

Pension Application for Samuel Brown

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Declaration.

State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

Be it known that on this 18th day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five personally appeared before me the undersigned one of Justices of the County Court of said County and a Justice of the Peace, Samuel Brown a resident of No. 23 McDougal Street on the State and County aforesaid aged 86 years who being first duly affirmed according to law, doth on his affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7th June 1832.

That he enlisted in the City of New York in the year 1776 as private in the Army of the United States for to serve six months.

That the company in which he enlisted was commanded by Capt. James O. Bail and Lieut. Bancker and the Regt was known as the 1st New York Regt which was commanded by Col. Lasher the names of the other field officers he does not recollect.

That according to the best of his recollection he enlisted in May or June of the year 1776, and that he served in accord and with his enlistment under the above mentioned officers with the main body of the Army in the City of New York and on Long Island and was with the troops at the time of the Battle at the last mentioned place and at Flatbush in both of which battles the Battalion to which he belonged was stationed as a reserve and that soon after the above mentioned Battles upon the retreat of the Army from the City of New York he being outside [?] at the time and was not called in was cut off by the enemy's Light Horse and taken prisoner, and was kept a confined prisoner of war in the City of New York until the early part of the ensuing month of March when he was released from prison and immediately made his escape over to New Jersey to within the American Lines, and soon after which he joined the (so called) Society of Friends and performed no other service but was engaged to work at his trade which was that of a cooper, in this and the State of Pennsylvania until the close of the War when he returned to the City of New York where he has continued to reside ever since that he should made earlier application for a pension but he did not suppose his service was of sufficient length to entitled him to a pension, not having understood until lately that he was entitled to a pension for the time he was a prisoner.

In answer to the interrogatories he declares that (1st) That he was born in the City of New York, October 20th 1758, (2d)That he has an original record of his age in his family Bible (3d) That he resided in the City of New York at the time he enlisted in the service, where I have continued to reside since the close of the War and where he now resides. (4th) That the Militia to which he belonged was ordered to be drafted for six months but that he preferred serving by enlistment and so enlisted for alike period. (5th) That he does not recollect many of the names of the officers, but he recollects Capt. VanDyke commanded a company of Dragoons and there was a Capt. Bleeker in the same Regt with him and Col. Malcom was in the service at that time. That the general circumstances of his service was that he enlisted for six months and should have served out my term if he had not been prevented by circumstances over which he had no control. (6th) That he never received a written discharge or pay for his service. (7th) That he is well and respectably known throughout the City and he believes any manner of persons can be found that will testify as to his character for truth and veracity.

And he further declares that he has no knowledge information or belief of the existence of any documentary evidence of either his service or of the service of the officers under whom he served, but he believes there is persons yet living who knew him to have been in the service in the campaign in 1776. And he lastly declares that he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Samuel Brown

Affirmed to on the day and year above written before me. Wm. Tickers, Alderman 7th Ward City
& County New York, & Judge County Court.