

Pension Application for Nehemiah Brown

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State of New York

Warren County SS.

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Seth C. Baldwin Esqr, First Judge; Thomas Pattison, Hiram Barber, Hobby Mead & Truman B. Hicks, Associates of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Warren & State of New York, now sitting at Caldwell in said County—Nehemiah Brown of the town of Bolton in said County aged seventy one years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he 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 stated—

In the spring of 1778 he lived in what was then called Phillipstown in the then County of Albany, now called Nassau in the County of Rensselaer and enlisted for six months in Capt. John Smith's Company of Militia Rangers we received our orders from Co. Humphrey & Col. Peter VanNess—We enlisted for the purpose of ranging the country and taking tories and enemies of the country—We ranged through Livingston's Manor, Claverack, Kinderhook, Nobletown & Chatham and Livingston's Manor we took up about fifty Tories and took them to Claverack & sent to Albany for commissioners to come & try them—they came and after trial sent fifteen of them to jail. We served during the six months and at the end of the time I received a verbal discharge from my captain—John Dickinson of the town of Bolton aforesaid is the only person living who can testify to this part of my service.

After I received my discharge I returned to Phillipstown & lived there until in June 1780 I enlisted in Capt. Elijah Bostwick's Company of New Canaan in Albany County then in the three month's Levies—I enlisted in Col. Graham's Company and Samuel Brown was Orderly Sergeant—the company mustered at New Canaan & marched to Livingston's Manor & there our company and another got aboard of a Slop and sailed down the Hudson River to FishKill. We remained there a short time and marched to West Point—There the Regiment joined & after a short time deponent and Stephen Little and several others were drafted out of Capt. Bostwick's Company to fill up vacancies in the Continental Line Light Infantry. There was a beating up for volunteers to the Continental Army & not obtaining a sufficient number the Cols of our Regiment selected a certain number of men to go on to the Jessup's to join the Army—After I was selected—I marched from West Point with the others under a militia Captain to Kingsferry—from there to Hackensack in New Jersey and there joined the Continental Army—there I entered Capt. Fowler's Company, Col. Cortland's Regiment, Gen LaFayette was at Hackensack & had the command—Genl Hand & Genl Poor were over separate brigades—We staid there a short time & went to Paramus from there we marched to what was called the English Neighborhood & from there we marched to Totoway River so called & there we staid till we were discharged—

We had not engagements or skirmishes with the enemy. Genl Marquis LaFayette was with us the whole time.

I received no written discharge but verbal at the end of five months in November 1780 although I had enlisted only for three months—Robert Pratt and Amos Chapman of this county were with me in this latter service until I left West Point to join the Continental Army & will swear to it and they are the only persons living who can swear to it that I know of.

When I left West Point to join the army I & the rest left our guns at Kingsferry & took Continental guns and accoutrements out of the Continental store there & after I was discharged at Hackensack I returned to Kingsferry after my gun but was informed our guns had been taken to Fishkill & we marched there & was informed they had been taken to Poughkeepsie & we marched there & were informed that the enemy had come up the river and that all the guns had been carried up to Albany & we did not pursue them further and never got them.

We marched from Hackensack up to Poughkeepsie under the command of a militia Captain and there we were dismissed and I returned home to Phillipstown.

After this time in the fall of 1781 the Militia turned out on alarm and I volunteered under Capt. John Schermerhorn and Col. Jacob Schermerhorn's Regiment and marched from Phillipstown to Fort Edward in the County of Washington—we had no engagement or skirmishes and returned to Phillipstown and then we were discharged verbally. I was in this service about one month. Deacon Joshua Kellum was with me in this last month's service and can testify to it and he is the only person I know of who can.

After this time I volunteered under Captain Schermerhorn again and in Col. Jacob Schermerhorn's Regiment and we marched from Phillipstown to Schenectady to meet the enemy who we understood were coming down from the north. We had no skirmishes or engagements and returned to Phillipstown and were discharged. I was in this late service about a month but received no written discharge. I do not know of any one who can testify to this part of my service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) N. Brow

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Thomas Archibald, Clerk