that there were no regimental officer, he was stationed as a guard at Fredericksburgh two months during which time he was sent out on to the Fishkill Mountains and other places that he took three men on suspicion of being tories and marched them to Poughkeepsy [sic] for trial and returned and he was marched to West Point and joined a regiment commanded by Col. Ludinton, don't recollect other officer of the Regt—when he was stationed was there when the British came with their shipping that they sailed against the chain that was acrost [across] the river and the second time they come they broke the chain which he thinks was in October that the British went up and burnt at Esopus [Kingston] and then returned back to New York at that time information come that Burgoyne was taken he then was marched to Fredericksburgh where he was stationed and was imployed [employed] as a guard and was marched to several places as necessity required does not recollect distinctly every place he was sent to. He remained there in the service until in January A.D. 1778 when he received a written discharge signed by by [sic] his Capt. he thinks that it is lost and gone from him this declarant says he served and did his duty faithfully eight months.

That there were a very large number of officers and troops he saw in this campaign but cannot recollect their names other officers Continental or Militia Regiments.

That while he lived in the town of Frederickburgh aforesaid and in the month of June he thinks 1778 the militia was called out in mass and he entered the service under the command of Capt. David Hicock, Lieut Calkins, cannot recollect the ensign's name, thinks his name was Wilson in Col. Ludinton Regiment does not remember the other officers names and he was marched to Peekskill where the enemy had been committing some depredations where he remained two weeks according to the best of his recollection and was discharged by parole.

Also in the month of October in the same year 1778 the militia was again called out in mass and he entered the service under the same officer last above mentioned and he was marched to Peekskill when he arrived the enemy had returned and he was retained and encamp fifteen days when he was discharged and returned back. This declarant saith he served in both the above times and performed the duty of a private soldier one month. That he saw other troops but does not now know their names.

That while he lived in the town of Fredericksburgh aforesaid and in the month of April A.D. 1779 he volunteered and engaged in the New York State Troops for eight months and entered the service under the command of Capt. Ludenton. That the names of the Lieut and Ensign names had been familiar but now their names are entirely gone from him, he was marched to Fishkill where he remained a few days and he was marched to the Highlands where he was stationed and was engaged in building a Fort. Digging entrenchments and raising breastworks after which he was marched to Peakskill and stationed and remained until in the month of December.

His time expired and he received a written discharge signed by his captain which is now lost and he cannot tell what has become of it.

He further says that there were several of his neighbors who joined the enemy and were tories which made life uncertain as they were seeking every advantage and committing their wicked designs, leading the enemy into the country that there was no other safety but to be under arms and in the army. This declarant further says he served and did his duty faithfully eight months as a private soldier.

That while he lived in the town of Hartford County of Washington and State of New York and in the last of May in the first of June A.D. 1780 he volunteered and entered the service of the New York Militia under the command of Capt. Pitcher, Seth Sherwood, Lieut Pitcher, does not recollect the name of the ensign and he was marched from Sandy Hill to Lake George and was stationed as a guard and remained there until in the month of July when he was discharged by parole, that he did his duty as a private soldier one month and for the above services he claims a pension.

That there were some militia from Stillwater, Cambridge, & other troops there there was no Col. commanding or near as he can recollect.

This declarant further saith that for two years he has been troubled with disease and with fits which has affected his memory and injured his recollection. That those thing which was of the most important he seldom can bring to his recollection also that he has stated in his declaration the names of his officers and circumstances of his service as near as he can recollect—

That he is so infirm he is not able to attend the Court of Common Pleas or any other court of record. That he was been confined mostly in the house for three years.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That there is no clergyman residing in the vicinity who is acquainted with him and could testify.

1. That he was born in the town of Stoningtown in the State of Connecticut in the year 1754.
2. That he has no record of his age he had one in his family bible but he has not got it in his possession.

3. That he was living when called into the service in the towns of Crown Point and Fredericksbrugh—Hartford and that he has been living since the Revolutionary War in the town of Fort Ann where he now lives and has lived fifty two years.
4. That when he was called into the service he volunteered.
5. That he cannot state more distinctly the names of officers Continental or Militia Regiments or give a more general circumstances of his service than he has stated in the body of his declaration.
6. That he received two written discharges at two separate times signed by Capt. Ludinton and that both of the are lost.
7. That his is known in the neighborhood where he resides to Luther Blivins, George Clark, Lemuel Hasting, Israel Lamb, John Hilebert, Henry Thorn and many others who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes ever 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 or Territory. (Signed with his mark) Israel brown.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John Moss, Just of Washington County Courts.