

Pension Application for Jonathan Brown

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Sir,

Jonathan Brown having applied for a pension his claim has been rejected on the account of his age his father raised a company of artillery in the year 1775 and he went with his father and learned to drum he was then in his 13th year he served in the [year] 1776 he was then in his 14th year and in the year 1777 he was still in his Father's company and done the duties of a drummer in Col. Lamb's Regiment at Fort Montgomery and served until the 6th day of Oct. 1777 when the fort was taken he was then nearly 16 years old, about nine months of his service at Fort Montgomery has been proved by Nathan Bullard and William B. Hannon respectable witnesses and old soldiers of the Revolution who served in the same regiment the said Jonathan in the year of 1778 received an appointment through the influence of his father of Conductor of Ordnance stores under Colonel John Ruddock and continued to serve in that capacity nearly two years & ranked as Lieutenant and drew the same pay and two rations per day, after the war his accounts were audited and allowed by Colonel William Duer and a balance of about three hundred dollars was found due him for back pay and rations which has been proven by Genl Delevan who was present at the settlement of the accounts of said Jonathan Brown.

General Delavan was a man of good standing and character and his affidavit out to have as much weight as a certificate of the comptroller of the State all the Judges of the Court of the County of Sullivan and several of the Attornies of the Bar of said county and one or two of the clergyman of the vicinity of me, Jonathan Brown have certified to his credibility of Mr. Brown's character has been so well established that his own declaration in connection with the other proof ought to place his claim beyond all manner of doubt, Mr. Brown ought to receive a pay certificate for nine months at least as a drummer in his father's company at Fort Montgomery in 1777 that service was proven agreeable to the requirements of the established ruler of the pension department, if he had rendered no service as a soldier I think he would not have been entitled to backpay and rations, in the time of the war of the Revolution it was extremely difficult to raise an army, they did take in some that were very young, I believe still younger than Mr. Brown was, I think it not at all extraordinary that Mr. Brown should have been received as a drummer in his 16th year when it was so difficult to raise an army during the war of the Revolution.

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