

Pension Application for Israel Brundage

W.238 (Widow: Keziah) Married April 19, 1792 by a Methodist Clergyman. Israel died in the Township of Orange, Essex County, New Jersey October 11, 1835.

State of New Jersey

Essex County SS.

On this seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas for the County of Essex, aforesaid not sitting, Israel Brundage, a resident of the Township of Orange in the County aforesaid, aged seventy five years, who being first 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 7, 1832.

That he was born on the seventeenth day of September seventeen hundred and fifty seven at North Castle Township in the County of Westchester and State of New York; the family bible which contained the original record of his age has been lost or destroyed; But he has a copy made by his brother from the original upwards of forty years ago; when he first entered the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, he resided at North Castle, but moved to another part of the same township during the said war.

In 1777, again moved to Dutchess County in the State of New York to a place called the "Nine Partners", and has resided since the war at Orange in this county where he continues to live. He served at different times in the Revolutionary War as a volunteer in the Militia and twice enlisted in the service. Remembers Generals Washington, Scott, and Putnam, Col. Thomas & Major Hobby, and saw each of them in service, does not recollect distinctly any continental or militia regiments either by name or number, never received a written discharge from service.

Is personally acquainted with and refers to the following persons for a statement as to character and traditionary evidence of service in the revolution. Namely, Hon. Isaac Pierson, Hon. Silas Condit, Amos Harrison, Esq., Gen. William Gould, Rufus Harrison and Rev. Stephen Grover.

He enlisted in the war, in the early part of the summer of seventeen hundred and seventy five for three months but his father served as a substitute for him in consequence of the deponent having been confined at home during his early years.

In seventeen hundred & seventy five he was out for two or three months as a volunteer in the militia service. Lieut. (afterwards Major) Hobby took deponents name—Benoni Platt was his captain and Moses Simmons the Orderly Sergeant. Deponent acted as a Sergeant and Corporal during his absence.

In seventeen hundred and seventy six, he enlisted for five months under Capt. Benoni Platt about the latter part of July; recollects well that his time was out near Christmas.

Got to the battle of White Plains shortly before it's close and was in action for several minutes. The day before while alone was chased by several of the enemy at Marnick, and lost his horse, saddle &c and clothing. Thomas Thomas was Colonel at that time., does not recollect the General or Major or the number of the regiment.

In seventeen hundred and seventy seven, he was out twice, and think oftener, but cannot say positively as a volunteer in the militia, at least a month in the whole—marched to Poughkeepsie and Fishkill. He was in no skirmishes or battles at this time.

In seventeen hundred and seventy eight, he again enlisted for four months – went to Poughkeepsie, and took prisoners from the goal at that place over to the log goal on the border of Connecticut. The Sergeant, Stephen Powell was during these marches shot by one John Craugh, a private.

He enlisted at this time about the spring of the year; his time was out in August ensuing. Does not recollect the Field officers or the Captain's name.

Deponent's memory is very bad. Has had a great deal of sickness for many years past.

Does not know anyone living except his brother Reuben who can testify to his service in the war, not having been in the State of New York at his native place for nearly fifty years, to remain any great length of time. The deponent is certain, that he was in actual service at least thirteen months; and including the time that his father served as his substitute, he was liable to do military duty, one year and four months.

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 or territory in the United States. (Signed with his mark) Israel Brundage.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. E. Van Arsdale Jr., Clerk

Letter in folder dated April 12, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Israel Brundage who was born in 1757, was from Essex County, New Jersey, and died in 1835.

That data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, F. 238, based upon the military service of Israel Brundage.

He was born September 17, 1757, at Northcastle Township, Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

While living in Northcastle Township, Westchester County, New York, he enlisted in the spring of 1776 and served three months as corporal in Captain Benoni Platt's company in Colonel Thomas Thomas' New York regiment. He enlisted in July 1776 and served five months as fifer in Captain Benoni Platt's company in Colonel Thomas Thomas' New York Regiment and was in the battles of White Plains and [Mamaroneck?] He moved to Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, in 1777 and in that year he enlisted and served one month as private in Captain Silas Husted's company in Colonel Husted's regiment. He enlisted in the spring of 1778, and served four months as private under Sergeant Stephen Powell in Colonel Husted's New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 17, 1832, at which time he was living in Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey and had lived there since the Revolutionary War.

Israel Brundage died October 11, 1836, in Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey.

Israel Brundage (he was then a widower, name of deceased wife not given) married April 19, 1792, in Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, Keziah (maiden name not give) who was born in March, 1772.

As the widow of Isragel Brundgae, Kesiah Brundage was allowed pension on her application executed August 31, 1839, while living in Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, and she was living there in 1849.

Israel and Keziah Brundage had five children four of whom were living in 1839, their names not given.

The soldier had a brother, Reuben Brundage, who in 1832, was living in Cairo, Green County, New York.

In 1839 Archsah Perry, aged fifty-nine years, stated that she was the only sister of the widow, Keziah, and that she was married in the fall of 1893.

There are no further data relative to family.