

Pension Application for William Bran

W.1219 (Widow: Margaret) Married in the City of New York August 22, 1830. William died in the City of New York May 5, 1847.

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State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this thirty first day of October Eighteen hundred and forty three personally appeared before me William Bran a resident of the City of New York & County aforesaid. Aged eighty seven or upwards the eleventh day of November next. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress—passed June 7th 1832.

He first entered the service under Captain J. Brown and Lieutenant Henry Brewster as he believes who was four miles from Ghashen in Blooming Grove now Orange County, under whom he enlisted for five months—and with whom he marched to Haverstraw and after laying there a while he marched to Kings Bridge. And whilst there help build fort Independence and after which he marched to White Plains under the command of General George Clinton and at the time the battle was fought there [?] on the left wing of the army—and after we left the White Plains they went to Peakskill where they built barracks for winter quarters.

But he was at the time of laying there taken with a swelling in his groin and swelled to such a degree that they went him home but the time that he enlisted for which enlistment was in the Regiment of Colonel Michaels whom he first performed with.

And he believes a part of his march was under Lieutenant Brewster belonging to the place where he first entered the service. Which service he believes was in the year 1776. And after he got well he enlisted for three months as he believes and went out to West Point and opposite of West Point where he help[ed] build a fort as he calles [calls] it for which they had to cut materials out of a swamp back or in the rear of where the fort was built for filling in the dirt might be held.

And after staying my time out I believe I enlisted two months. As I know I did the service for two months extra before or after wards. But my recollection does not serve me so distant as to be able to designate the precise time which, nor under what officers I served all the time nor do I know that I can prove by any one now living at this late period as they are all gone who served with me at that time. But I think all the services before rendered would exceed one year.

After I returned home I turned out again under Captain Watkins to go on the mountains to guard against the Indians at the following places viz. Napponnlues and Pecon Peck. I was also three months a minute man.

But under what officers and at what period my recollection does not serve me at this time. Ammediately [Immediately] after the British left Fort Montgomery and went to Tapen or [cut off]

He was called upon to go to Fort Montgomery and frequently after to the same place. And after being dismissed from those calls and returning home he stood in recollects by order to be called out as a militia man and frequently was called. Sometimes twice and three times per week to either pursue the enemy or guard against their depredations and so continued until the cessation of arms.

But at this time my recollection is not good in consequence of my infirmity and years.

But my services was always [?] during the seven years when called for and that was frequently during that time.

Apart of my services was performed in the same company with David Kelso who was a pensioner previous to his death and many others who are now gone.

And as my recollection at this time does not serve me so as to be eseplicit [explicit]. I will therefore submit it to your discretion and for the examination severally according to his statements which is asked for in consequence of his present [?] as respects his recollection and infirmities.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatsoever or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written. Elijah F. Purdy, Judge of County Court.. (Signed) William Bran.